



TU Dublin Students' Union

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TU Dublin Students' Union has one core function; **to represent the rights of TU Dublin students.**

The Mission of the Union is ;

To be the independent representative organisation for students of the Technological University Dublin

To act in the best interests of its members, to advance and defend their rights, primarily in relation to their education and welfare as TU Dublin students, and as citizens



The Students' Union functions on two levels

1. Politically - TU Dublin SU

The political role of the organisation includes the following:

Representing TU Dublin students in all relevant decision-making fora in TU Dublin •

Running information and engagement activities as well as political campaigns for our members

Representing the interests of TU Dublin students at a national level



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2. Operationally - TU Dublin SU CLG

The operational role of the organisation includes the following:

- Organising the resources of the Students' Union in order to fulfill any political mandates of the Executive or the organisation

- Supporting the Executive Team of TU Dublin SU

- Delivery of services to students in line with objectives of the Executive

- Undertaking the day-to-day running of the organisation



TU Dublin SU CLG Work Plan

Every year we develop a workplan for presentation to, and endorsement by Student Council and the Board of TU Dublin SU CLG; this is a core activity that all of us are fully committed to and which forms the blueprint for our work throughout the year and through it we aim to fulfill the aims and objectives outlined in the Constitution of TU Dublin SU



What services to TU Dublin SU CLG provide?

As well as the strategic oversight, financial, legal and HR management, and risk management functions, TU Dublin SU CLG also provides and supports a number of core non-political services for the Students' Union. Most notably:

Education and Welfare Casework:

- Offer an independent, confidential advice and support service

- Full trained professional staff across our campuses

- Staff receive regular briefings from University services and external partners such as threshold and SUSI

- Staff are well versed in policy and procedures and as such can inform students accordingly

- Staff receive professional supervision to assist them in critical areas.



What services to TU Dublin SU CLG provide?

Representation:

- Maintaining databases for all student representative committees such as Class Reps, School Reps, Student councillors etc
- Organising recruitment drives to support sabbaticals electing reps • Organising training for elected representatives
- Running local elections to ensure that all student democratic positions are filled for Class Reps, School Reps and Student Councillors (~600 Class Reps, ~90 School Reps/Student Councillors)
- Running overall annual elections across 6 locations on multiple days (8 including Tallaght and Blanchardstown Campuses)
- Administering all democratic meetings (over 50 every year)
- Dealing with day-to-day queries of elected representatives throughout the year (over 750)
- Moving to an online election process during COVID



What services to TU Dublin SU CLG provide?

Administrative Support:

Attending relevant meetings with their associated officer

Maintaining a central record of minutes and meeting documents as a resource for incoming Officers

Briefing Officers on the terms of reference, scope etc of the numerous committees which they are members of and assisting them in their preparation for such meetings.

Note: Only elected officers vote on behalf of the Students' Union in any university committee



What services to TU Dublin SU CLG provide?

Student Events and Services:

Provision of the Student Travel Card

Class Rep hoody ordering system

Sale of goggles and lab coats for science students

Non-alcoholic events

Workshops on professional topics or with professional speakers

Provision of college clothing

TEDx events

Fundraising activities



What services to TU Dublin SU CLG provide?

Communications:

A state-of-the-art website purpose built for Students' Unions and includes functions such as a volunteering module for tracking students voluntary activity and on-site elections • Social media presence across all social media channels

A Graphic Designer to ensure all material produced is of a calibre that TU Dublin Students can be proud of

A Student Media Crew of student volunteers who generate content relevant to their peers.

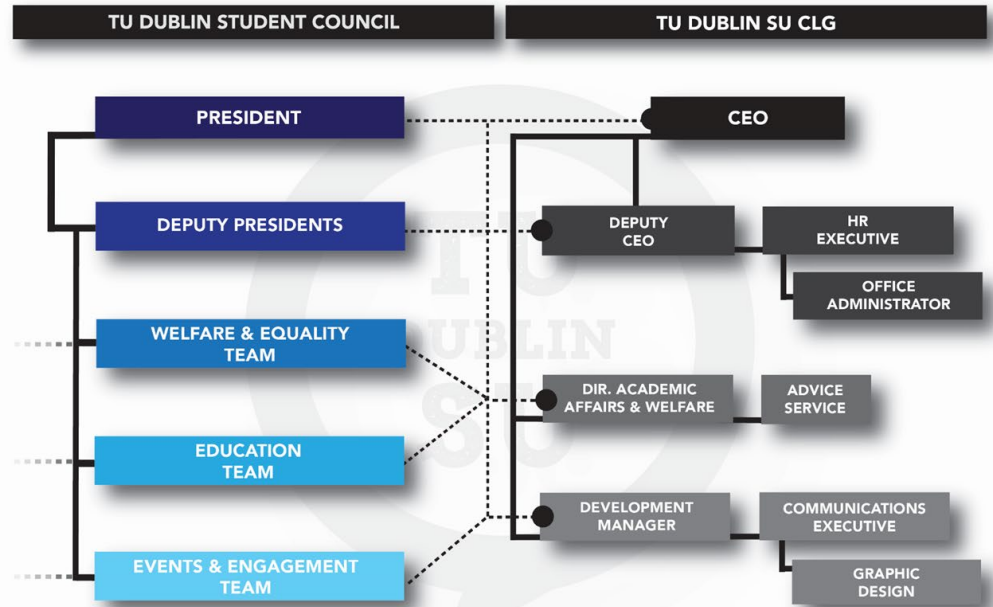
A Students Union podcast

A separate News Channel

Moving to online elections during the 2020 lockdown

How are these services delivered?

10 F/T Elected Officers
 14 P/T Elected Officers
 9 Staff





The Board of TU Dublin SU CLG

The overall membership of the Board of TU Dublin SU CLG changes annually, reflecting the election of up to four elected officers in the previous semester whose term of office commences on July 1st.

As well as these officers, four further student Directors are elected by the Student Council each year; any registered student is eligible to run for a position on the Board of Directors.

To ensure continuity, there are a maximum of five external Directors appointed to the Board in terms of two years. One of these external Directors is the Chairperson of the Board.

The makeup of the Board of TU Dublin SU CLG means that the Student members of the Board ALWAYS have the majority vote in any matters



The Role of the Board of TU Dublin SU

Ultimately, the Board is responsible for overseeing the allocation of the resources of TU Dublin SU CLG. This includes but is not limited to:

- Financial Resources

- Human Resources

- Material Resources

- All other resources