

Trinity College Dublin Students' Union 6th Council Minutes 2021/22

5th April 2022

Mac Neill Theatre, Hamilton Building

Chair: Adam Balchin
Secretary: Ewan Tushkanov
Minutes: Ewan Tushkanov, Secretary to Council
Simon Evans, Administrative Officer

Adam Balchin welcomed everyone to the 6th and final Council of 2021/22.

- 1. Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes Approved.
- 2. Matters Arising:** No Matters Arising. It was noted that the council scheduled for 29.03.22 in the Tercentenary Hall, TBSI was inquorate and did not take place.

Bev welcomed everyone to the final meeting of the year and she proposed that the Class Rep of the Year would be announced. Class reps are the powerhouse of the SU and without them there would simply be no SU. There was a Highly Commended and a Class Rep winner from each faculty and an overall winner. Each faculty winner would get a Euro 30.00 Just Eat voucher and the overall winner gets a Trinity Ball ticket.

Julia Bochenek announced the AHSS Highly Commended and AHSS class rep of the year.

HC: Amy Byrne
CR: Aislinn McDaid
AHSS Class Rep of the Year: Caoimhe Molloy

Zoe Cummins announced the STEM Highly Commended and STEM class rep of the year.

HC: Faye Murphy
CR: Ben Heskin
STEM Class Rep of the Year: Ruaidhrí Campion

Emily Sweeney announced the Health Science Highly Commended and Health Science class rep of the year.

HC: Ann Tracey
CR: Asne Smith
Health Science Class Rep of the Year: Rachel Madden

Overall winner of the Class Rep of the Year was Ruaidhrí Campion who won a Trinity Ball ticket.

It was also announced that there would be 2 Just Eat vouchers for the tweet of the night.

Bev Genockey called a Procedural Motion to suspend standing orders and to take the Honorary memberships first.

The motion was carried.

6. Motions (E) Honorary Memberships were awarded to Aoife Grimes, Aidan Seery and Graham Murdock.

Warm congratulations were extended to all the honorary members and then in a surprise announcement, the fourth Honorary Membership for 2021/22 was awarded to Leah Keogh and this was greeted by a standing ovation.

Bev Genockey called a procedural meeting to suspend standing orders to take the motions of the part-time officers positions so that they could be elected at the Elections at this Council. The motion was carried.

6. Motions

A. Motion Renewal of the Position of Environmental Officer

B. Motion on Creation of Access Officer

C. Renewal of Ethnic Minority Officer Position

D. Motion on Renewal of Volunteer Forum Co-Ordinator

All four motions were carried.

Leah Keogh called for a Procedural Motion to suspend standing orders and to take the motion on **5 (B) Town Hall Discussion/Proposed SU Constitution.**

Leah urged the Council meeting to allow the motion to be considered. Union Forum had voted unanimously to consent to this, and she also noted that the amended constitution would have to go forward for referendum. Zoe Cummins spoke against the motion noting that council should give more time in considering this and she also noted that there was no formal vote at union forum on the Constitution. She also felt that the way that the discussion was made was against democracy.

Yannick Gloster spoke against the motion. He noted that the new proposed constitution was full of typos and errors.

László Molnárfi spoke in favour of the motion, noting that the new Constitution was a significant improvement and had been considered over a 2 year period.

Gabi Fullam felt that the new Constitution was a big improvement but that it still had to be approved by students.

Bev Genockey noted that this is a Procedural Motion only and that the Constitution still has to be put to referendum.

Leah Keogh summed up for the motion noting that this would allow the debate to start and the document to be presented to students.

The Motion was carried by 77% to 23% which meant that the Motion could now be put to Council.

Leah Keogh spoke in favour of the Motion. The Constitutional Review was going on for the last 2 years and a huge amount of time and effort had been invested in it. The document in front of Council was a big improvement on the previous Constitution and she urged Council to vote for it.

Zoe Cummins spoke against the motion. It was not democratic and Council had not enough time to consider the full Constitution.

Bev Genockey proposed a Procedural Motion B to sum up and vote and she urged Council to allow a vote on this matter as there were many other items on the Agenda of this meeting which needed to be considered.

Gabriel Torres spoke against this. He felt everyone should be allowed to speak on the Motion.

The motion was passed by 70% to 30%.

The motion was then put to council.

Yannick spoke against the motion. He pointed out the large number of typo errors which were in the document including the fact that the LGBTRO position was not in the new Constitution.

Alice Payne noted that the LGBTRO position was in the new Constitution and was on the Union Forum.

Alexandro Piero spoke in favour of the motion.

Sean Lysaght understood the frustration being expressed however he felt that people should vote on this now.

