



Manifesto for VP for Tallaght Campus

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

My name is Faizat Lafiaji, I am currently in my 4th year studying international business. I do side volunteering work during and out of college I am part of TU Dublins Islamic Society as a vice chair. Alongside my final year work I like to make a difference in helping people and others no matter how big or small that task is. I've collaborated with other Islamic societies from DCU, Trinity and UCD as well as government and private charity organisations. I also volunteer in a charity organisation outside of college in which I helped organise and even where a speaker was brought in from the United States with an audience of around 1 thousand people which I considered a massive success personally and for my team. From my society's side, our isoc raised over 1000 euro for orphaned children in Afghanistan.

2. How would you ensure that events and campaigns are appropriate for Tallaght campus?

Get to know what the students want. Even though TU Dublin campus are one altogether, every campus requires different needs and want, as a current student when I have discussions with students from other TU Dublin campus we don't relate on majority of the same issue, from environment, space, food prices and events that take place and how tailored they are or are not to each campus and much more.

Thus building a connection to students as VP is essential to ensure when we have campaigns or events on Tallaght campus, it actually makes a difference for our students and that they are not lost amongst the crowd of the bigger campuses.



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3. What would you like your legacy to be as VP for Tallaght Campus?

I previously mentioned making a difference, that is the legacy I would like to have as VP for Tallaght Campus. My name does not have to be known but the students should feel that difference and change for the better in my work.

I hope to leave a better experience for the person who might be taking up the role after me and also the students. Students complain about so many things they would like to change on campus. I want to be the example for them to know they can make that change and become VP or President and it is not a role so out of reach they lose the hope to make real changes.

4. How will you ensure that students in Tallaght Campus feel heard?

By listening and taking action. That sounds so simple but you can't hear someone by not listening and can't make someone feel heard without taking action. I plan to take action. I don't have to try to put myself in TU Dublin Tallaght student shoes, I am currently in that shoe. I know what it's like to have the same issues over and over again without any changes which gives me the ability to actually take action as VP.

Having things such as a monthly stand to get feedback from all students (free treats will attract the students).

Getting regular feedback from class reps to have tailored feedback, this will make pinpointing specific issues easier and allow for a tailored **and faster result for students**.

5. How will you support the recruitment, training and retention of Class Reps on Tallaght Campus?

There is always someone who wants to be a class rep. It's just a matter of fishing them out! I would like to do things such as bringing in class rep from the previous year. Students are more inclined to go for a position when they hear from people who have gone through the exact same.

As for training, having leaflets and scenarios planned out for students, what to do in different situations and how to handle them as class rep and making class reps meetings fun, interactive and giving out food vouchers so students continue to show up.



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6. How would you improve campus experience in Tallaght Campus?

Making sure students feel like they belong. Getting students to join different societies and clubs, this makes such a huge difference in student's experience on campus. My goal will be to reach out to the societies office as I've heard they are struggling and work closely with them to help out societies as much as possible. A goal would be to reach out and try organise a great societies fair alongside with the help of the Students union

Making sure students have a safe space and feel safe on campus whether that physical or mentally.

Having more affordable food options on campus, over the years the meal price on Tallaght Campus has skyrocketed and some students struggle for a reasonably priced lunch on campus.

Lastly is registration, every year students struggle with registration. My goal is to change that even by the smallest change, Rome wasn't built in a day but it was started in a day.

7. Is there anything that you would like to add?

It would be an honour to be the VP of TU Dublin Tallaght.