



Minutes: TU Dublin SU Student Council Meeting

Date: 27th November 2025

Time: 6 pm

Location: BST 248

Present:

Chairperson	Naomi Sebistine
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	Trish Cullen
AMLÉ	Daniel Walsh

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1. Approval of Minutes & Adoption of the Agenda	Action item
<p>Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting, 06.11.2025: AAO's reason for missing the submission report deadline for SC1 – Some correspondence after the deadline, but these were not accepted AAO was out sick</p> <p>Approval of the Agenda: Approved</p>	<p>Minutes were Approved</p>
2. Correspondence	Action item
<p>Motion & Policies: The Chairperson ran through the process of expiring motions and policies</p> <p>TU Dublin Parking – 13/02/2026 Accessibility in BST – 28/02/2026 Bolton Street + Linenhall – 28/02/2026 Implementation of Virtual Student Card – 16/04/2026 Fair Pay for Work – 16/04/2026 ACCESS – 12/12/2025 Repeat Fees – 13/02/2026 Lobby for Earlier Release of Supplemental Exam Results – 12/12/2025 TU Dublin SU RAG Charity – 01/03/2026 Oppose use of puzzle piece awareness – 16/04/2026</p> <p>Resignation of Placement Officer on 6th Nov 2025</p>	
3. AMLE	Action item
<p>AMLE – Update from Daniel Walsh</p> <p>Daniel Walsh, the regional officer for Dublin, provided an update on the recent activities of the policy officers. He can be reached at dublin@amle.ie.</p> <p>Key Highlights from the Past Month: Successfully organized a Stock Climate rally, which saw a significant turnout. Continuing a €10,000 giveaway—participants can enter by downloading the app. Pink Training is set to take place this weekend; it is the largest student conference of its kind in Europe. Recent Stand Bystander Intervention training was held in response to the rising instances of racism.</p>	<p>Posters to be put up around campuses will also push this through social media</p>



The Dublin Commuter Survey aims to collect information on how students commute to college, with the objective of gathering comprehensive data from various institutions.

Daniel reviewed the work plan for the elected officers:

Deputy Emma Monahan: Engaging with external organisations such as Active Consent, National Women's Council, and HEA; spearheading the Speak Out initiative.

VP for Academic Affairs: Ongoing work with the Student Survey, involvement in the national Academic Integrity Campaign, and lobbying for increased funding for colleges in collaboration with HEA regarding the SATLE Impact Awards.

VP Welfare: Focused on addressing the cost of college, facilitating Pink Training, and collaborating with INMO on nursing campaigns.

LU Don Ghaeilge: Advocating for the Irish language and engaging in discussions with officers from across the country.

VP for Equality and Citizenship**: Participated in discussions at Leinster House.

VP Postgraduate Officer: Involved with Eurodoc ESE, conducting student surveys, and preparing for the HEA PGR Student Survey 2025 to ensure it meets the necessary standards.

Question: What are your thoughts on Bus Connect? We are looking to gather information through the survey to collect these statistics.

What actions will AMLE take, or what goals do they have for improvement? This will be achieved through lobbying and surveys.

4. Elections

Action item

Deputy Chair of Student Council

Candidate: Haider Ali Abbasi

Haider delivered a speech online, expressing his commitment to the role.

Question from VP: Inquired about his commitment level since he attended virtually rather than in person.

Haider's Response: He assured that he would be able to attend in person. When asked about prior experience, Haider confirmed that he has no experience in chairing meetings.

Electoral Commission Members

Candidate: Mikhail Martynov



Mikhail aims to gain experience in managing elections and is dedicated to ensuring that elections proceed smoothly, striving to prevent any issues. He seeks clarification on all election processes and is committed to conducting well-organised elections.

Question: What measures will he implement to resolve issues during elections?

Answer: He stated that he would revert to using Microsoft Forms instead of My Voice.

