



## Minutes

Meeting	Consultative Group Meeting
Date-Time-Location	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022 – 9.30am – 11.30am – Online (MS Teams)
Members present	Collette Burns ( <b>CB</b> ) TU Dublin; Adam Clarke ( <b>AC</b> ) TU Dublin SU; Fiona Davis ( <b>FD</b> ) HSE; Jenny Donohoe ( <b>JD</b> ) GDA; Ronan Dunphy ( <b>RD</b> ) TU Dublin Staff; Lori Keeve ( <b>LK</b> ) Chair GDA; Leslie Shoemaker ( <b>LS</b> ) TU Dublin Staff; Thomas Stone ( <b>TS</b> ) TU Dublin; Andrea Valova ( <b>AV</b> ) HEA
By invitation	
Apologies	Kathleen Eccles ( <b>KE</b> ) HSE; Eoin Farrell ( <b>EF</b> ) NTA; Neasa Hourigan TD ( <b>NH</b> ) Public Rep; Eugene Kelly ( <b>EK</b> ) Community; Ray McAdam ( <b>RMA</b> ) DCC Councillor; Mark O'Neill ( <b>MON</b> ) Community; Cllr Nial Ring ( <b>NR</b> ) DCC; Rachel Simons ( <b>RS</b> ) HSE;

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<b>1. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising</b>		
1.1.	The minutes of the meeting were approved.	
1.2.	<b>LK</b> welcomed everyone and gave a brief rundown of the Agenda.	
1.3.	<b>LK</b> asked if there were any matters arising. <b>LS</b> raised issues around spaces for students, and a lack of confidential areas for staff to meet with students. <b>CB</b> noted that these issues should be raised internally with TU Dublin but highlighted that there are unfortunately always issues when moving into new spaces. <b>LK</b> noted that the matter would be minuted as part of this meeting however it is not an action for the Consultative Group.	
1.4.	<b>LK</b> noted that Sharon Hughes the CEO of the Student's Union has left the SU and noted her contribution to the group over the last number of years. The Consultative Group extended their thanks and well wishes in her new endeavours. <b>AC</b> advised that Mary Scally will take over for Sharon and would be interested in attending these meetings.	
<b>2. Students Union Presentation</b>		
2.1.	<b>LK</b> introduced <b>AC</b> to the group and invited him to present the latest updates for the Students Union. <b>AC</b> gave an introduction on the work of the Students' Union and plans for the 2022/2023 academic year. Key points of note were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SU attends National Congress event every year, bringing mandates and policy ideas.</li> <li>• There are three welfare officers in TU Dublin who look after diversity and inclusion, sexual and mental health, consent and access to education.</li> <li>• There will be marquees outside the Lower House and Rathdown House next week for different events.</li> </ul>	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events throughout the year include Freshers Week, Halloweek, Mini Rag, Mystery Tours, Formal Ball, Rag Week</li> <li>• The chosen charity this year is the Irish Motor Neuron Disease Association</li> </ul>		
<p>AC then invited questions from the group</p>		
2.2.	<p>LK asked about sponsored walks and the possibility of linking in with community groups. AC welcomed this idea as a great way to bring students and the community together. AC noted that engagement is a major focus for the team this year, with most events in person again following COVID.</p>	
2.3.	<p>CB queried on how the SU prioritise student issues. AC noted that most student feedback comes through the class rep system, and through meetings with them the SU can get a sense of the problems students are facing, along with forward planning. The major area of concern right now is the accommodation crisis.</p>	
2.4.	<p>LK highlighted the high levels of engagement with local communities, and queried plans for further development of relationships with students and the local community. AC noted that the SU is engaging with the societies to develop this, noting planned events such as seed planting activities and river clean ups for students as an alternative option for alcohol free social events.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Project Updates</b></p>	
3.1.	<p>LK provided a presentation on the status of all live projects in the GDA, focusing on the Academic Hub, the primary school (Educate Together) and the stabilisation of the Clock Tower works.</p>	
3.2.	<p><u>D7 Educate Together School</u> – on track for completion in Spring next year. Work is currently focused on the rooftop ball court, and completing mechanical and electrical works in the teaching block. In addition, there is ongoing engagement with DCC in relation to the works to the junction on Rathdown Road and Grangegorman Upper. These works have an existing planning permission which permit the removal of the slip road, and the development of a new public plaza. The area will be paved with planting and bike parking, providing safe access for children going to school.</p>	
3.3.	<p><u>Academic Hub</u> – Works are on programme with the foundation footprint now in place for the new build to the north and south of the protected North House. A second crane is in situ, and the demolitions of the North House Annex have been completed. Some of the stone is being salvaged for future use.</p>	



