

EDWARD LEONARD

For President



WELFARE

Library

Lobby for increased library opening hours and for additional study spaces to be made available, especially during weekends. Work with the Education Officer to improve the SU exam supports, with increased library breakfasts and bus availability to the RDS. Seek to reintroduce the UCDSU exam study hall to increase study spaces during exam times.

Health

Work to ensure students have greater access to free period products and free STI checks. Campaign for mandatory sex education classes, including education on hate crime legislation.

Supports

Advocate for greater mental health and disability supports, including increased counselling supports and making UCD fully wheelchair accessible. Work with staff to ensure that all students have an equal opportunity to get the most out of their time in UCD

HOUSING

Amenities

Lobby for greater amenities in on-campus residences, such as free washing machine use. Will work with ResLife to have more events for on-campus residences to increase the sense of community on campus.

Bursary

Work to establish a bursary for students who are facing difficulties with paying their rent, including for those who have to rent while on placement and exchange.

Rent

Lobby for reduced rent prices for both on-campus and off-campus accommodation. Work with the C&E Officer to lead a housing campaign to raise awareness about the lack of affordable and accessible accommodation for rent.

SETTING THE WHEELS IN MOTION

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ADVOCACY

Environment

Lobby for UCD to be more environmentally sustainable so that UCD can achieve the Green flag. Encourage increased environmentally friendly initiatives so that UCD can be a cleaner, healthier campus. Lobby for e-scooters to be introduced across campus.

Campaigning

Fight for greater supports for UCD students, including ensuring that UCD is vocal on issues that affect students directly and national issues.

Fees

Lobby for repeat/resist fees to be abolished. Campaign for a publicly funded higher education model so all have access to higher education. Campaign for a reduction in fees for international students and for greater financial supports for students, including for postgraduate students and those on placement.

COVID-19

Course Content

Lobby for all core materials to be available online so that students who cannot access the library are not negatively impacted. Work with library staff to get increased online resources. Advocate for all classes to be made available online post COVID-19.

Going Forward

Lobby for detailed plans on how UCD will act to various government restrictions as early as possible. Work with UCD staff to ensure that UCD can return to normal as soon as it is safe to, so students can have the full college experience.

THERE FOR YOU

Events

Work with the Entertainments Officer to hold increased events across campus. Launch an in-person 'How to be a UCD Student' series to provide students, especially freshers and international students, with all the practical information they need to be a UCD student.

Free Food

Work with College Officers to hold more coffee mornings across campus. Hold increased free food events, such as free breakfasts, free lunches, etc.

SU Shops

Strive to make the SU shops more environmentally friendly and as cheap as possible. Ensure that SU shops prioritise purchasing Irish produced products. Seek to introduce loyalty cards into shops

ENGAGE

Engagement

Work to improve engagement with students by having more events, both on campus and online, and to be vocal on student and national issues.

Transparency

Improve transparency within the SU by establishing UCDSU President social media accounts and by working to install UCDSU noticeboards across campus.