



Minutes: TU Dublin SU Student Council Meeting

Date: 06-November-2025

Time: 6pm

Location: CQ-006

Present:

Chairperson	Graham Hayes
President	Naomi Sebastine
VP for Communications and Media	Adekunle Ashiru
VP for Events and Engagement	Princewill Aguele
VP for Academic Affairs	Yogesh Gupta
VP for Welfare and Equality	Immanuella Oba
VP for City Campus	Mina Eusebio
VP for Tallaght Campus	Abdullah Zaidi
VP for Blanchardstown Campus	Esmeraldi Doda

In Attendance:

Clerk to the Council	Caoimhín Kelly
AMLÉ	MJ Gill
	Emma

The Chair welcomed everyone to Student Council.

The Chair welcomed everyone to Student Council and the meeting was pronounced quorate. The agenda was accepted by the Council.



1. Approval of Minutes & Adoption of the Agenda	Action item
Minutes from 20.04.2025 The minutes from the last minute were proposed by the President and seconded by the VP Welfare & Equality.	The minutes were approved.
2. Correspondence	Action item
Expiration of Motions & Policies 2025/2026 The Chairperson ran through the process of expiring motions & policies, how Student Council can re-propose them etc. Interpretation of Schedule E of the Constitution The Chairperson acknowledged their correspondence with the President on the position of PG Officer and Governing Body.	
3. Elections	Action item
Blanchardstown Student Director of the Board <i>Lan Ngai – Candidate</i> Lan, a 3 rd year student in cybersecurity from Blanchardstown, is seeking to be re-elected to this position as an incumbent. <i>Daniel Velutis – Candidate</i> Daniel, a 2 nd year Electronics student, was the chair of headstrong committee in school, is seeking election to this position. Roisin Teghen and Ahmad Lahli were absent, without apologies. <i>Sumaiya Amir – Candidate</i> 1st year student in accounting and finance, who has experience getting involved with students, and who is also a class rep and student councillor, wants to bring same commitment and energy to the Board to support Blanchardstown's representation.	



Question from Mikhail to Lan: What skills and competencies do you pertain for this position?

Answer: Skills in presentation, taking the lead on group projects, project management.

Question from a Councillor to Lan: What way can you support Societies in this role?

Answer: By fighting for budget, developing extra-curricular side of TU life, flourishing campus experience and encouraging more societies, this can be done.

Deputy Chairperson Election

Chairperson outlined process and responsibilities related to role.

Electoral Commission Election

Chairperson outlined process and responsibilities related to role.

Student Members of the Board Election

Chairperson outlined process and responsibilities related to role.

Part-Time Officers by-elections

Chairperson outlined process and responsibilities related to role.

4. Standing Items

Action item

AMLÉ Update

MJ and Emma, outlined responsibilities and ethos of AMLÉ, how officers are elected, how congress and comhdáil works.

Updates

Fees – have increased, AMLÉ have been fighting for fee reductions and will continue to lobby government on this.

Student accommodation – issues related to TUs and the lack of borrowing framework in legislation.



Survey – related to gambling, mental health and drug use. Students can participate online via socials and website, with a 500e prize for participants.

QQI – VP Academic Affairs was elected to the QQI Board. Will continue to represent the needs of students and further outlined process involved with QQI membership.

Student survey – coming out on Monday. Survey gives data to AMLÉ on what to focus on and on policy development.

Nstep – VPAA has been working with NSTEP on Academic Integrity.

Question from Mina to AMLÉ: were there any points on TU borrowing framework at QQI?

Answer: it was recognised as an issue, but no action plan.

Councillor Question to AMLÉ: In relation to Level 5 & 6 courses, will there be more spaces for these people who get a QQI from i.e. Dunboyne to get into Level 7 positions?

Answer: AMLÉ hasn't met with relevant stakeholders on this yet.

Campus Development

City Campus

Mina, the City VP, reported that GG met with the public- and private-partnership estate manager regarding issues with seating and public spaces in CQ.

Concerns were raised by societies about central quad not being bookable during October. The VPP also wants to increase footfall in the central quad and ensure students can enjoy the space.

In BST, the VP has been working with Aleks on updating the campus document to send to the new COO. BST has many students and numerous student spaces, but several facilities need revamping. The VP has met with Ciaran Stone and attended the Health and Wellbeing Committee meeting held two weeks



ago, where they informed the committee about ongoing student issues.

AST has received news that the move to GG is being delayed for five years. As a result, there are plans for increased engagement and refurbishment within AST in the absence of the relocation to GG.

The VP has been appointed to house committee which will work on development of AST.

The VP has developed a campus inventory, ensuring all common spaces have equal share of inventory.

On Catering, the VP is hoping to increase plant-based options by 50% in all city campuses, and have met with key stakeholders on this.

Question from Councillor: Is there an update on the Linenhall move?

Answer: VP is meeting Joseph Little on this.

Question from Councillor: when will the academic hub open?

Answer: Construction is done, just waiting on architect to sign off.

Question from Councillor: Update on microwaves on Campus?

Answer: Rathdown has received three more, lengthy process to receive more.

Tallaght Campus

Microwaves and Student pods are both in high demand.

VP has been in regular contact with Campus and Estates manager.

New prayer room in Tallaght will be a multi-faith room.