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3.4.	<p><u>Clock Tower Stabilisation Works</u> – The scaffolding is due to be dismantled shortly. Tolmac are on programme for completion by the end of October. The works are essential stabilisation only, with a further project required to bring the building back into full use at a later stage of development. The main focus of the stabilisation works were reroofing works, structural roof and timber works and historic window conservation.</p>	
3.5.	<p><u>Residential Care Neighbourhood</u> – No major update since the last meeting. The next step will be to submit the project for planning. The current programme is that following planning permission being granted, the GDA would hope to commence construction around this time next year for an anticipated programme completion by 2025.</p>	
3.6.	<p><u>Area D</u> – Announcement in April that Workday plan to build their European HQ in Grangegorman, as part of the Mixed-Use area in the Masterplan. The location is between the East Quad and Broadstone.</p>	
3.7.	<p><u>Hoarding Strategy</u> – New 70m artwork unveiled on the Academic Hub hoarding from Grangegorman Histories. It was designed to reflect the site’s complex histories and uses symbols with historical and psychological meanings.</p>	
3.8.	<p><u>Further updates were provided on:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grangegorman Histories – Events (See below), schools engagement programme update, and oral histories coffee morning.</li> <li>• Public Art – The Golden Bandstand sculpture is expected to be completed in 2023. Publication on Brian Cregan’s The Glass Garden, to be launched in November 2022.</li> </ul>	
3.9.	<p><u>Climate Action Event</u> – Successful event on campus as part of the Stoneybatter festival in June. Over 20 groups were involved in sharing information on different sustainability initiatives in the area. The three key themes were around energy, biodiversity and communities taking action. As a direct result of this event, new collaborations are being developed between participating groups.</p>	
3.10.	<p><u>Other Events</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historical Walking tours for Culture Night on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.</li> <li>• Launch of a podcast on the history of the Lower House for the Dublin Festival of History.</li> <li>• Open House 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – Number of tours, link to be circulated to the group.</li> </ul>	
3.11.	<p>AC queried who the artist that designed the hoarding artwork is and if they could have contact details. LK noted that this is Fidelma Slattery, who works as a graphic designer for the Royal Irish Academy</p>	



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<p>CB asked about the hoarding committee and clarification on this. LK noted that there is a hoarding committee that reviews artwork proposals for hoarding. The group comprises GDA, TU Dublin, HSE, DCC and the local community. Proposals can be sent to Comms in GDA or TU Dublin.</p>		
<p>3.12. LS queried if Workday will be using the car park by the East Quad. LK stated that this would not be the case.</p>		
<p>4. <b>TU Dublin Updates</b></p>		
<p>4.1. CB gave an overview of TU Dublin updates, noting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students have returned this week</li> <li>• The Walk21 Conference had over 500 delegates plus delegates online. The agenda for the conference was very full across the three days.</li> <li>• Culture Night Festival in the East Quad - LK advised that the Culture Night map is available on GDA social media.</li> <li>• Climate Action Festival will be taking place on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> October with Happenings.</li> <li>• Healthy campus in October – focus on making the campus smoke free.</li> <li>• Collaboration with Pocket Forests to plant new tree behind the East Quad.</li> </ul>		
<p>4.2. AC noted that further discussion would be needed before introducing a blanket ban on smoking. CB acknowledged this would be an ongoing process.</p>		
<p>4.3 LK queried the exact location of the Pocket Forest CB noted that it is south of the East Quad. It is slightly smaller than a car park space.</p>		
<p>5. <b>AOB</b></p>		
<p>5.1. No further matters were raised.</p>		
<p>6. <b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p>		
<p>6.1. The next meeting will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 9.30am online via MS Teams.</p>		