



**Technological University of the
Shannon Students' Union**
Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta Aontas
na Mac Léinn sa tSionainn

Officer Report (6)

Officer: Niamh Kennedy

Title: Deputy President for the Midwest

Month/s: January 2024

(a) Details of Work Undertaken from 1st of January – 31st of January 2024

Developing activities and campaigns with Midwest Vice Presidents

I spend a lot of time each month aiding the Midwest VPs and PTOs develop campaigns and events for their campus.

RAG Week Planning

A lot of my time in January was spent preparing for the Midwest RAG weeks in February. This meant helping out the VPs with posters, timetables, and bookings.

Board of Directors

TUSSU is a company limited by guarantee. To ensure the fairness, solvency and effectiveness of the company, each Deputy and the President of the Union sit on the board to ensure that there is a student majority, and our unions members are represented fairly. Our board has met three times since I started my role July 1st.

TUS Governing Body

Three of our Union officers sit on TUS Governing Body, the President, the Deputy President for Postgraduate Affairs and myself. The Governing Body of Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest was established in accordance with the provisions of the Technological Universities Act 2018 and its functions are as identified in the Act. Good governance arrangements are essential for organisations large and small and whether operating in the public or private sector. Governance comprises the systems and procedures under which organisations are directed and controlled. It is a privilege to represent the interests of Midwest students on the highest governing authority in TUS. The Governing Body meets once a month in either Moylish or Athlone.

USI Governance Committee

In August 2023 I had to opportunity to run for Union of Students Ireland Governance Committee. I got elected in August National Council held in MTU Kerry. Being a part of this committee is important to me as Deputy President Midwest because it means that I get a say in how USI operates, it's important to make sure that Union of Students Ireland has an effective governance and accountability process due to the affiliation fees that TUSSU and other unions around the country pay. The role of Governance Committee is to ensure the legal and regulatory compliance of USI and

to develop and implement policies in the areas of governance, financial management, human resource management and risk management.

(b) Meetings/ Appointments from 1st of January – 31st of January 2024

Date:	Meeting / Appointment:	Details:
2 nd January 2024	Union closed.	Union closed.
3 rd January 2024	Union closed.	Union closed.
4 th January 2024	Union closed.	Union closed.
5 th January 2024	Union closed.	Union closed.
8 th January 2024	Union closed.	Union closed.
9 th January 2024	Union closed.	Union closed.
10 th January 2024	Union closed.	Union closed.
11 th January 2024	Union closed.	Union closed.
12 th January 2024	TUSSU Executive Meeting. Met with MISU	Meeting with the TUSSU executive team. Met with MISU to discuss collaborating on events in Thurles
15 th January 2024	RAG Week Planning	I met with the Midwest VPs to plan and organise for the upcoming RAG weeks
16 th January 2024	Class Rep Council Venue Meeting	Class Rep Council in SU in Moylish Met with manager of Limerick venue for upcoming Limerick RAG event
17 th January 2024	Drug driving initiative meeting Meeting with VP Thurles and Clonmel	Met with representatives from UL Student Life, Mary I SU, the Gardaí and Jigsaw Limerick to record videos discussing drug driving and its impact Met to discuss events for RAG
18 th January 2024	Meeting with the Deputy President for Postgraduate Affairs TUSSU Social Media meeting.	Discussed issues pertaining to PG students in the Midwest and upcoming RAG events Meeting with TUSSU officers and staff regarding the social media of the Union and the SU website.
19 th January 2024	Meeting about Second Shot	Met with TUS staff to talk about improving experience for repeat students
22 nd January 2024	TUS Governing Body.	Attended TUS Governing Body Meeting in Athlone campus
23 rd January 2024	TUSSU Executive Meeting.	Meeting with the TUSSU executive team.
24 th January 2024	TUSSU President and Deputies Meeting.	Meeting with the TUSSU President and Regional Deputy Presidents.

	Travel to USI National Council.	Travel to USI National Council taking place in Derry, Northern Ireland.
25 th January 2024	USI National Council.	USI National Council taking place in Derry, Northern Ireland.
26 th January 2024	Travel from USI National Council.	Travel from USI National Council taking place in Derry, Northern Ireland.
29 th January 2024	On Thurles campus	Met and worked with VP Thurles and Clonmel
30 th January 2024	TUSSU Executive Meeting. TUSSU Student Council.	Meeting with the TUSSU executive team. TUSSU Student Council.
31 st January 2024	On Ennis campus	Worked with class representatives and VP Clare Street and Ennis

*c) Expenses Claimed from 1st of January – 31st of January 2024
(Travel, Meals, Stay)*

Date:	Reason:	Amount:
29 th January 2024	Limerick to Thurles Student ticket	€10.92