



Minutes: TU Dublin SU Student Council Meeting

Date: 16-April-2026

Time: 6pm

Location: AST2-046 (T127)

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 Welfare and Equality	Immanuella Oba
VP for Tallaght Campus	Abdullah Zaidi
VP for Communications & Media	Adekunle Ashiru

In Attendance:

Clerk to the Council	Sharanya Suresh
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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 Mina Eusebio, City Campus, and seconded by Immanuella Oba, City Campus.</p> <p>Councillor stated that no questions recorded for the Student Board Members etc., suggested for the next SC meetings as councillors want a written record to hold Officers accountable.</p>	<p>The minutes were approved.</p>
2. Matters Arising	Action item
<p>Any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.</p> <p>AMLÉ Update</p> <p>Representative Daniel Walsh unable to attend.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dublin Commuter Survey circulated. 	
3. Correspondence	Action item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Chairperson Ratification <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Current Chairperson spoke on behalf of the new chosen Independent Chairperson, Cat O’Driscoll. Gave his recommendation and asked SC to ratify this decision. b. Vote: unanimous in favour of the new chairperson, voted into position. • RAG Charity Hustings: ISPCC <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Alex, Events Team at ISPCC and student at Trinity spoke on behalf of the charity. Childline is Ireland’s only 24-hour listening service for children and teenagers worldwide. b. Child protection program: if partnering with Childline, TUD would be contributing to the safety and wellbeing of young people nationwide, many of whom are future third-level students. Offered to provide access to marathon places and challenge events, volunteering opportunities, internship/work placement opportunities, collaboration on mental health/wellbeing events, certificates/references for volunteering, ongoing support and contact after the partnership. 	



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Focused on building resilient communities in the long-term. d. CVP asked question about whether the partnership would be between ISPC and TUD the university or the union; representative said it would be a RAG partnership between ISPC and TUDSU. e. VP Comms asked if they have a Board of Directors; representative referred him to the website. Also asked about specific projects that they have in mind; representative answered that there are university-specific projects that are relevant. f. VP Events asked about ISPC's passion and ideas for campaigns; representative confirmed that there is a team dedicated to events and campaigns and will work with directly TUDSU on them. • TU Dublin SU CLG Annual Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Barry Griffin went through the accounts and auditor's report. b. Councillor asked about if the deficit covered by last year's surplus; BG confirmed yes. 	
<p>4. Standing Items</p>	<p>Action item</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Development (Campus Vice Presidents) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Blanch: been working with Welfare team on keys for Blanchardstown library lifts, contacted library about opening hours and progress on that (hours in alignment with rest of TUD campuses, hopefully back to regular hours next semester), main objective to make SU common room into an activity room (doesn't want to implement it just before he leaves) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CVP asked about voluntary work; VP Blanch discussed food pantry, supporting New Voices. ▪ Councilmember asked about library working hours consistently closing early. ▪ Councilmember asked about a functioning lift at library for greater accessibility. ○ Tallaght: issues with toilets, not much else to report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ VP Welfare asked about updates on the prayer room; VP Tallaght was not on campus and meeting 	



<p>relevant people next week, who promised to have issue fixed after Easter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ City: touched on Class Reps in City, provided more recognition for Class Reps with volunteering hours, six Spill the Tea sessions, consulted with Class Reps/Societies, lobbied for representative in the new catering process, included in Climate Action roadmap. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Councilmember brought up microwaves in AST and gym. Asked for updates on this. CVP responded that we have delivered 7 microwaves, but the university has created delays. CVP has proposed classes downstairs and investment in gymnasium facilities, but not sure that all requests are feasible. Will ensure continuous engagement with AST. ▪ Councilmember asked about the microwave location. CVP said in AST would be in the canteen. ● Motion/Policy Tracker Update (President) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ President spoke about the tracker. ○ Since the last SC, not too many updates as there was Congress. No questions asked. 	
<p>5. Approval Items</p>	<p>Action item</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Workplan update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ President spoke about the workpfree access ○ Included: accommodations for students at TUD, motion and policy tracker, escalated different issues at Congress, for Education Access lobbying for changes in academic calendar, Student Services lobbying for campus equality and oversight, panel for catering to get new catering options for students in the coming year, Mental Health Week and Eating Disorder campaigns were completed and successful, planning to increase student engagement with PGO nominations with Officers doing class addresses. ○ Councilmember asked question about a strategy plan; President responded that there is currently not one but in progress. ○ Councilmember asked how President felt the year went; President responded that there were involvement and engagement even with challenges with the university. ● Motions & Policies: Items for 26/27 	



