



**Minutes:** TU Dublin SU Student Council Meeting

**Date:** 05-March-2026

**Time:** 6pm

**Location:** EQ-002

**Present:**

Chairperson	Graham Hayes
President	Naomi Sebastine
VP for Events and Engagement	Princewill Aguele
VP for Academic Affairs	Yogesh Gupta
VP for City Campus	Mina Eusebio
VP for Blanchardstown Campus	Esmeraldi Doda
VP for Communications & Media	Adekunle Ashiru

**In Attendance:**

Clerk to the Council	Sharanya Suresh
AMLÉ	Daniel Walsh

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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
<p>The approval of the last minutes was proposed by Charlie Beaudelot (CQ) and seconded by Christopher O Loughlin, (Blanchardstown).</p>	<p><b>The minutes were approved.</b></p>
2. Matters Arising	Action item
<p>Any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.</p> <p><b>AMLÉ Update</b></p> <p>Presentation by Daniel Walsh.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of college survey live on Instagram. Informs lobbying and work over course of year as well as pre-budget submissions.</li> <li>• Working on cost-of-living coalition.</li> <li>• Part of European Students' Union, shaping policy, lobbying across EU higher education institutes.</li> <li>• Promoting institutional engagement with LGBTQ+ communities.</li> <li>• VP Welfare worked on mental health conference, launched results on related survey.</li> <li>• Currently working on campaign for International Women's Day and working to shape policy with NWC.</li> <li>• Academic Affairs: close to launching Open Access initiative.</li> <li>• Have already launched student survey, trying to reform and redesign student experience and Irish policy moving forward.</li> <li>• Working on initiative to combat Islamophobia.</li> <li>• Working with Sinn Fein on a bill regarding renter's rights, inclusive of student perspective.</li> <li>• Commuter survey; has not sent for circulation but will in weeks to come; proposals to come out of it regarding TUD shows that cycling rates are low. Also gave stats on bus routes, working with Go Ahead Ireland and TFI to improve frequency and expansion of current and future transportation.</li> </ul>	
3. Correspondence	Action item
<p>Approval Item: Proposed Alteration to Schedule B of the TUDSU Constitution. Schedule Amendment: VP Comms &amp; Media Title Amendment.</p>	



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">SC4 2026 - VP Comms and Media - Schedule Amendment-2</a></li> <li>• Want to change to VP Campaigns &amp; Student Life</li> <li>• No legal impediments to changing the name.</li> <li>• Move to vote on motion. Need 50% here to vote for it, can have name changed not for this year but 27/28.</li> <li>• President spoke for 1 minute: talked about redundancy of the title, need for a wider scope beyond communications and media to include campaigns and media.</li> <li>• Vote results: 94 approx. councilors, but did not meet the quota of 50% + 1, so did not fail but did not pass.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. Elections</b></p>	<p><b>Action item</b></p>
<p><b>Hustings (Part-Time Officer Candidates)</b></p> <p><b>International Student Officer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Oleg Shakhshvarov <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1<sup>st</sup> year, Blanchardstown. Interested in solving problems on campus, including: direct routes to campus (public transportation), technical equipment.</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Utkarsh Singh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ N/A</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Adesiyan Ojediran <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ N/A</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Ninoshka Fernandes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hopes to achieve student-centered goals: highlighting different cultures and backgrounds, inclusive settings, acting as intermediary for student concerns. Interested in society events, working closely on orientation. Has attended every SC and CR meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Jaya Lakshman <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ N/A</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Camille Strauss <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2<sup>nd</sup> year CR in Tallaght. Highlighted issue with courses cancelled as an international student: lack of support with housing etc. Interested in being member of Union to address these issues.</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> John Htoo Naing Naing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ N/A</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Han Htoo Aung <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ AST student. Wants to gain experience being an officer, expand networking, support FTO.</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Qin Yan Ch'ng</li> </ul>	



- Passionate about giving a sense of belonging. Wants international students to have support and connection and address integration problems as well as promote cultural exchange.

**Notes:**

- Candidates answered questions regarding international student representation, experience in leadership roles, as well as communications skills.

