



AGENDA

COUNCIL

Date 27.10.20

Location Virtual

Time 7pm

Chair Yannick Gloster

Secretary Cian Walsh

1 Approval of Minutes

2 Matters Arising from Last Council

- Motion on Reduction of the Student Contribution

3 Items for Noting

- Part-Time Officer Reports
- Minutes of UF

4 Elections

- Oversight Commission
- Electoral Commission
- Constitutional Review Working Group
- Communications Committee
- Education Committee

5 Sabbatical Officer Reports

6 Discussion Items

- National Forum of Teaching and Learning: Teaching Hero Awards
- TCD Against the 27th
- Continuous Assessment Common Submission Deadline

7 Motions

- Motion on Community Liaison PTO
 - Motion on Campaigns Committee
 - Motion on TJH Committee
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- Motion on Communications Committee
- Motion on Graduate Entry Medicine Tuition Fees
- Mandate on Image-Based Sexual Abuse
- Removal of Motion 3 2019/20
- Motion on Ents Committee

8 Questions

9 Any Other Business

1. Approval of Minutes

Miontuairscí

2. Matters Arising from Last Council

Pointí ag teacht ón gcruinniú deireanach

A. Motion on Reduction of the Student Contribution

Council Regrets

That many students face worsening financial situations due to COVID-19.

Council Recognises

The ongoing USI campaigns to reduce the student contribution charge.

Council However Notes

That the Union must represent its members concerns at a local level.

Council Further Notes

That the Irish Government sets the student contribution charge but the College reserves its right to alter its scale of charges at any time.

Council Mandates

The President establishes a petition calling for the reduction of the student contribution charge, to be addressed to the Provost and the Minister for Higher Education.

Council Further Mandates

The Union lobby Dublin TDs for a reduction in the student contribution charge.

Proposed by Dillon Broaders, SF Physical Sciences Class Representative

Seconded by Ruaidhrí Campion, SF Theoretical Physics Class Representative

3. Items for Noting

Míreanna le tabhairt faoi deara

A. Part-Time Officer Reports

B. Minutes of UF

4. Elections

dToghcháin

A. Oversight Commission

2 Ordinary Members

B. Electoral Commission

2 Biennial Members

C. Constitutional Review Working Group

3 Ordinary Members

D. Communications Committee

2 Ordinary Members

E. Education Committee

TJH Convener

Joint Courses Convener

4 Ordinary Members

Student Representative participating in a professional placement or internship for credit

Student Representative who has wet lab-based learning

Student Representative who is registered with the Disability Service

Student Representative who has gone on or is currently on Erasmus or similar exchange

5. Sabbatical Officer Reports

Tuairiscí na n-Oifigeach

- **President** Eoin Hand

Enclosed:

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- **Education** Megan O'Connor

Enclosed:

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- **Welfare & Equality** Leah Keogh

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- **Communications & Marketing** Philly Holmes

Enclosed:

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- **Ents** Hugh McInerney

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6. Discussion Items

Ábhair le plé

A. National Forum of Teaching and Learning: Teaching Hero Awards

Presented by Courtney McGrath, SS BESS Class Representative

B. TCD Against the 27th

Presented by Gabrielle Fullam, Megan Ní Mhathúna and Eoghan Quinn

C. Continuous Assessment Common Submission Deadline

Presented by Daniel O'Reilly, STEM Convener

7. Motions

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A. Motion on Community Liaison PTO

Council notes

That an increasing number of students are living in the suburbs of Dublin, at increasing distances from our main campus.

Council regrets

That those students are more vulnerable to suffer from loneliness and isolation.

Council recognises

The success of the Know Your Neighbour initiative in combating loneliness and building communities of Trinity students in the suburbs of Dublin.

Council mandates

The creation of a Communities Liaison Part Time Officer, with responsibility for fostering a sense of community for Trinity students in the suburbs of Dublin.

Proposed by Eoin Hand, President

Seconded by Leah Keogh, Welfare & Equality Officer

B. Motion on Campaigns Committee

Amendment to Motion 19 2019/20, proposed by Laura Beston, President

Council Notes

The SU President must oversee all campaigns and as such must often plan for these accordingly. With the workload of the president being as high as it is, this work can get neglected and as a result the SU's work on campaigns can suffer.