Blanch Campus



<p>Toilets near common room are re-opening.</p> <p>John Burke, security in Blanch, has proposed that TUD hire two more security personnel.</p> <p>VP is currently investigating balcony access in Blanch.</p> <p>S-block gym is in need of new gym equipment, with the VP working on this.</p> <p>There are double doors at C-Block that need fixing.</p> <p>Question from Mature Student Officer: Heightened security awareness in relation to drug dealing on Campus?</p> <p>Answer: Lecturers have authority to ask for student IDs. However, person-power in security is needed to tackle issue of non-students on campus.</p>	
<p><i>Motion and Policy Tracker</i></p> <p>The President presented and discussed the Tracker.</p> <p>Question from Councillor: can a few mandates be merged?</p> <p>Chair Answers: Yes, a new mandate can repeal an old one.</p>	
<p>5. Approval Items</p> <p>Workplan 2025/2026</p> <p>President presented the Workplan to the Council for approval.</p> <p>Deputy President of Students' Union</p> <p>Princewill, VP for Events & Engagement has been proposed as Deputy President for 2025/2026.</p> <p>Rotating Student Council Locations</p> <p>The rotation of City campus locations was proposed by the Executive.</p>	<p>Action item</p> <p>Approved.</p> <p>Approved.</p> <p>Approved.</p>



Approval of Frank Crummey as Chairperson of the Board Frank Crummey's ratification as Chairperson of the Board was proposed to the Council.	Approved.
6. Discussion Items Class Rep Recruitment The President gave a brief update on Class Rep Elections. There are currently 511 Class Reps, with by-elections for the remaining positions ongoing.	Action item
7. Part-Time Officers Reports Gender Equality Officer did not submit a Report, and did not submit apologies. The VP Welfare & Equality spoke on behalf of the Sustainability Officer's Report. The Ethnic Diversity Officer submitted their Report, and spoke on it during the course of the meeting. The Officer spoke on Diwali and International Student Day. The Mature Student Officer submitted their Report, and spoke on it during the course of the meeting. Officer is currently on placement, but has been coordinating with Student nurse on Blanchardstown in relation to launching an awareness campaign for students on menopause. There is a hope that this campaign can be launched in the new year.	Action item Report rejected. Report approved. Report approved. Report approved.
International Student Officer did not submit a Report, and did not submit apologies. The Gaeilge Officer did not submit a report, but spoke on their reasoning, and after a question from Council, spoke on their ongoing projects related to Seomra na Gaeilge on AST.	Report rejected. Report approved.



<p>The Disabilities Officer did not submit a report, but spoke on their reasoning, and after a question from Council, spoke on their current projects – requesting members of Council to contact them on any campaigns or awareness pieces.</p>	Report approved.
<p>8. Full-Time Officers Reports</p> <p>Tallaght VP</p> <p>The VP outlined the contents of their report, including work with AA on Class Rep recruitment and elections.</p> <p>City VP</p> <p>The VP outlined the contents of their report, including work with onboarding and training, meeting with uni exec on canteens, health campus, student success and also met with volunteering. The VP also supported on freshers and attended SUT+.</p> <p>Question from Councillor: Registrations, logging tickets and student still not being registered?</p> <p>Answer: SU have worked internally on this issue.</p> <p>Question from Councillor: POA on more seating in CQ?</p> <p>Answer: Difficult to determine as it is a private-public building.</p> <p>Question from Councillor: BST bike shed?</p> <p>Answer: Will aim to meet with Sustainability on this.</p> <p>Question from Councillor: Lead-in for Spill the Tea?</p> <p>Answer: Kennedys charges 130e for 30 people, so is hence looking to collab with other officers on this.</p> <p>Question from Councillor: Security surrounding motorbikes on Campus?</p>	Action item
	Approved.



<p>Answer: VP sits on liaison committee and brought up motorbikes, estate manager was aware of the issue.</p>	<p>Approved.</p>
<p>Blanchardstown VP</p> <p>Did not submit a report, however spoke on contents of work when asked by a Councillor.</p>	
<p>VP has been working on vape control, hiring more security, double doors issues, support given on CR and SC recruitment.</p>	<p>Approved.</p>
<p>VP Events & Engagement</p> <p>The VP outlined the contents of their report, including work with events, popcorn machines, ice cream distribution, and bowling on all three sites.</p>	
<p>VP supported on BHM, supporting WE remit and also ran a GG tour on its historical past. VP is currently planning a mini RAG and bingo.</p>	<p>Approved.</p>
<p>VP Comms & Media</p> <p>The VP outlined the contents of their report, including work on TikTok and IG focused materials. Has been supporting work on website, supporting distribution of newsletter and lobbying for new media equipment.</p>	<p>Approved.</p>
<p>VP Academic Affairs</p> <p>No report submitted.</p>	<p>Rejected.</p>
<p>VP Welfare & Equality</p> <p>Did not submit a report, however spoke on contents of work when asked by a Councillor. VP has been collaborating with PTOs, raising awareness on pronouns, disabilities, accommodation and ACCESS.</p>	<p>Approved.</p>
<p>President</p>	



The President outlined the contents of their report, including work across various remits, as explained in their PP notes.	Approved.
9. Reports from Other Bodies	Action item
The Aide-memoire from the Board was noted by Council.	
10. Any other Business	Action item
No AOB.	
11. Date of Next Meeting	Action item
Bolton Street, November 27 th , 6 p.m.	