Student Members of the Students' Union CLG

Mercy Olasehinde – Candidate

Mercy believes she can amplify the voice of the students. Understanding how the Students' Union operates would greatly benefit her.

Aoife Reyes – Candidate

Aoife believes that being actively involved in college life is essential. She is curious about the workings of the Students' Union and has entrepreneurial experience, which she considers an asset for this role.

Mikhail Martynow – Candidate

Mikhail aims to gain valuable experience that aligns with his studies in accountancy. He believes that his background will be beneficial to the CLG role.

Olena Vasilati – Candidate

Olena is passionate about and curious to learn how the Students' Union functions behind the scenes. As a class representative, she has interacted with students and addressed their concerns in the past. She is eager to understand how decisions are made.

Abdul Rafay Khurram – Candidate

Abdul has prior experience as a student council member in secondary school. He believes that many of the skills required for this role stem from his experiences in the student council.

Question: What responsibilities did you hold in the Student Council at your school, and how do you think those will impact this role?

Answer: Abdul engaged with students to gather ideas for various events during his time as a Student Councillor. He is confident that his



attention to detail will be beneficial and confirmed that deadlines were consistently met.

Qin Yan Ch'ng – Candidate

Qin is curious about how the Students' Union works and wants to gain further insight into its operations.

Question from GG to candidates: How will you manage your bias regarding your own campus?

Answer: Qin wants to learn about how the CLG functions and views all campuses as one entity. He would ensure that all campuses receive equal funding.

Question for online candidates: What will your commitment look like since you are participating online for the hustings, and how can we be assured of your dedication?

Answer from Qin Yan Ch'ng: She did not have prior notice due to not being in Dublin.

Question for Mikhail: What positive changes do you plan to implement in the coming year?

Answer: Once he understands how the CLG operates, Mikhail will provide an answer to this.

Question for Mikhail: If elected to both roles, which would be your preferred choice?

Answer: Mikhail stated that he would need to be elected before answering this question.

PART-TIME Officers

ACCESS Officer

Saraah Ansary – Candidate

No show, no apology.

Anuoluwapo Data – Candidate

Joined as an access student and has firsthand experience of the challenges faced by access students. If elected, the candidate has three key commitments: to provide clearer information about grants, advocate for both full-time and part-time students, and foster connections among access students by organising events. She understands the value of networking, possesses personal experience, and is deeply passionate about supporting access to students.



<p>Question: How do you plan to work with Access?</p> <p>Answer: Intends to establish group chats and advocate for increased funding for access to students. Additionally, I will organise more social events, as they provide an excellent opportunity to connect with other access students.</p> <p>LGBTQ+ Rights Officer</p> <p>Jamie Murphy – Candidate No show, no apology</p> <p>Student Placement Officer</p> <p>Tan Winnie – Candidate</p> <p>Brings experience from her home country, having served as a class representative and chairperson. Eager to learn more about how the Student Union operates here.</p> <p>Question: Is there one specific thing you would like to focus on as a placement officer?</p> <p>Answer: Her goal is to assist students in securing placements.</p>	
5. Standing Items	Action item
<p>Campus Development</p> <p>Tallaght</p> <p>Abdullah – Said everything is all good, items are being worked on, and an update will follow once completed</p> <p>City Campus</p> <p>Mina Contacted Printer service provider and confirmed that all queries will be addressed in the future, with a ticket system to be established. A video was also created regarding common room facility upgrades across the city campus for student awareness.</p> <p>Tables have been removed in Bradogue; Mina has discussed this with the estates department, and they are now back for use.</p> <p>Attended a house committee meeting in AST – this aims to make the campus livelier and to consider moving the student union office to the foyer.</p> <p>Group health-related activities proposed for studio spaces such as yoga, dance class or Pilates.</p>	



Linenhall / BST – House committee and Task Force – has been nominated to the academic hub, and this has been included as a standing item for GG CRM.

Participated in training for the Food Pantry.

