



UCCSU Executive Meeting Minutes

Date: 20/09/21

Time: 17:00

Location: Zoom

<p>I. Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stephen O’Riordan (Council Chair) - Mary O’Donnell (Socs Exec Rep) - Cian Scully (Clubs Exec Rep) - Abbie Maloney (Med and Health Rep) 	<p>Alex</p>
<p>II. Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approved 	<p>Asha</p>
<p>III. Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crews will have to be set up formally as outlined in Article 15 	<p>Asha</p>
<p>IV. Action Points from previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CACSSS Rep appointed - Next Student town hall set for late October - No Profit on Pandemic Campaign, CommEng to disseminate on social media - Scambridge Campaign, deferred for time being - Breac magazine, Ionadaí Gaeilge and CommEng working on it 	<p>Asha</p>
<p>V. International Representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adaeze Nwosu was elected as International Rep last November - Invited to meetings through ument by last years Executive, couldn’t access international rep email, stopped getting invites to meetings. Issue was flagged and delegated by President to Education and Communications & Fundraising officers to solve problem, didn’t know who’s in charge of email, UCC IT could not help as they do not control the domain but they created a ucc domain email to use in interim, new email wasn’t included in Exec mailing list by President therefore Adaeze continued to not receive invites to meetings, etc preventing her from performing her duties - Adaeze contacted the current President in August and a meeting was arranged with her, Asha and Sinéad where Adaeze explained what happened 	<p>Asha, Adaeze</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asha extended apologies to Aadaeze for the exclusion she experienced on behalf of the Union and its Executive - Aadaeze proposed that she be allowed to hold the role for the next year however constitutionally an election for international rep position must take place every year and be elected by the student body, cannot be appointed by the Executive even in exceptional circumstances - Union to issue statement outlining what occurred with regards to international rep position last year - Aadaeze to continue term until next election - Sinéad: special rep elections will be done through MSL this year 	
<p>VI. Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Busy with meetings due to beginning of Academic Year - Working on submission to development plan B. Communications & Engagement Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student community support, no major incidents C. Education Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Class rep elections, nominations next week , elections week after, then special elections will take place late October/early November D. Welfare Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accommodation, - Campaign in October - What to do when spotting signs of someone being suicidal, looking for a name for the campaign E. Ents Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sophomore week done, held events in devere hall, music outside etc - Wants feedback, freshers day is 30th F. Communications & Fundraising Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More vendors next week, Campus to be busier, - Freshers packs to be given out the rest of the week, would like help from SU - Point of information asked: Socs day on Wednesday the 29th September G. SEFS Rep <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Getting ready for class reps H. B&L Rep <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Class rep elections - Law conference - B&L learning and teaching I. Med & Health Rep 	<p>All</p>

- Absent
- J. CACSSS Rep
 - Class rep elections, contacting lecturers
- K. Equality Rep
 - Higher education authority, reviewed proposal
 - EWG met and will write new constitution
- L. Environmental Rep
 - Fundraiser raised €265, attached to Luke's event
 - UCC sending students to COP26
 - Rally on Friday, pre climate strike, stage, PA, looking for assistance re stewards, Asha will help organizing, Risk assessment to be completed
- M. Ionadaí Gaeilge
 - Meeting with Radio Station Manager
 - Bord na gaeilge have been meeting, has a seat at meeting
 - Language scheme, UCC 2006-2009 had a scheme however not one since and wants a scheme to be put in place and to find out why there has not been one since 2009, others colleges have more schemes, will write letter to language commissioner and possibly to the president, Darragh to draft letter with Asha to co-sign
 - John prendergast, former irish officer helping, conradh na gaeilge, to encourage irish language activism
 - Pop up gaeltacht last week, with SU, An Chuallahct & Trad Soc. To be a monthly thing possibly
 - Drag night as gaeilge being planned for New Bar, Kitty Ní Haulahan Irish drag queen to be invited
 - Áras uí Thuama having orientation at 5, Darragh to attend
 - Asha: Ceile to be at next pop up gaeltacht
- N. Postgrad Rep
 - Absent
- O. Mature Rep
 - Absent
- P. International Rep
 - Insurance for international students using a certain insurance company were uninsured if they left Ireland for more than two weeks, affected students going home for Christmas, wording to be changed, brought point to international office
- Q. Council Chair
 - Absent
- R. Socs Exec Rep
 - Absent
- S. Clubs Exec Rep

