



# Manifesto for President

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## **1. Please introduce yourself. What would you like students to know about you?**

Hey everyone! my name is Doireann Moroney, I'm a final year journalism student and I have been a Class Representative for 3 out of the 4 years in my course, which has given me a good grasp at leadership skills. I have been active within in the student's union since my 2<sup>nd</sup> year of college, and have had the privilege to represent my peers By being a member of the student council, a class rep , a student member on of the Student's Union CLG board, as well as had the honour to represent the Student body at AMLE Congress.

I was also incredibly lucky to win the presidents Award at the SU ball by the previous Student Union president, Shauna O'Toole. Through these many opportunities given to me by the SU, I have been able to grow my leadership skills and become more confident in how the SU works for its membership.

## **2. How would you ensure that the student voice is heard? What does it mean to you?**

I will ensure students are heard by being visible, accessible, and proactive across every campus. I will take the time to speak directly with students, create open spaces for honest conversations, and listen with the intention to act. Representation cannot happen from behind a desk, it requires presence, accountability, and follow-through.

As the main representative at university level meetings, I believe it's my responsibility to accurately reflect students' concerns without filtering or misrepresenting them. A Students' Union should be the collective voice of the student body not just the opinions of the elected officers. The Union guided by its president should seek to ensure all students feel represented by those elected to do so.

The student voice for me, weighs more than just collecting opinions. The experiences that students have, can be turned into a real change. As a Students Union, it cannot speak for the students, it must speak with the students, as the student's union would not exist without the



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students. No matter what campus, each and every student deserves equal visibility and changes.

**3. What national issues do you think affect students most and how would you seek to solve them?**

One of the issues I have seen affecting students in Ireland is the cost of living getting more expensive every day, and the rising rents. On campus catering can be expensive, and with multiple different catering companies on campus, students often have little choice or affordable options. This can make it hard to eat well and manage a budget for those financially struggling.

To address these issues, I would prioritise this by helping to lower the cost of food on campus by pushing for more affordable food options on campus. This could include rediscussing food contracts that are set to expire and exploring a single catering company on each campus.

Food shouldn't ever become a barrier to student life, and I am committed to trying to make campus food more inexpensive, affordable, and accessible to all.

**4. What do you think the most important part of the role is?**

For me, the most important part of the role is being able to represent the students accurately, fairly and unbiasedly across all campuses. One of my main concerns is trying to help with fixing the current registration system across all the campuses. As each campus has their own problems, but this is one of the most consistent across each campus.

But the most important part of this role overall is being able to speak for the students with a level of trust that they'll have in me.

**5. How would you ensure that your whole team stays motivated and delivers high quality standards?**

To ensure that my whole team stays motivated and delivers high standards for the students and the SU, I would focus on direction, strong communication, and support. As it is also important to acknowledge that this job can cause a lot of stress, so I would make sure to check in on my team to see how they're doing regularly.

At these check-ins I would make sure it is a comfortable space for Officers to be able to address concerns freely, as this can help with accountability and can encourage everyone to give their best. But I would also recognise their efforts and celebrate the big wins, even the small ones to help keep everyone focused, and even more motivated to help students.

**6. How would you ensure the relationship between the university and union remains productive?**

Respect, openness, and effective communication are the basis of a good and successful partnership between the university and the students' union. I would make sure this is achieved



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by regularly interacting with university administration and making sure that the interests of the students are at the heart of every discussion.

Through my experience on Student Council and the SU CLG Board, I understand how the university operates and how decisions are made. This knowledge allows me to approach discussions strategically and carefully, by knowing when to collaborate and when to challenge things with a constructive approach. A relationship between the two, does not mean agreeing on everything. It means being professional with one another, but firm when necessary.

I would also have frequent meetings, clear updates on decisions made, and open communication with students to let them know how their concerns are being handled. I will try my best to make sure the Union continues to be a credible partner and a strong, independent voice for students by combining professionalism with the officer's passion for advocacy and helping students.

#### **7. What do you think it means to be the spokesperson for the union?**

I think being the spokesperson for the SU means being someone who represents students with a level calm, trust, and honesty. But also, someone willing to fight ~~argue~~ issues for students as there will always be some moments that call for difficult conversations, as the spokesperson represents tens of thousands of students from different backgrounds.

Being the spokesperson of the SU to me, also means actively listening to students, and understanding each of their unique experiences, as these differences matter and should be reflected. Not every student will be happy with the decisions, but I firmly believe they should be heard by the student population regardless.

To me, one of the most important things about being a spokesperson is about trust. The students should feel confident that when the spokesperson speaks, that they are representing them to the best of their ability.

#### **8. Can you share an experience where you had to deal with conflict in a group setting and how did you deal with that conflict?**

Before college started back up, I worked in a communications department, and due to the high stress of putting events together, conflicts. A co-worker misunderstood what I said, which had caused the disagreement. As communication and talking through issues is something I prefer to do, the co-worker and I were able to have a conversation and work out the issue at hand. The main point for me is communication and talking out issues to avoid any other miscommunications.

#### **9. What methods would you employ to increase feedback from students to help shed light on important issues and/or improvements needed at TU Dublin?**

I think the biggest reason why students don't give feedback is because they feel it won't change anything. So, for me, I would start by being more present on campus with simple pop-up stands where students can quickly share their thoughts between lectures. For things online,



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I would use a short, easy surveys, so they can share feedback anonymously so they can be honest freely.

But I would also utilise the things we already have, like the class reps. To do this I would work with Class Reps to make sure any course specific issues are being heard and raised. Most importantly, I would hope to share updates on the Instagram called, "You Said It, We Did It", so students can clearly see the impact of their input, so this can hopefully encourage more students to participate.

### **10. Is there anything that you would like to add?**

I would like to wrap this up by saying, thank you for taking the time to read this and learn more about me, and why I'm running for Student Union President. I truly appreciate it.

If elected, I can't promise that every issue will be solved overnight, but I can promise that I will do my absolute best to deliver on what I have outlined, and lobby for everything. I will work hard, stay accountable, and always put students first in every decision I make, and also be present on campus.

This role is about commitment and genuine care for the students and that is something that will always remain as my top priority. I hope you will consider me for President and trust me to represent you across all campuses.