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion: Proposal to Extend the Opening Hours of TUD Blanchardstown Campus Library (Christopher McLoughlin) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The speaker advocated for the motion and highlighted the impact of limited hours on students. Motion suggested solutions such as study-only hours. ▪ CVP spoke on behalf of motion, stated in line with the current mandate that all five campuses are equal, and that Blanchardstown students be given the resources they deserve, consistent with the other campuses. ▪ <u>Motion passed.</u> ○ Policy: Schedule K - Irish Language Policy (Darragh Ó Nualláin) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Speaker advocated on behalf of the Union recognizing the Irish language, promoting Irish language in their communications (equal to English). ▪ VP Welfare asked if their responses to students be in Irish; speaker encouraged all to consider the Irish language when responding, equal to English, with a focus on Irish language exposure and integration. ▪ Councilmember spoke on behalf of motion, supported Irish having the same importance as English, and highlighted necessity to have communications in Irish and English for accessibility and awareness. ▪ <u>Policy passed.</u> 	
<p>6. Discussion Items</p>	<p>Action item</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Class Rep Recruitment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 687, 71% of courses covered. Hasn't changed since the last Student Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Councilmember asked about the effectiveness of CR recruitment and engagement at CR meetings. ▪ CVP answered that in terms of engagement, all resources and information given to CR in advance of meetings so they can participate. BST has had particularly high engagement because of the infrastructure. ▪ Last CR meetings the week of the 20th. 	
<p>7. Part-Time Officers Reports</p>	<p>Action item</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ethnic Diversity Officer 	<p>Approved</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Did not present: <u>Passed</u> ● Access Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Did no present: <u>Passed</u> ● Gaeilge Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Noted: creating spaces for trad sessions, new speaker. ○ Councilmember asked about no presence at AST, space wasn't open one day this week. Speaker answered they were on leave. ○ <u>Passed</u> ● Disabilities Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Noted: went to Congress and spoke on disabilities, formal ball ticket sales. ○ <u>Passed</u> ● Sustainability Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Noted: ran a sustainability workshop with societies helping to develop their sustainability charters, in meetings about sustainability funding. ○ Councilmember asked a question about their Sustainability Strategy, which speaker reviewed and offered edits to President with student input. ○ <u>Passed</u> ● Mature Student Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Did not present: <u>Passed</u> ● International Student Officer (Not submitted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Did not present: <u>rejected</u> by SC ● Placement Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Did not present: <u>Passed</u> 	
<p>8. Full-Time Officers Reports</p>	<p>Action item</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vice President for Tallaght Campus (Unsubmitted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stated due to USI. ○ PTO asked why VP Tallaght didn't get report in; VP Tallaght responded due to work ethic. ○ <u>Report rejected.</u> ● Vice President for City Campus (Unsubmitted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stated has been consistent and delay was due to the timeline for call for reports. ○ Councilmember asked why VP Welfare submitted and CVP didn't; CVP responded that they were avoiding burnout. ○ <u>Report rejected</u> 	<p>Approved</p>



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice President for Blanchardstown Campus (Submitted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stated able to submit report while at Congress. Mentioned report points in Campus Update. ○ <u>Passed</u> • Vice President for Events & Engagement (Unsubmitted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stated that was not mentally prepared ○ <u>Report rejected</u> • Vice President for Academic Affairs (Late) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report touched on AA at Congress, meeting on AI policy, planning for Formal Ball, May Exams. ○ VP Events asked about Adobe License; VP AA stated that issue should be brought to program coordinators. Adobe License for everyone out of the budget. ○ Councilmember asked about general feeling about AI usage; VP AA stated that there is a conversation about how students can use AI ethically as there is no uniform AI policy (will be worked on by VP AA and CVP next year). ○ <u>Passed</u> • Vice President for Welfare & Equality (Submitted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report touched on Pride Campaign, EDSN, Congress (spoke on anti-misogyny training), Mental Health/Eating Disorder campaign fully planned ○ Councilmember asked about information touched on in the campaign regarding physical activity. ○ <u>Passed</u> • Vice President for Communications & Media (Unsubmitted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stated has been out for medical reasons ○ <u>Passed</u> • President (Unsubmitted) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stated that first time unsubmitted, reason being call for agenda being delayed and Congress. Used Right to Disconnect Policy. ○ Councilmember asked why President did not submit late; President apologized for timeline mix-up and stated has led the team in other regards. ○ <u>Passed</u> 	
<p>9. Reports from Other Bodies</p>	<p>Action item</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A 	



10. Any other Business	Action item
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STLR QR code • A revised version of The Motion for consent awareness at orientation was submitted to Council. The wording of the motion has been changed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Correct the reference from “Student Life” to ‘Student Success Unit’. Remove the statement implying that the University had indicated students found the content ‘inappropriate’. Highlighted the existing efforts of Student Success and Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Manager with the inclusion of Consent Awareness resources on the orientation slides and provision of workshops during extended orientation and throughout the year. The motion was proposed by City VP Mina Eusebio and seconded by VP for W&E Immanuella Oba. The revised version of the motion was passed unanimously by student council. The council have made it known they want all first years to have the consent awareness information resources in the orientation pack. • President thanked staff and team for working together this year 	
11. Date of Next Meeting	Action item
October 2026!	