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<p>VII. UMT Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two weeks ago Exec met with UMT, main agenda items we wanted to discuss: no student rep on UMT or ALF, and No academic disadvantage policy - Since have met the Registrar who clarified that ALF no longer a decision making body under the terms of Academic Council - However, ALF still referenced as a decision making body at meetings - No Academic Disadvantage was put in place for the pandemic and was always intended to be dissolved at the Academic Board in September, however we are still not back to complete normality and COVID is still a disadvantage for students. - Mitigation now involves Covid and the circumstances of COVID which UCC management see as a solution. However the wording of Mitigation can be quite insensitive which needs to change to make it more accessible in addition to being conscious of the students when applying for mitigation and reading the policy. - Additionally the mitigation process and the time it takes for the application result to be delivered to students can be slow and stressful for students - Want to look into the fees attached to Repeats to see how much they actually are and students actually need to pay - Re exams, College of B&L saying: 5 credits - 2 hour exam, 10 credit to be split up to 2 2 hour exams. Could be going into affect this year - Adaeze: Also have to pay to appeal an exam - There are also issues re feedback in all Schools. Sinead talking to heads of colleges, some med&health students didn't realise they could get feedback 	<p>Asha</p>
<p>VIII. Student Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asha: Strategic pivot UCC 2022 Pillar 3 Action 3.3.3 was to establish a student forum which represents diverse and inclusive student voice. - Asha sits on Action Working Group and Niamh recently joined also - Using stratified random sampling to randomly select a sample of student population representative of the student body - Purpose is to get input from students on all areas of the college - Working group wants SU feedback on the website - Niamh: From the last meeting, the working group want SU to promote on social media, want Asha to sign off on invitations and want input on what students should get for participating, ie pens, jumpers, food vouchers. Suggestion that they should be paid or get 	<p>Asha</p>

<p>food vouchers</p>	
<p>IX. CATU Walking Festival to End Dereliction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emailed by National Chair of CATU Cork Branch who are organising a Walking Festival to End Dereliction across the City, want SU to participate and support the protest event which is highlighting the number of derelict homes/buildings in Cork City - Happening this Saturday 3pm - Asha putting it to the Exec to decide if we participate as she has a conflict of interest as a member of CATU - Meave: agrees we should take part but suggests that we should record areas around UCC if we are going to highlight student specific areas with dereliction - Suggested that Asha and Caoimhe could hold up signs around UCC saying this could be a home outside derelict houses in the area. - Darragh: Campaign is being done well by those behind it and things we should take part as it links with housing - Agreement from Exec that the SU will participate in the protest 	<p>Asha</p>
<p>X. Future Executive Meetings</p> <p>A. Date/time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Doodle poll to be sent out to gauge everyone's availability to find a time that suits most for Exec meetings now that everyone is back to campus - Meave: suggests meeting time could change every second week to ensure people can attend if one time doesn't suit everyone - Mandated to have two meetings every 2 weeks <p>B. Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If someone misses two meetings in a row, they are considered resigned, unless apologies are sent and reasons given in advance <p>C. Presidents Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presidents report, Asha is required to present a report at every meeting on what the SU has been up to - Updates give everyone a chance to speak, however take up a lot of time - Suggestion moving forward is that everyone to give updates to Asha in advance in written format via a form and to be 	<p>Asha</p>

<p>included as Presidents report on SU business to save time but still ensure things are being done and moving along</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report will be taken as read at meetings and Exec members can ask questions about the report which will be published in advance - Form to be filled out by all Exec members, does not have to be overly detailed just a summary of what you have been up to etc - Agreement from Exec to follow this method 	
<p>XI. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Níl aon rud eile 	<p>All</p>