Attended the Grangeorman Community Liaison Committee, where it was agreed that there will be a collaboration between stakeholders, e.g. TU Dublin Estates, SU, Grangeorman CLC, and local gardai about security protocols in the campus to be circulated to students. Continued advocacy for more student spaces in the academic hub and Grangeorman

Blanch Campus

Esmeraldi - The implementation of gender-neutral bathrooms is still underway.

Efforts are being made to repair the elevator.

The primary focus is on fixing the double doors.

The overhead lights in the car park behind C Block are not functioning and need immediate attention from Es to resolve this issue.

The balcony has been closed for some time, and there is a desire to determine the duration of its closure.

Additional seating is needed in the common room following the removal of the bean bags.

Regarding drug use, the Gardai will patrol the area twice a week, and Esmeraldi is actively working on this. There have also been reports of a cannabis smell in the smoking area.

On the topic of improving public transport to Blanch, Esmeraldi will attend a meeting next Tuesday to discuss the expiration of contracts related to shuttle buses. This concern will be addressed, along with the possibility of conducting a student survey.

In response to a question about printer access for Mina, students from other campuses are indeed able to use printers across campuses.

Class Rep Recruitment

Vice President for Academic Affairs) – Class Rep States:

Yogesh

Total reps 606 – 63%

Bolton Street 112 – 82%

Aungier Street 66 – 67%

East Quad 66 – 62%

Central Quad 166 – 65%

Tallaght 114 – 47%

Blanchardstown 85 – 58%



<p>Question GG – Can students still hold elections? Yes, in-class elections can be conducted, and the results should be submitted to the SAAS.</p> <p>Question and answer More information regarding elections should be disseminated to students. Programme Chairs have been informed, and they will relay this information to lecturers and relevant parties.</p> <p>Q. If an individual is the only person in their course, do they automatically get elected? A. Yes, if there is only one candidate, that individual will be considered elected.</p> <p>Q. What can be done to encourage more students to run for class representative? A. Yogesh has informed students about the benefits of digital badges and the enhancement of communication skills through this role. Efforts to engage more students, programme chairs, and university personnel in promoting this role vary by campus, but we are actively working on it.</p> <p>Q. Why is there such a low percentage of engagement in Tallaght? A. Levels of engagement can differ from campus to campus; Tallaght experienced low engagement levels last year as well.</p> <p>Q. What can be done to encourage class representatives to attend meetings? A. Yogesh mentioned an upcoming Christmas Party, which is planned specifically for class representatives.</p> <p><i>Motion/Policy Tracker Update (President)</i></p> <p>The majority of the motions and policies are still in progress. Notably, there have been changes to the TUD parking regulations. We will also be reviewing motions that are nearing their expiration or are at risk of being sidelined.</p>	
6. Part-time Officer Reports	Action item
Gender Equality Officer (Not Submitted) – Did not submit apologies	Rejected
Ethnic Diversity Officer – In regard to international students' stakeholders, attend all meetings	Approved



International Student Officer (Late Submission). Sent apologies in advance	Approved
Gaeilge Officer (Not Submitted) – The officer was present at the meeting and provided an explanation for the report's non-submission. Additionally, they detailed the role of the Gaeilge and the funding they have received. Rewards for student engagement have been established for each campus, with an allocation of €3,000 designated for this purpose.	Approved
LGBTQ+ Rights Officer (Post Vacant) – No Report	
Disabilities Officer (Not Submitted) – Reason: Missed the email as it coincided with the Student Council communication, causing it to get overlooked due to the close timing of the messages. Assisted on campus with the mini-RAG initiative and gathered feedback regarding the lift.	Approved
Postgraduate Officer (Post Vacant)	
Sustainability Officer – Charlie – Climate March, recorded a video on Monthly highlights.	Approved
Mature Student Officer (Not Submitted) – Apologies sent to President – Personal reasons	Approved
ACCESS Officer (Post Vacant)	
Placement Officer (Resigned)	
7. Full-time Officer Reports	Action item
Tallaght VP	
The VP outlined the contents of their report, including work with Chaplaincy, participation in MINI Rag, STI testing, etc	Approved
City VP	
The VP introduced PG. Contact the public-private partnership about events in Central Quad, Spill the TEA, did research on the cost of this, the external cost is cheaper, and the event will hopefully be back in Semester 2. Connected with Minor Figures, receiving items to be used for Spill the Tea and is working on Veganuary. Meet up with Food Cloud to establish the food pantry in Bolton Street.	Approved



