

UCCSU Executive Meeting Minutes

21/10/2020

7:07pm – Meeting starts.

Class Reps

- Summary of Class Rep training and thanks to the College Reps - issues came up e.g mailing lists, some reps left out of mailing, College Reps and Education Officer to look into this.
- Feedback from College Reps – good turn over and lots of correspondence.
- Mock council plan and general Class Rep training discussed.

7:19pm – Rent Refunds

- Any students in Campus Accommodation can avail of refund if moving out.
- Now focusing on private rentals - hoping for motion brought through to Dáil – contacting local TDs and maybe a campaign.
- Tweets to Simon Harris until half 1 in the morning - 250 for students.

7:25pm – Online Learning and Feedback

- Experiences with online learning – different departments with different experiences – issues when slides of lectures are going up on Canva etc – overload.
- Important – need to get proper data to show college what needs to be improved -surveys and responses – need as much as possible.
- DSS students – record lecturers and notes - Lecturers need to up-skill - Forum – general as possible – follow up for survey for DSS students.

7:34pm – Commercial Strategy

- Commercial position funding – position to be self-fundraising in 2 years' time - prepare for possibilities regarding the position and make it sustainable – going to be drawing up a strategy.
- Markets on campus – will need other avenues – more options down that route with change in Marketplace Policy etc.
- Looking to other unions and unions in the UK to see how they'll be raising money.

7:44pm – Council

- Next Tuesday on Teams.
- PRO resigned – will be voted on in next council.
- Deadlines for motions and Officer reports – Friday at 6pm. – mock council for Officers and procedure etc.
- Officer report questions – will be asked prior to council – send out a form – discussion on officer report layout – mock council doodle poll to be sent out.

7:54pm – Online Entertainment Strategy

- Adapting to online entertainment – speech at governing body – freshers’ week success etc.
- “Speed-friending” from next week – any other names for it? – friendship is a by-product of an experience so maybe we should not mention making friends as such.
- Events with Clubs and Socs – strategize – issue mentioned of only capturing market of students in societies that way.
- Breakout room management – strike balance into comfortable groups – designated person in room to continue conversation.
- Poll – 50% of hours that students have – 1-5 of them are interactive.

8:01pm – Minutes

- Consenting to minutes being published with/without names.
- Needs to go to a vote.
- First SU publishing minutes - discussion about why we need to include the names or not.
- Council Chair will not be restricted by the constitution in voting on whether the names should be included.

8:11pm – AOB

- Community Help Scheme – anyone interested? – questions on payments – could work if someone does online shopping, pays online– not a massive issue arising.
- Service designated to help other people – policy written up? – everything to be logged with times and receipts etc.
- SU Special Rep Elections – problem with poll – being sorted.
- RAG Charities – complicated to do online – takes up to 3 hours usually – any suggestions on how to do it?
- Regular Exec meetings – half 6 on a Wednesday from now on.
- Earth Week /Green Week – Week of February 22nd – Green Campus EGM Tuesday – all welcome before council.
- Idea of renting out the Mardyke kit – email to be drafted up.
- Reminder if anyone on the Exec is overwhelmed to reach out – UCC Crisis textline 50808.
- UCC Garden – looking at space behind the ORB now – looking to build library common room – temporary one to be set up – special meeting needed to talk about these things.

8:34pm – Meeting ended.