



UCCSU Executive Meeting Minutes

Date: 11/08/21

Time: 18:00

Location: Zoom

<p>I. Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alicia O'Sullivan (Environmental Rep) - Abbie Maloney (Med and Health Rep) 	<p>Mary</p>
<p>II. Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approved 	<p>Mary</p>
<p>III. Matters arising</p>	<p>Asha</p>
<p>IV. Action Points from previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policy Booklet - Amalgamation: Student Town Hall into Council - SumUp Machines - Jigsaw - workshops - Policy document about SU co-branding with third parties: doesn't exist but developing one 	<p>Asha</p>
<p>V. Appointment of CACSSS Rep</p> <p>A. Agree a process for appointment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Four potential methods for appointing a new CACSSS Rep identified - Method 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Executive consider individuals for the role - Directly approach individuals considered to confirm they wish to be considered for appointment - Executive votes on appointment of one of the individuals - If more than one individual considered for appointment use preferential voting by email ballot of the Executive - Individual appointed - Method 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Executive consider individuals for the role - Directly approach individuals considered to confirm they wish to be considered for appointment - Ask individuals to submit a paragraph about why they are 	<p>Asha</p>

- suitable for the role which the Executive will all read
- Executive votes on appointment of one of the individuals
- If more than one individual considered for appointment use preferential voting by email ballot of the Executive
- Individual appointed
- Method 3:
 - Executive advertise position on social media platforms and/or through all student email
 - Individuals interested submit an application to the Executive to read
 - Executive votes on appointment of one of the individuals
 - If more than one individual considered for appointment use preferential voting by email ballot of the Executive
 - Individual appointed
- Method 4:
 - Hold a by-election for appointment

Darragh: Should probably rule out Method 4. It might be difficult to get voter turnout and maintain interest

Sinead: I agree. Would also really like to get this person appointed ASAP so that they have enough time to be trained up and to run class rep elections etc

Luke: Agreed.

- All agree to rule out Method 4

Asha: Falling between Method 2 and Method 3. Gives the opportunity for individuals to put themselves forward and explain why they'd be good at the role. Method 3 is more democratic but could possibly delay the process

Stephen: We're a month out from returning to college. Method 3 would take us at least four weeks to get up and running and gives the individual very little time to prepare and train

Cian: History of execs choosing execs in UCC in the past, so Method 3 might be the fairest but is very work-heavy and time consuming

Sinead: Ideally method 2 is probably quicker and easier, but Method 3 might be more democratic and fairer, so if that's the best way to go then we can put in the extra work.

Stephen: Method 3 eliminates all questions of why and how individual obtained a role

Meadhbh: Only concern is, what if nobody runs? Could be hard to get interest so early on

Daniel: We could use Method 2 as a safety net in that case.

Sinead: I think if that does happen, we can encourage individuals who we might have nominated to run

Luke: Do we think there might be people who would run now and didn't run only a short time ago? It might be easier to nominate someone who ran only a few months ago

Maeve: Not a massive election so far less intimidating for people running

Sinead: Agree with the point Stephen made. M3 removes all questions and makes it more democratic

Stephen: We should think about what the application would look like. Should we have a number of questions or just request a 500 word paragraph etc

Sinead: Maybe a Google form that asks the questions you'd be asked if running for election

Siobhan: I think timewise we should cut it down to 5 days instead of 7 if the process is shorter

Stephen: Think the minimum should be a week

Darragh: When will our next Exec meeting be?

Asha: I think we should all have access to the Google form and read the answers, and then run an email ballot followed by a quick meeting to approve the chosen candidate. Need to be very strict around confidentiality etc as well

Stephen: We can always discuss different points in the chat etc also

Asha: I imagine we might find that we do need a meeting but that could very time-consuming etc

Stephen: If anyone has a personal connection to anyone running then you should abstain on that vote.

Asha: If we use preferential voting then that person would be automatically removed though which is not necessarily fair

Darragh: I think Method 3 would be the fairest despite the time pressure.

- **'Method 3 appears most preferable. Executive vote to select method 3 unanimously.'**

Asha: I think we need to advertise this position immediately to make sure all is set up with Sinead

Maeve: I'll put one up first thing tomorrow and probably sponsor it too

Asha: Should I send out an all-student email?

