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FOI Reveals Minister Harris Discredited Student Voices during Exams

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Dear reader.

An FOI request put forward by László Molnárfi, Chairperson of Students4Change and Gisèle Scanlon, President of the Graduate Students' Union, on behalf of the #NoInPersonExams national campaign to Minister Harris' Office has now been granted. The reason for the FOI request was to ascertain a timeline in which Minister Harris engaged with the 5,000 student and staff signatures of the open letter so that he can make a balanced and fair decision relating to in-person examinations. The #NoInPersonExams open letter is spearheaded by two Trinity students, undergraduate László Molnárfi and postgraduate Gisèle Scanlon, and has amassed over 5,000 signatures, which were delivered to Minister Harris in good faith on the 1st of December 2021.

The results of the FOI request show that Minister Harris discredited student voices during exams and failed to properly consult with stakeholders. "Some recent reports and commentary do not reflect the reality of examinations," said Minister Harris at a meeting with stakeholders, claiming NUI Galway's over-crowded exam halls were "misinformation".

Read our full FOI request (original documents at the end of the article) and article on Students4Change's website here.

Best wishes.

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