

Hi everyone

So my name is Pádraic Keane or as most of you might know me as Spud. I've been honored to be your Welfare and Equality officer this year as well as your Vice president. I've loved this year and getting to help you, the students of TUDublin Blanchardstown in my current role as well as previously as your events and engagements officer with Clubs and Socs remit.

This year has been a hard year for all of us and I hope that I was able to help make this year somewhat easier and this is something I'd love to keep doing but I feel that I will be able to help more of you in a different role, so this year I will be throwing my hat in the ring for the position of Deputy President of Blanchardstown Campus with the remit of Education.

I feel that with my experience from the past two years I will be able to ensure that your Union will be always there to support and assist you as well as represent you on a local level as well as throughout the University and through our affiliation to USI.

Some of the main things that I want to tackle on our campus are

Coru - I want to continue the work I've been doing on a local level but also I want to ensure that through the University our students are treated equally to ensure that you the students are being given the best chance to graduate and complete your course without being over stressed with harsh requirements that are not being explained properly to you. This is an issue that has affected so many of our students including myself and I am calling for a stop to it and that you and our students are treated fairly to ensure that yes you get accredited but also that you receive the best chance and education you can.

Safety - Safety on our campus is a big issue, as some of you might remember I was involved in the safer services demonstration which was instrumental in the changing of the location of the slip road bus stop at the shopping center. This was great but it's not enough our students are still at risk getting and coming from the campus. I want to work with the county council in the D15 area to ensure that the bus services that our students use are safe and efficient, I will work with the collage to ensure that the shuttle bus for our campus and for our students is kept to a good standard and that it is get affordable and I will also work with the collage to try and reduce the price.

Parking - The issue of parking is one that comes across every officer's desk but no matter what we try we are always met by resistance by the college. I ask why is this? So I promise that if elected I will investigate this and work with the college and try to negotiate a change in the company that is used or even a price drop. Our students pay enough in tuition and day to day living. They shouldn't have to worry about having to run out of lectures to ensure that their ticket is up to date so that they don't have to pay a fine and removal fee for a clamp.

Equality for all on Campus- Our campus is lucky to be one of the most diverse in the country and yet our students are given equal opportunities while on campus. From having to jump through rings to change their name after transitioning even though TUDublin has a gender expression policy, Having gender neutral bathrooms not just accessible bathrooms. Students not having access to proper supports such as disability supports especially while learning from home, this is something i have been working very closely on with a number of students and the simple things of lecturers not having their camera on while presenting a lecture can be detrimental to a students learning if they rely on lip reading, our students deserve the best education they can get regardless of it being on campus or not !!!! and i will accept nothing different

I have many other projects i would like to do if elected like ensuring that sanitary items are in every bathroom and easily and freely available to all of our students as well as many others

So please, I am asking everyone of you , our students, my friends to vote me No.1 for Deputy President of Blanchardstown and i assure you I will not disappoint

Pádraic "Spud" Keane

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