

## **Kieran Minto Postgraduate education officer report: November**

Hi everyone, I'm your postgrad education officer for this year. I represent your academic interests, working closely with the undergrad education officer and the reps (Faculty, school and course). I sit on many committees alongside senior members of staff across the university in order to promote student voice.

This month was mostly business as usual, working on embedding the PG reps for this year, setting the groundwork for the rep review and working on the voice stream of strategy 2030.

### **Events attended:**

- National Council – Attended Comhairle Náisiúnta (National Council) organised by USI at TUD Dublin and attended by student officers from across Ireland.

### **Internal events:**

- Helped organise and ran a rep welcome and social event held within Mandella hall.
- I attended the "Shared Island youth forum Belfast", discussing future challenges around reunification.
- I helped facilitate and attended the "Student Assembly Planetary Crisis".
- Took part in some handy helper events, such as a litter pick.

### **Strategy 2030:**

- Co-chaired the student voice strand alongside the UG education officer and Professor Andrew McDowell. I continued to work alongside the UG education officer and the SU voice team on the project being headed up within the union. Alongside working on how student co-design would be administered within the strand going forward.
- Continued to attend and consult on all other streams of the Education strand.

### **Meetings:**

- I represented the SU on various committees across the University, including the Student Voice strand of Strategy 2030, commercial services form, academic council.
- Attended a meeting with representatives from UCU alongside the other officers, where we laid out a roadmap for our relationship in the coming year.
- I attended the campaigns committee and its various offshoots, again to the help lay the behind-the-scenes groundwork for this year's campaigns.
- Attended multiple meetings and discussions around the re-introduction of "Welcome week" (hopefully for a September 2024 introduction) and what form it will take.
- Took part in a consultative meeting around Canvas VLE discussing issues with the platform and future changes that could be made.
- Attended a charity party held by RAG.

### **Training:**

- Completed "Complaints and Appeals Training", allowing me to support students during conduct meetings.