All: Yes

Asha: What are we asking? A paragraph of max 500 words with a brief or would we rather ask say 3 questions that might be reflective of what would be asked at Hustings?

Sinead: I have those questions available so I can use those.

Stephen: I think that would be a good idea

Siobhan: Would be easier even for us when assessing them to stop individuals interpreting the question differently

Asha: Questions:

- Why do you want the role?
- What's your relevant experience?
- If elected, what are your aims or goals for the year?

Stephen: 500 words on each. 200 might be too restrictive.

Sinead: 500 words might be too intimidating

Mary: Maybe 300 words instead to stop people going off topic etc

Stephen: If we're using Google forms, can we make sure it's restricted to UCC?

Asha: Yes

<p><i>Asha:</i> Just in terms of timeline, we give seven days for people to submit an application. That brings us to next Thursday. We should probably make a decision by the following Monday.</p> <p><i>Sinead:</i> Yes that's perfect</p> <p><i>Maeve:</i> Might be a good idea to meet to discuss applications before voting. Happy to just vote also but it mightn't make the most sense</p> <p><i>Stephen:</i> Agreed but I think we all need to read the applications beforehand</p> <p><i>Asha:</i> Okay. I can call a meeting for Monday the 23rd and everyone should have read the applications in advance (unless there's a very high number but hopefully we will be alright)</p> <p><i>Asha:</i> 5pm on Monday 23rd? Aware some people are working but happy to run an email ballot prior to the meeting</p> <p><i>Stephen:</i> Happy with email ballot and having a chat if necessary</p> <p><i>Asha:</i> Everyone okay with that? We can submit email ballots by Monday midnight (23rd).</p> <p><i>Asha:</i> Anything else?</p> <p><i>All:</i> No</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">B. Appointment</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">- Deferred</p>	
<p>VI. Updates:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">A. President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New president to the college - Prepping for orientations and have been asked to give a few presentations etc in the coming weeks - Planning for September but not getting much clear guidance from government or college - Liaising with USI so if anyone wants anything or has any ideas get in touch - Launched UniCoV today so you can now officially sign up and media is going live next Monday - - Lots of student issues arising this week so lots of phone calls and emails etc <p style="padding-left: 20px;">B. Communications & Engagement Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UniCoV stuff. If anyone wants to get involved with the Tiktok campaign please let us know - Liaising with KSG to figure out food and dining on campus - Irish Times and Irish Star - Organising defamation training for Maeve and student media <p style="padding-left: 20px;">C. Education Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting with Stephen Byrne about no academic disadvantage to ask about its future in UCC - Timetables have been a big thing - pushing to get these sent out asap 	All

- Return to campus another focus
- A lot of case work, postgrad issues etc
- Lots of committees have been stalled because of annual leave but should return to normal next week so will have more answers then hopefully

D. Welfare Officer

- Having tea and chats tomorrow at 1pm if anyone would like to join (Instagram bio)
- Any ideas for Keep Well UCC please let Caoimhe or Maeve know
- Trying to rebrand so please get involved
- Trainings: Active Consent is not on next week anymore, will be in touch about a new date
- Other trainings will be running. Will be sending on dates for all of them soon
- Mandated to do active consent and bystander intervention training
- Any questions get in touch

Darragh: Ideas for what?

Caoimhe: Keep Well Instagram

Asha: You could do a Gaelge takeover

Darragh: I would be delighted to

E. Ents Officer

- Vintage clothes market on Saturday 21st. Will be publicising it in the next few day
- Meeting with SU Administratorto flesh out Sophomore and Freshers week
- Trying to come up with events that won't be more expensive than they are worth running
- Liaising with previous Ents Officer about in-person festival. Will be exploring using Greyhound tracks for it

Stephen: You may run into issues as there was a motion put through to not support Greyhound racing in any way at all so that mightn't work at all

Asha: Reads mandate

Meadhbh: Not sure if you know what CUBS are doing for second years reorientation. Doing treasure hunts, etc over a couple of days. You could run stuff like that around campus quite easily.

