Student Council 27/10/20

Abbreviations: Stephen (Chair/C), Naoise (SU President/P), Eimear(SU Education/E),Jamie (SU Welfare/W), Ross (SU Comms & Engagement/ CE), Beth (SU Commercial & Fundraising/ CF), Tara (SU Entertainment/ EN)

Council Commences 18:15, MS Teams	Starting Attendees: 187

Greetings & Introduction
How to Use MS Teams-C
The Files Section of the Team
Pre Submitting Officer Qs over MS Teams
Does not infringe on ordinary questioning
How to vote using forms
Importance of Gaeilge

Standing Order Amendments	*Chair Screen Share Begins*
	Red text in proposed standing orders to be removed, Yellow Highlighted text to be added
	Some amendments will be grouped, will be clarified on a per-amendment basis -C
	
	Moving removal of the Chair info to Resignations and Removals section
	Proposed Danny Maloney Clubs Pres
	Speaking Time Passed
	No Opposition
	Vote:
	Passed Overwhelmingly
	
	Difficulties with Technology
	
	Academic Reps -> Class Reps Amendment
	Proposed by E
	Speech in Favour: Move to online stresses importance of recognising and facilitating Ents Reps
	
	    Point of Clarification: Anthony Lane Accounting 4
	    Does Constitution prohibit multiple reps?
	    Constitutional Interpretation given to P
	    P in favour of multiple reps
	
	Vote:
	
	    Nafissa Arts Sociology 1st Year Submits Point of Clarification: Error messages arising with voting system.
	    E - Potential reasons as to why

	Andrew Brosnan MSc Info Systems:Request Point of Clarification on voting process C- explanation on locating ballot Saoirse English Music 4: Submits Point of Clarification on efficacy of voting Colm Maye CPC 3: Submits to Chair that votes be run using hands up Joel Rajesh Med-Health College Rep: Request Used Votes be deleted be clarity **Vote passes Overwhelmingly** *Hands Up System voting system adopted* SU President suggests future use of external site C- Risk of links being shared *To formally expand membership of council to Equality Working Groups and Other Officers* Proposed by E Speech in favour: Constitutional Compliance No Opposition **Vote:** CE submits that not all can raise your hand due to unanticipated platform limit of 77 E suggests that reacting be done in inbuilt chat *Angry Face to be adopted as vote against, no react constitutes abstain* **Vote passes Overwhelmingly** *Requesting Emergency Council now sent to Steering Committee* Proposed by E Speech in favour: Streamlining No Opposition **Vote:** Colm Maye CPC 3: Requests that explanations be used to differentiate votes when placed in chat C- Agreed **Vote passed overwhelmingly**

	How to go about Challenging the Executive Amendment
	Proposed by E
	Speech in favour: Constitutional Compliance
	No Opposition
	Vote:
	
	    Cian Boyle LLM: Requests Zooming of Screenshare for increased visibility/accessibility
	
	Vote passes overwhelmingly
	
	Voting on Updating Resignation and Removals
	Proposed by E
	Speech in favour: Constitutional Compliance
	No Opposition
	Vote
	Vote passes overwhelmingly
	
	Requirement of ¾ Quorate Council to remove Union Officer
	Proposed by E
	Constitutional Compliance
	No Opposition
	Vote
	
	    CE- Submits point of clarification that Handraising function has apparently has fixed itself
	
	Vote passes overwhelmingly
	
	Vote on Equality Working Group Formal Voting Rights
	Proposed E
	Speaking Passed
	No Opposition
	Vote
	
	    Colm Maye CPC 3: Request point of clarification on identity of EWG
	    C defers to Equality Officer
	    Equality Officer Daniel Kelleher - EWG composed of Equality Officer and;
	    ● International Students Officer
	    ● Mature Students Officer
	    ● Gender Equality Officer
	    ● LGBTQ Rights Officer
	    ● Disability Rights Officer
	    ● SÁMH Officer
	
	Vote Passed Overwhelmingly

	Changing Orders to have Exec and EWG votes un-delegatable
	Proposed E
	Speaking Passed
	No Opposition
	Vote
	Vote Passes Overwhelmingly
	
	Change to orders One vote per person basis:
	Proposed E
	Speaking Passed
	No Opposition
	Vote:
	
	    Nafisa Sadaf Arts Sociology 1 requests point of clarification: Can multiple reps propose?
	    Chair: Just one Proposer necessary
	
	    Andrew Brosnan: Was opposing already called for?
	    C - Yes
	
	    Rob McKenna Economics and Irish 2: Because dual representing classes is this rep entitled to two votes?
	    C- No, one vote per eligible individual
	
	    Audrey Applied Psychology 1: Inherent flaw in standing orders as they exist due to Class Reps amendment. Cannot reconcile both Class Reps having a vote and votes being on a per-class basis
	    C- This vote will have to pass to make Standing Orders internally consistent.
	