**Ethnic Diversity Officer**

- Praise Akinyemi
  - Stated that he is someone from a diverse background and can talk to people from diverse backgrounds.
- Ezinne Daniella Ogu
  - Social care student, has experienced diversity through different cultures and ethnic groups. As a student, joined African Society as a social media lead. Wants to create spaces for people to feel included. If elected wants to strengthen collaboration between groups. Emphasized effectiveness of social media.
- Mercy Olasehinde
  - Wants to create a community where people from every background's experience is considered a priority. Wants to create a safe and inclusive environment for all students.
- Shwe Oak Soe Paing
  - N/A
- Momina Dawood
  - N/A
- Zainab B. Alli
  - N/A

**Notes:**

- Candidates answered questions about ideas for creating community on campus, addressing gaps in representation and inclusivity, and what ethnic diversity means/signifies to each of the candidates. One student asked about the possibility of a student newspaper.

**Sustainability Officer**

- Akshat Pasbola
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> year student. Believes sustainability is not just environmental but a systemic problem. Wants to make sustainability more visible to students. Was president of Sustainability Society in school and if elected:



improve transparency/sustainability, and use ethical data to improve these, and support students.

- Athul Jose
  - 1<sup>st</sup> year Sustainable Engineering. Proposed solutions such as solar and to do more events.
- Nishat Dipti
  - Believes sustainability should be simple and effective, wants to make practical and resourceful alternatives. Take small steps and create bigger environmental impacts to show how small actions make big impacts.
- Anindya Dayananda Nanda
  - Background in construction, wants to work on all boards to create greener spaces and more inclusivity.
- Lionel Ndamba
  - Wants to make change in cafeteria to save money and have less waste for a safer campus environment.
- Robert McGrane
  - N/A
- Diana Aileru
  - Committed to advocate for all students, focused on researching eco-friendly practices. Wants to be a voice for change and leader in sustainability, collaborating with officers.
- Lee Roe
  - Been working with Environmental Sustainability Society. If elected wants to prioritize mental health in terms of sustainability and would like to look for nature-based solutions. Proposed sustainability reps across departments.
- Charlie Beaudelot
  - Current PTO. Has expanded food pantry. If re-elected, wants to implement youth sustainability summit so every student can be involved and their voices represented, particularly across campuses. Also wants to improve student volunteering. Hosted many workshops and events to promote sustainability.
- Smruthi Shankargal
  - Architect and student in sustainability. Believes that sustainability should be the norm, main goal to make sustainability accessible and part of everyday life. Wants practical and community-driven solutions like a sustainability dashboard.

**Notes:**

- Candidates answered questions about choice of wind turbine or solar power, student experiences regarding mental health and inaction, and background experience for the role.



### **Disabilities Officer**

- Christopher McLoughlin
  - Shared that has a disability and understands the experiences of neurodivergent people integrating into a campus environment, struggles with accommodations. Wants to address accommodations for CAs.
- Aaron McGroddy
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> year, as someone with an invisible disability and wants to ensure that students with disabilities experience ease in their supports. Goals include consistent availability and support and to advocate for solutions. Proposed designated sensory room on campus.

### **Notes:**

- Candidates answered questions about pertinent issues faced by students with disabilities, what they would do to make campuses more sensory-friendly to people with disabilities, and prior experience working with people with disabilities.
- POI that we do have sensory rooms.

### **LGBTQ+ Rights Officer**

- KJ Scafaria
  - Events Representative of LGBTQ+ Society and was leadership in school Pride Club. Advocated for transgender students and where their students are displayed, the university catering to the needs of queer students, and having more sexual health resources provided, including free Prep.
- Marson Milto
  - Applied due to genuine passion for creating stable and safe environments for queer students. Wants to empower other students through support for name-changes and pronouns. Experience in leadership and events.

### **Notes:**

- Candidates answered questions about experience creating safe spaces for queer people, biggest issues facing LGBTQ+ students at TUD, plans for collaborations across campuses and societies, and ideas for how candidates would utilise a hypothetical student newspaper.

### **Gaeilge Officer**

- Joshua Lijo



- Background: felt forced into language rather than developing a genuine interest. Wants to ensure that students find a genuine interest in the Irish language by creating games with cash prizes.
- Darragh Ó Nualláin
  - Current PTO, is on campus 12 hours a week in the Seomra na Gaeilge and is accessible to students, has hosted several events over the past 3 years related to his role.

**Notes:**

- Candidates answered questions about what they would do make the Irish language/identity more visible through the Student Union, how people not exposed to the Irish language can learn more about it/be taught, and how they would support a new proposed society.

**Access Officer**

- Isobel Byrne Kelly
  - Stated that there isn't enough representation from BIMM here and not enough communications between BIMM and TUD. Entered college via the HEAR scheme. If elected, as a candidate, would break that communication barrier. Believes services are incredible and more students should be aware of it. Stated that she is approachable, and this would make her suitable for the role.
- Ahsan Zia
  - Doing Access program at AST. Wants to coordinate across years and programs.

