



**Technological University of the  
Shannon Students' Union**

Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta Aontas  
na Mac Léinn sa tSionainn

## ***Officer Report (8)***

**Officer:** Kyran Keogh

**Title:** Vice President for Education and Welfare for Clonmel and Thurles

**Month/s:** March report (8)

(1) *Details of Work Undertaken from 1<sup>st</sup> of March to 29<sup>th</sup> 2024*

### ***PROGRAMME BOARD***

Attending the most recent Programme Board held in Clonmel, the benefits of it being an in person meeting showed in the engagement and communication. James Greenslade attended the meeting alongside Clonmel lecturers where we discussed classes, continuous assessment, and the implementation of the self-made student space. We discussed safety concerns around campus, infrastructural concerns with the quality of the building, software and hardware needs, alongside upcoming events on campus and reports on event attendance from Students Union. All in all, a great meeting with great communication and opening of paths to go down. Met with Mr. Greenslade and other lecturers after the meeting to discuss more implementation options.

### ***USI CONGRESS***

Attended Union of Students in Ireland's Congress (Comhdail) event, which is a week long occasion and goes through the voting process for the implementation of new policy for the Union of Students in Ireland's executive team to follow. There was amazing involvement from the whole team with speeches and engagement, and an amazing election took place that elected TUS SU's Deputy Midwest as the new Vice President of the Southern Region. Our Deputy of Postgraduate Affairs also was involved in the implementation of the fulltime Vice President of Postgraduate Affairs role for the Union of Students in Ireland. I spoke on behalf of Part Time Officers in the hopes of improving the involvement and conditions for our current Part Time Officers and against removal changes made for the Regional Vice Presidents to keep them more strong. An amazing event that encouraged excellent communication with other art colleges to bolster the strength of digital art campuses alongside meeting other small unions that helped with my own ideas on how to further the strength of the union especially for dual role vice presidents in TUS Students Union.

### ***STUDENT SPACE CLONMEL***

A petition was formed by students recently to convert what was previously the student space in Clonmel back to what it once was. This was raised in a meeting between myself and James Greenslade in

November of 2023 where we discussed the necessity of hardware for students over the need for a student space. The current student space does not suffice, and students are acutely aware that they would like to occupy a space that does not impede lectures from happening and allows students a space where they can unwind. With a high additional needs' population on campus, a space where students have some merit of privacy is needed. Speaking with other members of Clonmel staff, there were funds allocated to buy consoles for games testing and relaxation, and couches were moved into a space that is now permanently booked for student use. This is a short-term solution to a long-term problem and will likely face backlash, so currently in talks with Mr. Greenslade and other members of Clonmel campus on how to increase its longevity due to space issues.

***COUCHES (THURLES)***

The couches for the Thurles campus have been ordered. The email for their delivery was sent while attending USI Congress in Sligo, so hopefully they will have made it to campus by the time this is written.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Meeting / Appointment:</b>	<b>Details:</b>
1 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event reports for RAG</li> </ul>	Sorting the Event Reports for RAG- waiting on final totals of funds from certain events.
4 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sick Leave</li> </ul>	
5 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sick Leave</li> </ul>	
6 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election Promotion</li> </ul>	Attended to open the office for access to sweets and treats for election promotion to encourage students to vote, dealt with troubleshooting issues regarding the voting system.
7 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sick Leave</li> </ul>	
8 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sick Leave</li> </ul>	

11 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administration Catchup</li> </ul>	Catching up on emails after being out sick, sorting out upcoming events, meeting with students.
12 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event organisation</li> <li>• Administration</li> </ul>	Emailed some local authors and others to encourage them to come on campus to discuss relevant points with students. Emails, emails, emails.
13 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pride Meeting discussion</li> <li>• Administration</li> </ul>	Met with other officers to discuss Pride Week and what the Union could do. Agreed to do a talk on Clonmel Campus about Gender Identity. Reached out to other Pride Tipperary sources.
14 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administration</li> <li>• RAG Week Purchases</li> <li>• RAG Week Report Submission</li> </ul>	Finalised and submitted the RAG week reports for both Clonmel and Thurles to the financial controller and general manager.
15 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CINNTE Review</li> <li>• CINNTE Bio Submission</li> <li>• Event Org.</li> </ul>	Reached out to students to request their presence at the Student Panel for the CINNTE review in Moylish.
18 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparing for Student Council</li> <li>• Admin</li> <li>• Discussing Programme Board with Class Representatives and Lecturers.</li> </ul>	Preparing for Student Council by looking over proposed motions, discussing with members of the executive. Reaching out to locals for more representation on campuses. Discussion of upcoming Programme Board in Clonmel as students have some outstanding issues.
19 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation for Programme Board</li> <li>• Discussion with Students</li> <li>• Student Council</li> </ul>	Preparing for the programme board required me to meet some students who had brought several concerns to me. In order to present a united front we discussed

		what plans there were for an upcoming town hall and how best to present certain problems.
20 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programme Board Clonmel</li> <li>• Filming for Social Media</li> </ul>	Extremely brilliant Programme Board. Students were thankful to lecturers and safety concerns highlighted. Importance of safety reports being submitted also highlighted. Discussion of the building, the assets, and the informal implementation of a new student space.
21 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparing for USI Congress</li> <li>• Administrative work</li> <li>• Following up on Programme Board</li> <li>• DAP Keyshot Parade</li> <li>• GAD Games Testing</li> </ul>	Followed up with lecturers and class reps about the programme board. Promoted upcoming events.  Did a talk on Gender Identity. Promoted and attended the DAP Keyshot Parade and the GAD4 Games Testing & Review.
22 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparing for USI Congress</li> </ul>	Packing and reading. Following up on urgent emails.
25 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USI Congress</li> </ul>	Attended USI Congress in Sligo. Networking and establishing relations with other art colleges and institutes in Ireland for potential collaborative work. Meeting with team members and voting in new policy for the National Union to adhere to.
26 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USI Congress</li> </ul>	^^^^
27 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USI Congress</li> </ul>	^^^^

28 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• USI Congress</li> </ul>	^^^
29 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email catchup</li> <li>• Officer reports &amp; other administrative work.</li> </ul>	Catching up on missed emails and upcoming event organisation, working on officer reports and other admin.

*Expenses Claimed from 1<sup>st</sup> of March to 29<sup>th</sup> 2024*

*(Travel, Meals, Stay)*

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Reason:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
14 March 2024	Prizes for RAG	100
23 March 2024	Travelling to Sligo from Dublin	8.40