Council Also Notes

That it is impossible for one person to accurately reflect the thoughts and feelings of the student body regards campaigns.

OLD

Council Therefore Mandates

The creation of a Campaigns Committee. This will be comprised of 6 members, who will be elected on an annual basis at council.

NEW

Council resolves

To create a Campaigns Committee, with the membership and terms of reference found in Appendix A.

Proposed by Eoin Hand, President

Seconded by Jodie Milne, Citizenship Officer

C. Motion on TJH Committee

Council notes

The Trinity Joint Honours (TJH) Convener has an increasingly large workload with plans for next year's cohort to include 16 different schools with over 160 combinations, accounting for over 10% of the student population in Trinity.

Council also notes

The workload is significant for one position and further representation is required for these students.

Council resolves

to create a Joint Honours Committee with membership and terms of reference found in Appendix B.

Proposed by Megan O'Connor, Education Officer

Seconded by Eoin Hand, President

D. Motion on Communications Committee

Council notes

The current Communications Committee terms of reference is badly outdated.

Council resolves

To amend the Communications Committee terms of reference to the one found in Appendix C.

Proposed by Philly Holmes, Communication & Marketing Officer

Seconded by Matthew Henry, SCSS Convener

E. Motion on Graduate Entry Medicine Tuition Fees

Council notes

That many TCD graduates pursue GEM programs in Irish universities.

Council regrets

The exorbitantly high tuition fees for these programs, not supported by SUSI or HEA Free Fees. These fees present a significant financial barrier to students from lower income backgrounds in accessing these programs.

Council recognises

The recent protest by UCD students wherein 70% of the GEM students have withheld their fees in protest to year on year GEM tuition fee increases.

Council mandates

The TCDSU delegates to USI National Council and USI Congress put forward a motion at the next meeting of those bodies to create a national USI led campaign on GEM tuition fees. The aims of the campaign shall be to lobby the Irish government to increase financial support for GEM students.

Proposed by Charles Sweeney, JS Physiology Class Representative

Seconded by Eoin Hand, President

F. Mandate on Image-Based Sexual Abuse

Council notes

The recent events where thousands of women fell victim to one of the largest known examples of online image-based abuse in Ireland. This is a profound violation of these individuals and there is no current legal protection for those affected by this leak.

Council regards

The recent events as a flagrant violation of privacy and unequivocally non-consensual.

Council recognises

The work done by grassroots campaigns across the country, the Victims Alliance and the Gardaí in response to this event, and the continued efforts of the Consent Education programme.

Council regrets

The absence of legislation in this area, preventing victims from pursuing effective and adequate legal remedy.

Council mandates

The Welfare and Equality Officer to continue to provide support to all victims through the provision of relevant resources and information.

Council also mandates

The Union to support the 'End Image-Based Sexual Abuse Ireland' group in their call for the urgent criminalisation of IBSA by the passing of the 'Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Bill 2017' which is currently in its third stage in the Dáil and to campaign for the application of the proposed amendments.

Proposed by Rebecca Kelly, Law Convener

Seconded by Leah Keogh, Welfare & Equality Officer

G. Removal of Motion 3 2019/20

CONTENTS OF ORIGINAL MOTION

Council notes

The SU Environmental Officer has an increasingly large workload as environmental awareness becomes more and more ingrained in the fabric of college life.

Council Further Notes

That the workload is becoming increasingly unsustainable for one person in a part-time capacity.

Council Therefore Mandates

That an Environmental Committee be set up to assist the Environmental Officer for all of their duties throughout the year.

Council notes

The recent creation of a Green Campus subcommittee chaired by the Environmental Officer.

Council also notes

The overlap in duties of the new committee and the existing Council subcommittee.

Council removes

Motion 3 of 2019/20.

Proposed by Áine Hennessy, Environmental Officer

Seconded by Eoin Hand, President

H. Motion on Ents Committee

Council notes

That the Ents Committee has not formally existed as a Union body for a number of years. **Council resolves**

To create the Ents Committee with the membership and terms of reference found in Appendix D.

Proposed by Hugh McInerney, Ents Officer

Seconded by Philly Holmes, Communications & Marketing Officer

8. Questions

Ceisteanna

9. Any Other Business

Aon Ghnó Eile