**Notes:**

- Candidates answered questions about explanation of the BIMM program and how they would plan to facilitate communication across campuses/programs.

**Mature Student Officer**

- Soe Thinzar Than
  - N/A

**Notes:**

- N/A

**Placement Officer**

- Zartashia Saleem



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Computer science student. Wants to help students feel more confident. Is a peer student and helps students feel more confident academically. Wants to create more opportunities for students. If elected, goal is to help students transition from university to industry.</li> </ul> <p>Chair noted that voting will only include those who did hustings, and if councillors vote for someone who is did not do hustings, vote is spoiled.</p> <p><b>Elected Part-Time Officers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● International Student Officer: Ninoshka Fernandes</li> <li>● Ethnic Diversity Officer: Ezinne Daniella Ogu</li> <li>● Sustainability Officer: Charlie Beaudelot</li> <li>● Disabilities Officer: Christopher McLoughlin</li> <li>● LGBTQ+ Rights Officer: KJ Scafaria</li> <li>● Gaeilge Officer: Darragh Ó Nualláin</li> <li>● ACCESS Officer: Isobel Byrne Kelly</li> <li>● Placement Student Officer: Zartashia Saleem</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Standing Items</b></p>	<p><b>Action item</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● N/A</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. Approval Items</b></p>	<p><b>Action item</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● N/A</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7. Discussion Items</b></p>	<p><b>Action item</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● N/A</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8. Part-Time Officers Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Action item</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ethnic Diversity Officer (submitted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Passed</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Access Officer (submitted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Passed</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Gaeilge Officer (Not submitted)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Approved</b></p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CVP asked why not submitted, said tried to send screenshots. Sent to wrong email address.</li> <li>○ Passed</li> <li>● Disabilities Officer (Not submitted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Officer said was sick.</li> <li>○ Passed</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Sustainability Officer (submitted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CVP asked about highlight of report. Response was sustainability initiatives which officer was given grant for.</li> <li>○ Passed</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Mature Student Officer (Late) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ N/A, passed over.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● International Student Officer (Not submitted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Officer said busy with final year.</li> <li>○ Report rejected</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Placement Officer (submitted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Passed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>9. Full-Time Officers Reports</b></p>	<p><b>Action item</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vice President for Tallaght Campus (submitted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Had meeting about prayer room, resulted in report for society including past issues. Report completed. Writing report on Tallaght SU. Participated in Social Justice League. Had CR meeting to talk about lectures etc. Helped with RAG.</li> <li>○ Passed</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Vice President for City Campus (submitted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Talked about Veganuary, passed motions.</li> <li>○ Answered question about gym at AST.</li> <li>○ Passed</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Vice President for Blanchardstown Campus (submitted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Working on catering for all colleges, helped with RAG, officer campaigns, New Voices event, bringing in x-boxes and ping pong.</li> <li>○ Passed</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Vice President for Events &amp; Engagement (Not submitted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Working on RAG week/ice cream charity, Awards Ball in April.</li> <li>○ Stated was a busy week and had report but not filled out.</li> <li>○ Passed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Approved</b></p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vice President for Academic Affairs (submitted)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Worked on team bonding, helped CVP with food pantry, Academic Affairs meeting on registration issues, participated in management training, assisted couriers' office in EQ, took part in RAG.</li> <li>○ Passed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vice President for Welfare &amp; Equality (submitted)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sent in apologies, not present on leave.</li> <li>○ Passed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vice President for Communications &amp; Media (Not submitted)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Was on medical leave.</li> <li>○ Councillor asked for update: will be posting on TikTok in following weeks.</li> <li>○ Passed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• President (submitted)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Met to talk about exams, Academic Affairs team, Democracy and Representation to talk about CR numbers, met to talk about RAG, SHAG, and Veganuary.</li> <li>○ Question from councillor about spreadsheet for Comms and Media, which is in progress.</li> <li>○ Passed</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>10. Reports from Other Bodies</b>	<b>Action item</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>	
<b>11. Any other Business</b>	<b>Action item</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2026/2027 Officer Elections Key Dates               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chair provided dates for this year's Officer Elections.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• QR code Comdhail Registration               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ President shared, encourages student voice in voting for motions and policies affecting them.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• QR code for STLR</li> </ul>	
<b>12. Date of Next Meeting</b>	<b>Action item</b>
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> March in Bolton Street - Room TBD	