Asha: for most orientation stuff we are dealing with First Year Experience Coordinators department , so we won't have any say in anything run independently by any other department but would love to be kept in the loop on stuff like that

F. Commercial & Fundraising Officer

- RAG Charity: last year's: SVP, CUH, Cork Simon
- Stephen suggested letting them apply again as donations were low last year
- Website: Please email in your biographies and photographs are not up
- Fresher Packs: Week of the 30th we're packing. Please come help if you can. We'll have free pizza
- Trying to sort out sim cards for international students with 48

Cian: Offering pictures for anyone that needs a headshot for the website etc

G. SEFS Rep

- Absent

H. B&L Rep

- Missed last Exec
- Handover from last years B&L Rep
- Contacted Dean of Law. Now liaising with that department
- Some timetabling issues with Law School
- Established relationship with Sinead Hackett
- Law Society offered to run class rep elections but Meadhbh will run them this year

Stephen: Just for context, Societies used to help with running of class rep elections

Sinead: It used to be a thing that the class rep might sit on the relevant society etc

Darragh: An Chuallacht, first year rep is the class rep also. Is that gone now?

Sinead: We can liaise on that but won't be a problem.

Asha: If you'd like any of the other SU officers who have studied in the School of Law to join for meetings etc please just let us know

I. Med & Health Rep

- Absent

J. CACSSS Rep

- Absent

K. Equality Rep

- EWG looking at checklists for college events to make sure they're accessible to everyone
- Working on Equality Week with Caoimhe

L. Environmental Rep

- Absent

M. Ionadaí Gaeilge

- Met with Asha about ideas for the year
- Met with USI VP for Gaeilge

N. Postgrad Rep

- Absent

O. Mature Rep

- Absent

P. International Rep

- Absent

Q. Council Chair

- No update

R. Socs Exec Rep

- Still working on Societies Day (Sept 29th). Got confirmation from General Services Officer Pat Cotter re social distancing with stands etc outdoors
- Clubs & Societies magazines are going to print in the next week for Freshers packs
- Meetings and more meetings relating to committee welfare issues,

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> orientation and events, new societies applications and more - Organising ‘Give It A Go’ programme - hybrid festival spaced out over three weeks in September - Working with Luke on Sophomore/Freshers week events involving societies - Bystander Intervention - Active Consent - Working on orientation with First Year Experience Coordinator Nóirín Deady - Working on orientation materials, welcome videos etc <ul style="list-style-type: none"> S. Clubs Exec Rep - Similar to Mary - Working on getting all clubs back to action - Getting paperwork done for safe return - Clubs day - Freshers Fest - Magazines - Merch for Freshers Packs 	
<p>VII. UniCoV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mentioned in updates - Please circulate - Any questions? - Please get involved in Tiktoks - Other colleges <p><i>Mary:</i> Propose Darragh takes the reigns after his beautiful election campaign <i>Darragh:</i> I’ll do my best</p>	Asha
<p>VIII. Student Town Hall Feedback</p> <p><i>Asha:</i> Felt a bit rushed. Didn’t really address the questions submitted live. Covered a lot of ground with pre-submitted questions <i>Stephen:</i> Didn’t feel like it was live. It did answer a lot of questions too which was great but a bit strange</p> <p><i>Stephen:</i> A little weird to have a panel as they ran out of time <i>Sinead:</i> A lot of stuff was bunched together which was difficult <i>Stephen:</i> It definitely answered a lot of questions which was great <i>Cian:</i> What was the actual engagement? <i>Asha:</i> 180 students joined, but apparently there were a lot of technical difficulties and a lot of people asked for the recordings afterwards <i>Asha:</i> I think it’d be worth doing it again and a good way of making management more transparent</p>	Asha
<p>IX. No Profit on Pandemic Campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contacted by an MEP about this campaign 	Asha