	    P submits point of clarification: missing negative votes
	
	    Eimear O Sullivan: Point of Clarification as to impact of this vote
	    E - Submits clarification that in practice council has not met with its standing orders previously, this being a rectification
	
	Vote passes overwhelmingly
	
	Amendment that EWG can submit amendments
	Proposed by E
	Speech Passed
	No Opposition
	Vote
	Vote Passed Overwhelmingly
	
	Amendment to give resolutions immediate effect:
	Proposed E
	Speech in favour: Why Not

	No Opposition **Vote** **Vote Passed Overwhelmingly**
Adoption of Standing Orders	*Vote to Adopt Called by Chair* Clíodhna O Reardon: Submits point of clarification regarding Inaccessibility of council to Med and Health Reps **Standing Orders Adopted!**
Previous Minutes	*No Previous Meeting*
Matters Arising	*No Previous Meeting*
USI Update	CE: Possibility people misdirected to Google Meets *Ciara Kealy USI VP for South Report:* *USI South Screenshare begins* Both a presentation and full report available VP Currently attending European Student Union Board Meeting Introduction by Ciara Kealy VP for USI South and former UCCSU Campaigns - Introduction to USI (Union of Students in Ireland) - May new Exec Elected - June Crossover training - July Training for SU Officers - Education for All Project: Campaign Strategy Committee (W+CF) - End to Student Contribution/ 500 euro reduction - Student Accommodation Strategy - Twitter Drives, high profile - Ongoing - Contact USI Exec, particularly Campaigns Officer Craig - All information will be sent out later - Le Cheile Mental Health Programme - Claire Welfare Officer - Black History Month (This Tuesday, Panel by SU Officers). - Contact Ciara or Marie (USI Welfare) - Anti-Covid Campaign - UCCSU My Covid Plan initiative

	● Launched today: Fast Fashion Campaign in association with STAND ● Sustainable Dev Goals Oct-Feb ● Upcoming Migrant Campaign ● Event Nov 6th 1pm-2pm: Irish Bi-Lingual Panel Event on resources and and benefits ● Importance of Academic Integrity Campaign ● Importance of Academic and College supports ● Recruitment for National Forum Student Interns Open to Qs Any points of Clarity? - C Colm May 3rd Year CPC: Upcoming Environmental events in the work? Ciara: Yes, current ones to do with sustainability but more are upcoming thanks to the USI environmental committee. Equality VP met up with students regarding Green Week.
Officer Reports and Questions	*President's Report:* ● Mental Health Funding: 183,00 euro recurring dedicated to mental health ● Take report as read Presubmitted Qs first - C Amber Hayes Masters Public Policy 1: The 250 euro refund? P: Money will be paid into account of bill payer Cian Boyle LLM Business Law 1: Prerequisite to have all fees paid? P: It'll be 250 euros less on next fee if not all fees have been paid Anthony Lane Accounting 4: Expressing thanks to the SU, Survey for learning experience, when is the deadline. P: Data due to be looked at tomorrow, will leave it open 2 days. Data ready for next council.

Anthony Lane Accounting 4; Susi tax allowance up to 3,000, if you drop below that will you get tax back with the 250 reduction.
P:Offers to bring up with USI and Dept. seeing as it has been incidentally raised before.

Jacques Kinane BIS 4: €250 reduction from SUSI will need to be brought up with SUSI by Exec.

Education Report:
● Aon Ceisteanna, being taken as read

Hannah Anderson Direct Medicine 1st Year:
Please get in contact about Proctoring, conversations have been basic with the picture being incomplete

Ciaran Dineen: Planning and Sustainability 1st:
Sainting the Chair. Jan/ Christmas exams, will the same failsafes as previous summer be in place regarding students ability to retake them.
E: The exams will be online entirely. Only rare practical ones on a course by course basis.
Supports will be available but mitigation will not be a factor.
24 hour help desk available.
Get a physical record of any malfunction.
Forwarning means there will be no extra mitigation

Mental Health Rep Excuses Self from council

Ciaran: It's unnatural and harsh to make people do it in the manner planned, asking that council fights back against the current plan.
E- It is not a 1:1 of physical exams, and additional supports will be in place.

Colm Maye CPC 3: Asks that SU do a leaflet/info on how to tackle technical difficulties, especially around examinable activities.
E: Is agreeable, upcoming academic support week.

Andrew Heafy Bcomm2: Expanded periods of exam time as seen in UL?
E: Have been pushing for it.

	Kate Corcoran FMAS 2: How to tackle cheating? E: More info on proctoring to come. *Lack of time, E to answer further info in chat* *Comms and Engagement Report:* ● Report Taken as Read Amy Byrnes Genetics 1: Difficulties with representing the class. CE: Get in contact over email. Erin Dalton Microbiology 3: Apps to check broadband speed enough proof to show bad wi-fi. CE: Will look into it E: It should be sufficient truth and the timestamp is visible it should amount to proof. CN Report: ● Taken as read Presubmitted Q: Anthony Lane Accounting 4; Equality Working group profile updated on website? CN: Yes, it's been made more accessible and transparent *Welfare Report:* ● Expression of Gratitude at engagement: ● Take it as read No Qs *EN Report:* ● Report as read Anzela LLB: Difficulty with organising online events, particularly mature students EN: Group Chat, Polling from there, maybe Icebreaker chats on saturdays, grow from there? Sarah Lission Bcomm 1: Scheduling over whatsapp? EN: Doodlepoll.
Motions to be Discussed	No Motions to be discussed

Election of PRO	Nominations for PRO Opens: ● Liam O Leary Astrophysics 3 Speeches: Liam No Questions Vote begins Rob McKenna Arts/Economics 2 requests point of clarification: What is second option? C -R.O.N stands for Re-Open Nominations, essentially a no vote. Liam is deemed and verified elected by chair and secretary Clapping is In Order Chair thanks people for patience this council Colm Maye CPC 3: Even more clapping in order
Any Other Business	President commends all for engaging with the SU and council, encourages all to utilise and spread the ongoing survey. President and exec look forward to working with us all going forwards.
Meeting Adjourned 20:09	