Minutes: TU Dublin SU Student Council Meeting

Date: 05-February-2026

Time: 6pm

Location: Online

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	Sharanya Suresh
AMLÉ	MJ Gill
	Emma

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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
The minutes from the last minute were proposed by VP for City Campus and seconded by the VP Welfare & Equality.	**The minutes were approved.**
2. Matters Arising	Action item
Any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting. **AMLÉ Update** Presentation by Daniel Walsh. Launched cost of college survey, annual survey of issues affecting students. QR code provided during SC. • Working on getting a cost-of-living coalition • Deputy President/VP Welfare organising mental health, gender/feminism conferences, student safety cards, survey on gambling/substance abuse • VP for Academic Affairs working on open access • VP Campaigns working on cost of college survey, Union comms, empower/feminism events, combatting Islamophobia awareness. CVP asked what has been done since previous meeting; DW said student commuter survey finished and answered by over 600 students. DW working on report now.	
3. Correspondence	Action item

Motions & Policies: Items for Expiration in 2025/2026
 	
• Recall of Office – Gender Equality Officer (Secret Ballot Vote) Recall of Office Voting Form – Fill out form
  o Chair had everyone fill out form.
  o Majority voted in favour, SA removed from position.
• Impending SC Chair vacancy and the process of identifying potential new member(s)	

o Graham, President, and student from Union will go through CVs and has been advertising externally and internally and will make best judgement for nominee during SC.
• Doireann Moroney proposed as the student council Nominee for the recruitment panel for SC Chair 2026.
  o President stated that nominee is on Board and is a councillor so understands inner workings already.
  o 28 responses, 26 for and 2 against.	

4. Elections	**Action item**

Hustings (Electoral Commission Members)
 	
• Camille Strauss
  o Not eligible because did not show up for hustings.
• Natasha Rowan-Button
  o Candidate stated that she has position in leadership, was in the same position at another university, has been in Student Councils, and has a background in Government.
• Olena Bohoslavska
  o Candidate stated that the position was interesting and important to her.
  o VP Welfare asked what she can add to the position if elected; candidate said good quality voting for class reps.
• Yeva Sizova
  o Candidate stated that she wants to help people through this position.
 	
Deputy Chairperson
 	
Outlined process and responsibilities
 	
Electoral Commission
 	
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Student Members of the Board	

Outlined process and responsibilities **Part-Time Officers by-elections** Outlined process and responsibilities	
5. Standing Items	**Action item**
Campus Development • CVP: see what is happening with microwaves. On planning stages. Getting more representation for PPP. • BVP: shuttle bus feedback session. Bringing more entertainment to the SU in Blanch. • TVP: meeting for canteen. Issues with SU toilet. **Motion and Policy Tracker** • Work done in public accessibility of SC. Support for trans students. Period poverty video for promotion for free products. Tallaght meeting with Chief Infrastructural Officer. Blanch transport shuttle bus working group for improvements.	
6. Approval Items	**Action item**

• **Workplan update - Semester 1**
  ○ President said on track and going well.
  ○ Vote to approve or reject workplan: approved.
• **Ratification of External Directors**
  ○ Chair explained responsibilities of external directors. Board has approved Barry Cassidy and renewed Ciaran Crosbie.
  ○ President shared background of these directors.
  ○ Vote to approve or reject: approved.
• **Schedule amendment:** VP Comms & Media Title Amendment
  ○ Petition to change name to VP of Campaigns and Student Life.	

- o Chair taking for legal review and will circle back at next SC.
- **Policy:** Timetable (Mina Eusebio)
  - o CVP stated that overwhelming majority of students want to change exams to before winter break.
  - o Vote to approve or reject: approved.
- **Policy:** TU Dublin SU RAG Charity Expiring Policy (Beck Murphy)
  - o Apologies from BM.
  - o President stated that makes it easier for SU to have sole purpose that students support.
  - o This streamlines RAG and fundraising.
  - o Vote to approve or reject: approved.
- **Policy:** TU Borrowing Framework (Naomi Sebastine)
  - o President explained framework, allows students to borrow money from government, policy ensures that SU enforces implementation of this wherever possible for accommodation etc.
  - o Vote to approve or reject: approved.
- **Motion:** Campus Commitment from TU Dublin (Mina Eusebio)
  - o CVP stated that this policy has TUD commit to the confirmation of the 5 campuses that would enshrine the status of the three city campuses as its own campus with appropriate investments.
  - o Policy will encourage more lobbying opportunities for house committees and get more funding for those.
  - o Councillor Christopher McL. asked about Blanch and CVP stated no negative impact for Blanch. President and VP for AA spoke for motion.
  - o Vote to approve or reject: approved.
- **Motion:** Turnitin (Anuoluwapo Dada)
  - o AD stated need for student body to have access to Turnitin through email address.
  - o President stated that instead have open access to plagiarism check, i.e. Turnitin, so it is not limited.
  - o Vote to change title to accommodate this change: approved.
  - o Councillor Christopher McL. asked to have more transparency by asking professors for info.
  - o VP AA said this might encourage plagiarism.
  - o Councillor Georgina B. said understands desire for access but is doesn't think access to what lecturers use to grade is unnecessary.
  - o AD countered that students should be able to ask for plagiarism score because of lack of transparency. Councillor Christopher McL. supported with the example of group projects. VP Welfare also supported.
  - o Vote to approve or reject: approved.
- **Motion:** Multifaith rooms in TU Dublin (Mina Eusebio)