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intellectual Property gatekeeping around vaccines etc at the moment - Asking us to get behind the campaign - Do we want to support and if so, how? - MEP is from Sinn Féin but the campaign is a coalition from a number of different groups - Stephen: Officially joining mightn't be a good idea but also a good idea to support and share stuff. Also promoting getting vaccinated - Asha: Do you mean when we post it that we should and also push for vaccinations? - Stephen: Noble cause and something worth sharing - Asha: Should we just share it on our social media platforms or should we sign it ourselves? - Luke: What exactly is the campaign? - Asha: Vaccine was funded by taxpayer money but then was patented by private companies who now have a monopoly on distribution of the vaccine. Campaign is saying this is wrong. Everyone should have equal access to the information pertaining to the vaccine and to vaccinations in general. - Luke: That sounds good. Just important to make clear that we're encouraging everyone to get vaccinated within the campaign. - Asha: EU Commission: if we all sign it then once it reaches 1 million signatures it has to be brought to the commission. Asking us to sign and encourage students to sign and publicly support it. - Maeve: If we are supporting this then can people possibly identify any groups that we should be in contact with please let her know - Asha: Any opposition? - No - Asha: Do we want to officially endorse it as a union or should we just share it on our social media? - Stephen: Should we share it as an initiative rather than joining officially? More taking a stance on the importance of vaccinating as many people as possible - Asha: Is that okay with everyone? - No objections 	
<p>X. ScamBridge Campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Campaign against the government's new work placement programme - <i>Stephen:</i> I have some opinions. No issue with opposing the scheme, but I don't agree with the way they're going about it. It's minimum wage they'll receive (it's only 3.43 more than jobseekers) and the argument they're making that they'll only be paying 3.43 an hour which is misleading and incorrect. There's 60 hours compulsory training which is either accredited or industry relevant. Not quite the same as JobBridge. Better to complain about the implementation of this scheme rather than the premise of it. The 	Asha

<p>characterisation of it as ‘ScamBridge’ probably isn’t the right route to take. UCD statement complains about youth unemployment level of 58.8% and simultaneously complain about the government’s scheme to reduce this doesn’t make the most sense. Only other reservation, from a strategic perspective: don’t want to align ourselves with a particular political party (PBP in this case). Not a lot of professionalism in the email either. Mightn’t be good to partner with.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Maedhbh</i>: Comparison to apprenticeships etc. - <i>Stephen</i>: You have to be on certain social welfare payments for a certain amount of time if you wanted to be able to apply for this programme. You could do two placements also. Scheme is completely voluntary and you won’t lose your social welfare payment if you withdraw - <i>Asha</i>: Stephen has presented a lot of information there. Would you mind forwarding your research to me so that can be presented at the next meeting perhaps? - Vote deferred to next meeting - <i>Link to Stephen’s notes:</i> w Points on ScamBridge.docx 	
<p>XI. Anytime of the Month Campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Period poverty campaign - August 16th: workshop - Last year’s Welfare Officer had been working on this last year - SU President is the ambassador for the campaign - Workshop is five euro and the money goes to charity - <i>Meadhbh</i>: Who is running it? - <i>Caoimhe</i>: Any time of the month is the name of the group - <i>Meadhbh</i>: Homeless period project also run similar workshops if we ever want to run it again 	Caoimhe
<p>XII. Funding for Irish language magazine ‘Breac’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Last year An Chuallacht(?) put out a magazine - Spoke today with a member of the editorial board for Motley and was involved with the first Breac last year - Wants to make it a regular thing - Not that expensive: Niamh paid 350 per copy of Motley - Breac: 1000 people read the magazine last year and it was a runner up for Student Media award also - Any information on student media funding? - Radio Station Manager - SU may have the discretion under student media capitation fee allowances - Could be run on a shoestring budget - 3 euro (per student) of capitation fee goes towards student media - <i>Maeve</i>: Radio Station Manager is a good point of contact - Darragh and Maeve going to liaise on it 	Darragh

<p>XIII. Setting up of translation group for SU advertisements, posters and social media posts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Idea came from Asha's campaign - crowd translating - SU really only communicates through English but would like to push for communication through Irish - Oifigeach na Gaeilge will not be available to translate everything all year - <i>Asha</i>: Ents crew, welfare crew etc: could we set up a Gaeilge crew? Is that okay within our constitution? - Crew or committee? - <i>Darragh</i>: Crew would be better. More inclusive and very enjoyable. - Could link in with Irish department to give students access to experience in case they'd like to apply for translation internships with the EU etc - <i>Stephen</i>: conversation last year about translating the constitution to Irish and a company was approached. What's the status of that? - <i>Darragh</i>: I have it. Will send it to Siobhan. - <i>Asha</i>: More than happy for a Gaeilge Crew to be set up and we can put some graphics together. - <i>Siobhan is expected to be the first applicant for the Gaeilge Crew</i> 	Darragh
<p>XIV. Exec Bonding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deferred until next meeting. 	Asha
<p>XV. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Níl aon rud eile 	All