Bev Genockey noted that it was very clear that there were differences on the new Constitution and she proposed a Procedural Motion K to defer the discussion to the next Council that is next year.

Leah Keogh spoke against the Procedural Motion. She noted that the new Constitution would be fully debated next year and she pointed out that the errors noted by Yannick were incorrect. He had been referring to a previous version of the proposed amended constitution.

Zoe Cummins spoke in favour of the Motion K. The Procedural Motion K was put to Council. It was confirmed that a Yes Vote meant the new Constitution would be deferred to next year.

The Procedural Motion K to defer the new amended Constitution was carried and it will now fall to next year's SU to deal with the matter.

Bev then proposed a Procedural Motion A to move 6 (I) Motion: Motion to improve Support for Students on Clinical and Social Work Placement

This was an urgent matter and needs to be considered by Council.

William Reynolds spoke in favour of this urgent motion. Sierra Mueller-Owens spoke in favour of the motion, saying that it is so important to get progress on this matter. Caoimhe Molloy spoke in favour of the Motion as did Emily Sweeney.

The Motion was carried.

3. Elections

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. Chair of Council | Emma Gallagher |
| 2. Electoral Commission (4) | Bev Genockey, Daniel Walsh, Conor Casey,
Tara Walsh |
| 3. Secretary of Council | Maggie Larson |
| 4. Oversight Commission (4) | Eric Zaksauskas, Micheal Jacob, Tommy Koh, Rían Errity |
| 5. USC Rep | Ewan Tushkanov |
| 6. Faculty Convenor: AHSS | Eoghan Gilroy |
| 7. Faculty Convenor: HS | Emily Sweeney |
| 8. Faculty Convenor: STEM | Sean Lysaght |
| 9. Citizenship Officer | Connor Dempsey |
| 10. International Students Of. | Zaid Al Barghouthi |
| 11. LGBT & R. Officer | Niko Singbad |
| 12. Mature Students Officer | Ailish Smith |
| 13. Officer for Students with Disabilities | Rosie Joyce |
| 14. Offigeach na Gaeilge | Caoimhe Molloy |
| 15. Gender Equality Officer | Jenny Maguire |
| 16. Student Parent Officer | <i>vacant</i> |
| 17. Off Campus Officer | Hannah McAuley |
| 18. Ethnic Minorities Officer | Mihai Mesteru |
| 19. Environmental Officer | Erin O Dowd |
| 20. Access Officer | Fern Kelly |
| 21. Volunteer Forum Co-ordinator | Ben Heskin |
| 22. Community Liaison Officer | Tom Comer |
| 23. BDS Implementation Group: Chair | Zaid Al Barghouthi |
| 24. BDS Implementation Group: Secretary | László Molnárfi |

5. Discussion Items

OC Report No. 3

Deferred to next council.

7. Sabbatical Officers Reports

President: Leah Keogh. Leah asked that her Report be taken as read.

What a six years she has had in Trinity College and it is definitely time now to move on and she was very excited to see so many people involved in the Union. It has been a crazy year or two year period but it was great to see college coming back to normal and the SU was leading the fight to open up as much of college as possible. She noted that House 6 will now be made accessible to all students, huge progress was also made on the student centre, the SU Constitution and she has no doubt that Gabi and Zoe will finish this one off. She congratulated and thanked all class reps and union forum and of course the 5 sabbatical officers. The SU is like a relay race. Much progress has been made but now it was time to hand over the baton to the new team and she again thanked everyone for all their help over all her years in the SU which included over 40 council meetings.

Welfare: Sierra Mueller-Owens. Sierra asked that her Report be taken as read.

She thanked Council for all their support throughout the year. She also thanked Union Forum, the Sabbatical team, the EC and the OC and of course her welfare team for all their help throughout the year.

Communication Officer: Aoife Cronin. Aoife asked that her Report be taken as read.

She thanked all the sabbaticals for all their help throughout the year and she looked forward to the new team taking over.

Ents Officer: Greg Arrowsmith. Greg asked that his Report be taken as read.

Greg was not present at Council as he was at an Ents Event in Whelans. His report included the fact that over 25,000 tickets were sold for Ents events throughout the year and the number of live Trinity acts playing at the ball was increased dramatically this year.

Education Officer: Bev Genockey. Bev asked that her Report be taken as read.

She thanked Council for all their support throughout the year and of course to her fellow sabbatical officers. She also thanked Ewan, Emma and Adam for all their work throughout the year and of course to the EC and OC.

8. AOB

Adam Balchin, Chair of Council, thanked everyone. It has been a great year and he loved all the hard work and working with so many students this year and over the past three years.