



# AGENDA

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## COUNCIL 5

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**Date** 21/2/2023

**Location** Burke Theatre, Arts Block

**Time** 7.30pm

**Chair** Emma Gallagher

**Secretary** Maggie Larson

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**1 Minutes**

**2 Matters arising**

**3 Sabbatical Officer Reports and Questions**

**4 Items for Noting**

**5 Motions**

- Motion on Gender Neutral Bathrooms
- Motion on Transgender Healthcare
- Motion on Establishment of Off-Campus & Clinical Placement Committee

**6 Discussion Items**

- Report on Open-Book Examinations in SSP (updated) - Laszlo Molnarfi, SSP Convenor

**7 Questions**

**8 Any Other Business**

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## 1. Minutes

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[Minutes of Council 4, 31/1/23](#)

## 2. Matters arising

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Pointí ag teacht ón gcruinniú deireanach

## 3. Sabbatical Officer Reports and Questions

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Tuairiscí na n-Oifigeach agus Ceisteanna

[All Reports](#)

- **President** Gabrielle Fullam  
[President's Report](#)
  - **Education** Zöe Cummins  
[Education Report](#)
  - **Welfare & Equality** Chloe Staunton  
[Welfare & Equality Report](#)
  - **Comms** Julie Smirnova  
[Comms Report](#)
  - **Ents** Max Lynch  
[Ents Report](#)
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## 4. Items for Noting

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### Míreanna le tabhairt faoi deara

- Minutes
  - Welfare & Equality Committee
    - ★ [All Minutes](#)
  - Volunteer Forum
    - ★ [Volunteer Forum #2](#)

## 5. Motions

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#### A. Motion on Gender Neutral Bathrooms

##### **Council notes**

Gender neutral bathrooms are important in providing a safe and comfortable college environment for all students.

##### **Council further notes**

That several venues which Trinity Ents may use do not have gender-neutral bathroom facilities and it would be unfeasible to find alternatives.

##### **Council therefore mandates**

That gender neutral bathrooms be available at all SU events, where possible.

##### **Council further mandates**

The Gender Equality Officer, LGBT Rights Officer, and the President to work with college to ensure that fully accessible gender neutral bathrooms, with sanitary facilities, are available in every building in college.

**Proposed by** Niko Singband, LGBTRO

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**Seconded by** Chloe Staunton, Welfare and Equality Officer

## **B. Motion on Transgender Healthcare**

### **Council regrets**

The current unreasonably long wait times for care and treatment methods at the Loughlinstown national gender service at St. Columcille's Hospital which are massively harmful to the mental health of the transgender patients that the gender clinic is supposed to help.

### **Council further notes**

1) The national gender service only serves 150 patients per year (3 patients per week) due to understaffing while over 300 patients are referred per year. 2) Care that is provided to cisgender patients with minimal medical intervention (like HRT for cisgender women experiencing menopause) requires psychological evaluation and intrusive questioning to be prescribed to transgender patients.

### **Council mandates**

The LGBT Rights Officer, President, and Welfare & Equality Officer to lobby for reduced waiting times at Loughlinstown and for review of the invasiveness of the questions asked to transgender patients

### **Council further mandates**

The LGBT Rights Officer, President, and Welfare Equality Officer to lobby for the implementation of an informed consent model as opposed to the current pathologised care of transgender patients.

**Proposed by** Niko Singband, LGBTRO

**Seconded by** Chloe Staunton, Welfare and Equality Officer

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## **C. Motion on Establishment of Off-Campus & Clinical Placement Committee**

### **Council notes**

Mandatory clinical placements place extreme financial strain on all students, also contributing to rapid decline in mental wellbeing of students. Students on placement play vital roles in the care of patients, particularly students in their Sophister Years who are used to plug gaps in hospitals, mostly for no pay and at an active loss of income to the student. Students are also required to purchase their own scrubs and equipment.

### **Council also notes**

Current measures such as the SU placement grant do not go far enough to assist students. Summer placements in particular prove difficult for students to source accommodation both within and outside of Dublin.

### **Council regrets**

Students who undergo mandatory placements are placed under extreme mental, physical and financial strain.

### **Council therefore mandates**

the establishment of the Off-Campus Clinical Placement Committee with the attached terms of reference.

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Membership: Open access to all off-campus students of TCD who also undergo mandatory clinical placements.

It shall consist of: President (Secretary) (ex-officio), Welfare & Equality Officer (ex-officio), Education Officer (ex-officio), Health Sciences Convenor (ex-officio), Off-Campus Officer (Chair) (ex-officio). This committee may further hold elections for the following representatives upon first meeting of the year: Therapies, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Midwifery. Further positions may be established and elected at the discretion of the committee.

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The aim and purpose of this committee is to lobby and provide meaningful representation to students who undergo mandatory clinical placements by aiming to secure subsidised accommodation for Dublin based summer placements, reduce costs associated with placements, increase counselling availability for students on placements. It will also aim to improve the standard of facilities in off-campus locations; a subcommittee to this end may be created at the discretion of the Off-Campus Officer, subject to consensus of those in attendance of the meeting who vote in favour of such a proposal by the PTO, positions of which will be elected at a further meeting.

Dates and locations of meetings will be agreed upon by the President and Off-Campus Officer, with at least one meeting of this committee to take place in Trinity Centre for Health Sciences in St James'; details of all meetings will be passed to the Communications Officer for inclusion in the weekly newsletter. The committee will be required to submit a report on progress made to one council per term, submitted by the Off-Campus Officer.

The Off-Campus Clinical Placement Committee will sit once every three weeks during term time.

**Proposed by** Hannah McAuley, Off Campus Officer

**Seconded by** Ruth McMonagle, Therapies Convenor

## 6. Discussion Items

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**A. Report on Open-Book Examinations in SSP (updated) - Laszlo Molnarfi, SSP Convenor**

[Document link](#)

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## **7. Questions**

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### **Ceisteanna**

- Submitted Questions
- Any Other Questions

## **8. Any Other Business**

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### **Aon Ghnó Eile**