



Dear Students of DkIT,

Firstly, we here at the Students' Union would like to commend you for the hard work and sacrifices you have made over the past year; it's been a long slog. Moving to an online environment has been no easy task but you took it on regardless and you shall see the rewards from it in the near future.

Secondly, we want to bring to your attention an issue that has been gathering steam over the last two months. You might be aware, there is an ongoing dispute between the TUI (Teachers Union of Ireland) and the Institute. As things stand at the moment, this dispute has not been resolved. The consequence of this is that your lecturers are engaged in industrial action which could mean students not getting their results from last semester's exams or end-of-semester assessments, on the date scheduled, which was due to be this Thursday 4th of February.

The delay in the issuing of results is not something the SU is willing to accept without protest. The current learning environment is difficult enough due to the impact of the COVID-19 restrictions. Students have lost jobs, family members, friends, social interactions, Erasmus opportunities etc. The last thing students need now is more uncertainty. We have had to put up with the prolonged debacle around T.U status, while our peers in the rest of the Institute of Technology sector are progressing forward. While we stand in solidarity with our lecturers, represented by the Teachers Union of Ireland, in their push for DkIT to achieve Technological University status, we are alarmed at the uncertainty around the issuing of our exam results. The TUI however are not in charge of the institute. The President is in charge of operational matters.

This results debacle, we have been told is an operational matter and we, the SU, insist & demand that the President does whatever is necessary to resolve this dispute. It seems to us that sometimes some of the people who govern and run this institute forget why it is here. It is here for us, for the students, this is an institute of Higher Education, we, the students are the main stakeholder. We demand that whatever needs to be done to fix this mess is done.

The Students' Union stands ready and willing to take whatever action is necessary to help bring about the clarity that students so desperately need.

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