Question: The door handle on the first floor in the locker rooms is broken. He has reached out to the head of the course about this issue, as someone previously got locked inside. It is important to have this door handle repaired.

There are also concerns regarding additional seating availability in CQ, as students are expressing frustration over the lack of seating areas. In comparison to EQ, CQ seems to lack a sense of community. Furthermore, many students feel that there are too many restrictions in CQ.

Answer: Given the varied cultures across our campuses, we have committed to renting this space for 25 years. Mina has submitted a report to the CEO requesting additional seating and has already met with Christy and will be having a meeting with Derek Bowden soon.

Blanchardstown VP

A report has been submitted; however, it is noted that the report is a compilation of various reports. Assistance has been provided to students with their registrations. Additionally, participation in orientations was done. Overall, campus maintenance is being addressed. There is continued monitoring of behaviour in the common room area to deter anti-social conduct. A student card system for pool table use is being considered, with a question raised about the possibility of banning someone through the card entry system—clarification provided that this system is intended solely for pool table access.

Approved

Vice President for Events & Engagement

Prince provided an overview of the report, emphasizing the Mini RAG initiative that took place across various campuses.

Approved

Vice President for Academic Affairs

The report was submitted late due to illness. During the period from August 18th, the following activities were undertaken preparation for Class Rep training and participation on the training day; overseeing Class Rep elections across all campuses, which involved addressing classes; chairing CRM meetings in CQ and BST; and attending student training in Belfast.

Approved

Vice President for Welfare & Equality

The Vice President updated the group on several initiatives: SUT Training in Galway was completed, awareness videos about pronouns were created, and attendance at September orientations and disability

Approved



training took place. The Black History Month events proceeded as planned, and efforts for Class Rep recruitment continued. The SHIFT campaign was also successfully executed, with ongoing preparations for the SHAG initiative.

Vice President for Communications & Media

Approved

Adi expressed enthusiasm about a new gadget and his eagerness to assist colleagues with upcoming events. He highlighted the importance of engaging with students in person.

President

Approved

Naomi reviewed her report, detailing plans for Christmas week, including Bingo Loco, and noted her consistent communication with the registrations team to address registration issues.

Question and Answer – Registration: Electives were randomly assigned at the beginning of the year to facilitate the system's functionality. Students will be able to take exams for all the modules they are currently enrolled in.

Question and Answer – There are concerns regarding registration issues, as tomorrow is the deadline for fee payments. What options are available for those who are neither registered nor have paid their fees? It was suggested that a return to the previous system might be possible, allowing students to appear for exams and provide their student number for access.

Answer: I will request that communication be directed toward the students. Please email Naomi; currently, the focus is on assisting students who need to progress.

Promoting the Irish Language: We strive to post Irish translations whenever possible. At this time, we do not have anyone in a position to translate posts; however, we do have individuals proficient in Irish Gaelic who can assist with promotion.

Question: Regarding second-year planning, some students have not been able to register yet and have received no feedback. They have numerous open tickets and have not had any communication. Despite receiving emails about registration, their entire class remains very frustrated.

Answer: Please email this issue to the President so it can be escalated to higher authorities.



8. Items for Noting	Action item
Electoral Commission: PG Officer By-elections not happening until mid-January 2026	
9. Any other Business	Action item
No AOB as there wasn't any time left	
10. Date of Next Meeting	Action item
SC3 will be on 11 th December in AST2 – 046 T127	