

Trinity Sport Union Executive Committee

Minutes of Meeting #1 – Michaelmas Term 2025/26

Wednesday, 8 October 2025 - 18:00 - Trinity Sport Centre Board Room

In Attendance

Jane Prendergast (Chairperson), John O'Hara (Hon. Secretary), Sam Ledoux (Junior Treasurer), Prof. Cyril Smyth (Chair of the Pavilion Bar Committee), Caitríona Kennedy (Pavilion Bar Committee Member), Liam Bean (Pavilion Bar Committee Member), Prof. Anil Kokaram (Advisory Board), Robert Otway-Norwood (Advisory Board), Ian Beatty-Orr (Advisory Board), Russell Bolger (Club Representative), Aisling Mulligan (Club Representative), Zia Ahmed (Club Representative), Agathe Seiler (Club Representative), Lilia Goh En Ying (Club Representative), Ryan Molinare (Club Representative), Katie McClain (Club Representative), Michelle Tanner (Director of Sport and Physical Activity, ex-officio)

Apologies

Ciara Mulligan (Vice Chairperson), Carmel Maher (Club Representative), Niamh Digby Bratton (Club Operations and Development Manager, ex-officio)

Guests

Fionn Murphy (on behalf of DU Aikido)

1. General Introduction & Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed members to the first meeting of Michaelmas Term.

2. Re-election of Advisory Board Members

The Hon. Secretary, introduced the item. Following brief discussion, student officers voted to reappoint the following Advisory Board Members: Prof. Anil Kokaram, Robert Norwood, Ian Beatty-Orr.

Decision: Reappointments approved unanimously.

3. Appointment of Senior Honorary Treasurer

The Chair proposed Marcus Boggan for appointment as Senior Honorary Treasurer. There being no objections, the appointment was approved by consensus.

Decision: Appointment of Marcus Boggan as Senior Honorary Treasurer approved.

4. Update from the Chair of the Pavilion Bar

Presenter: Prof. Cyril Smyth

For the period July-August 2025, the performance of the Pavilion Bar was summarised as followed.

- Net turnover: €132,500 (food €37,000; alcohol €96,000)
- Increase: €24,000 year-on-year despite 10 fewer trading days
- Gross profit: ~63%, consistent with targets
- September income: record month at €242,000 net
- Forecast: minimum €80,000 transfer to TSU by June 2026

He detailed renovations, including bar reconfiguration, new flooring, and outdoor seating.

The Committee noted the positive report and thanked Cyril for the update.

5. Update from the Director of Sport & Physical Activity

Presenter: Michelle Tanner

The Director outlined highlights from the 2024/25 year: 12,000 students activated sports access; 7,200 club members; Women in Sport campaign recognised by FISU; record alumni engagement; resource pressures remain. Upcoming events include Sports Scholarship Awards (10 Nov) and Gender Equality Celebration (17–18 Nov). Report noted with thanks.

6. Update from the Club Operations & Development Manager

Niamh Digby Bratton was unable to attend and an update will be presented to the Executive at the next meeting on Nov 4th.

7. Partnership-Based Approach to the Pavilion Bar

The Chair introduced a motion seeking approval to continue developing a partnership-based approach between the Pavilion Bar and the University. The objective is to safeguard the student representatives and secure the Pavilion's crucial role in funding Club sport.

Decision: Approved by consensus.

8. TSU Constitution

The Hon. Sec. noted that the new Constitution approved at the 2025 AGM will be sent for formal recognition through the University via the Student Life Committee.

The following members were appointed to the Constitutional Evaluation Group, to continue the work of same group from 2024/25 - Jane Prendergast, Marcus Boggan, Prof. Anil Kokaram, Caitríona Kennedy, and Ryan Molinare.

9. SSI Update – “Year of Grace” Students

Presenter: Sam Ledoux, Junior Treasurer

It was reported that as of May 2025, it is SSI policy that exclusive inter-varsity competitions are restricted to current students only. Associate members may train or participate in leagues / cups of a non-collegiate nature, but not intervarsity competitions. Update noted.

10. Working Groups

Two areas of focus / prioritisation for the Sport Union were raised by the Chairperson and expressions of interest sought in joining two working groups. These working groups would draw up Terms of Reference for the group, specifically including pathways, goals and metrics to be achieved in the areas by the Executive via the Group Members this year.

a) Visibility and Publication of Club Sport - Ciara Mulligan, Russell Bolger, Aisling Mulligan, Zia Ahmed, Agathe Seiler

b) Fundraising & Sponsorship - Sam Ledoux, John O’ Hara, Lilia Goh En Ying, Ryan Molinare

11. University Pinks

A report from the Vice Chairperson, Ciara Mulligan, was read out on her behalf by the Chairperson. The new selection structure was outlined, and the September 2025 Pinks Reception was noted as a success. 1,265 awards have been made since 1929, with growing female representation. Report noted with thanks.

12. Re-Ratification of DU Aikido Club

Fionn Murphy spoke briefly on behalf of DU Aikido with relation to the Club's wish to re-affiliate to the Sport Union. The Club engaged in informal recruitment over Freshers' Week and currently has over 90 interested students on a sign-up list.

Decision: Re-ratification approved unanimously.

13. Club Affairs

No additional Club matters were raised.

14. Any Other Business

The Chair of the Pavilion Bar Committee requested two student representatives be appointed to the Pavilion Bar Committee. Jane Prendergast and Sam Ledoux were approved unanimously for the roles.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 4 November 2025 – 17:00, Trinity Sport Centre Board Room.