- o CVP stated motion came from consultation with Islamic Society and were promised appropriate facilities. These needs have been unmet. Motion supports and reinforces TUD's commitment to all faiths.
  - o VP Welfare stated support.
  - o Vote to approve or reject: approved.
- **Motion:** Consent awareness at orientation (Mina Eusebio)
  - o Motion stated motion came from TUD removing consent awareness from orientation.
  - o Stated this is important because of a lack of uniformity in sex education across backgrounds.
  - o Councillor Christopher McL. said consent awareness at orientation might not be enough and follow-ups would be good.
  - o Councillor Aleksander B. against, stating that age diversity makes this training unsuitable and not so important as an introduction to the university.
  - o Councillor Georgina B. counters that it is essential and age of consent across cultures is different, and this motion would encourage consistency.
  - o President supported motion.
  - o Vote to approve or reject: approved.
- **Motion:** awareness- Expiring motion (Beck Murphy) Opposed use of puzzle piece for autism
  - o BM sends apologies.
  - o Vote to approve or reject:
- **Motion:** Bring back motion for Access- expiring motion (Beck Murphy)
  - o BM sends apologies.
  - o Vote to approve or reject:
- **Motion:** Lobby earlier release of supplemental exam results (Naomi Sebastine)
  - o President stated student desire to review academic calendar with emphasis on supplemental exam release dates and reinforce measures that prompt TUD to enforce deadlines as per academic calendar.
  - o Councillor Christopher McL asked question about professors and exams generally and President emphasized this motion was specifically for supplemental exams.
  - o Councillor Georgina B. expressed support.
  - o CVP and VP Welfare support on basis of student awareness of whether they are progressing in their degree/for work opportunities.
  - o Vote to approve or reject: approved.
- **Motion:** Accessible use of campus spaces for societies and cultural events (Sarvesh Modi)
  - o SM stated that there is a lack of cultural-related events because campus spaces need to be booked in advanced and prices are high.

- o Proposes that Exec and PTO for Ethnic Diversity work with TUD to fully subsidise or make free of charge for societies.
  - o CVP and VP Welfare support motion.
  - o CVP proposed that it be "supported by" PTO for Ethnic Diversity rather than "led by." SM concurred.
  - o Vote to approve or reject: approved.
- **Motion:** Period Poverty - expiring motion (Immanuella Oba)
  - o VP Welfare asked for motion to be continued in following years. There has been progress for project, but motion is to push for continuation of project and to ensure project is properly implemented.
  - o CVP supports motion.
  - o Vote to approve or reject: approved.
- **Motion:** Reproductive Health (Immanuella Oba)
  - o VP Welfare stated that motion must be passed, motion proposed reproductive health campaign which will focus on RH issues faced by students.
  - o Chosen officer can run campaign how they choose but campaign is needed to disseminate information and spread awareness.
  - o Vote to approve or reject: passed.
- **Motion:** Transition to sustainable plant-based options in canteens (Mina Eusebio)
  - o CVP stated we are in climate crisis and students across 24 universities have voted in favour or fully plant-based catering. This is in line with TUD's commitment to sustainability and adding options for folks with dietary issues.
  - o Is cheaper and healthier and increasing plant-based diets will support climate justice. TUD will be trailblazer amongst universities as first in Ireland to make this transition.
  - o Councillor Christopher McL. expressed support and stated there are a lack of vegan options at TUD canteens.
  - o Councillor Aleksander B. expressed support.
  - o Vote to approve or reject: approved.
- **Motion:** Blanchardstown Transport (Naomi Sebastine)
  - o President stated that motion is being resubmitted, mandates Blanch Campus VP to increase frequency of buses and mandates them to lobby for an improved shuttle bus system as prices are higher than TFI bus and doesn't include 90 minutes policy.
  - o Councillors Georgina B. and Christopher McL. expressed support.
  - o Vote to approve or reject: approved.

7. Discussion Items	Action item
- Class Rep Recruitment - Numbers are up at 676 total CRs. Percentage of total roles filled is at 69%. Bolton St highest at 90% of roles filled. - New library software that has been uploaded and used for the printers (Aaron Tom) - Not present. - Cost of living crisis with a focus on the price of accommodation (Aaron Tom) - Not present.	
8. Part-Time Officers Reports	Action item
- Ethnic Diversity Officer - Gaeilge Officer (Not Submitted) - Gave verbal report, was accepted. - Disabilities Officer - Sustainability Officer - Mature Student Officer (Late) - International Student Officer (Not submitted) - Placement Officer - Gender Equality Officer (Not submitted) Speaker stated that SC will not be spending time going over each report. Asked only for questions for each report. Submitted reports were unanimously accepted.	**Approved**
9. Full-Time Officers Reports	Action item
- Vice President for Tallaght Campus - Vice President for City Campus - Vice President for Blanchardstown Campus - Vice President for Events & Engagement - Vice President for Academic Affairs - Vice President for Welfare & Equality - Vice President for Communications & Media	**Approved**

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10. Reports from Other Bodies	**Action item**
● None	
11. Any other Business	**Action item**

● 2026/2027 Officer Elections Key Dates
   ○ President provided dates for this year's Officer Elections and stated that anyone can ask officers for their advice/experience/etc.
 	
● Executive Decisions Log
   ○ President shared log of key executive decisions (library hours, student nominations, exam results dates) and offered space for questions.	

12. Date of Next Meeting	**Action item**
Thursday, 5th March in EQ - Room TBD	