



## UCCSU Executive Meeting Minutes

Date: 19/10/21

Time: 18:00

Location: Zoom

I. Apologies	Mary
II. Minutes - Approved	Mary
III. Matters arising	Asha
IV. Action Points from previous meeting - Map out student representation across UCC: provide SU President with a list of all the committees each officer sits on - Student Town Hall has been rescheduled to November 2nd	Asha
V. Updates - Meadhbh: For Ents - is there any update on Ents Training for Class Ents Reps? - Luke: I was waiting for updated lists of Ents Reps but I'll be booking the rooms tomorrow and forwarding information to all Ents Reps. - Reminder: Reports for Council are due Friday at 6pm, along with agenda items, motions etc - Asha: Is the link private to Class Reps etc or can I share it in an all-student email? - Stephen: Link is public and students can attend and ask questions at the start of any officer if they'd like.	All
VII. Meitheal na Gaeilge - Irish Crew has been established - 23 people have signed up - Approximately half of those are interested in translation - Are there any materials that we would like to see translated? For example, SU posters, all-student emails, graphics etc - Asha: During my campaign, we had a shared Google Drive specifically for translating materials. We could set a similar one up for this. - Darragh: Is there any issue with the likes of an all-student email in relation to confidentiality? - Asha: So far I don't think that would have been an issue. If that does occur	Darragh

<p>I could share specific information directly with Oifigeach na Gaeilge for translating perhaps?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Darragh: I don't want to create further work for everyone else and I'm not sure how quickly people will be able to work, but we can try and organise a groupchat and a schedule for trialing this.</li> <li>- Asha: Is there anything else you might need?</li> <li>- Darragh: No. Ciaran Dawson from Ionad na Gaeilge Labhartha will be providing them with training so we should be good to go.</li> </ul>	
<p>VIII. City Council Bye-Laws Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The City Council are revising the alcohol bye-laws and there's a public consultation upcoming, so I thought it might be something the Students' Union might want to participate in. They are looking to increase fines for alcohol related laws, particularly ones that might have an impact on students</li> <li>- <a href="https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/munster/arid-40722141.html">https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/munster/arid-40722141.html</a></li> <li>- This seems slightly targeted towards young people and public spaces.</li> <li>- Asha: Increasing fines and such for antisocial behaviour doesn't tend to help the scenario, so maybe we should look at the document and discuss the issues that might occur.</li> <li>- Stephen: It is concerning that the proposed bye-laws don't require evidence of non-alcoholic beverage containers containing alcohol - an assumption is enough to charge people on with this.</li> <li>- Asha: President and Oifigeach na Gaeilge will discuss this further</li> </ul>	Darragh
<p>IX. Trans Writers Union</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Irish Times have been platforming opinion pieces that are transphobic, so this union have called for a boycott of participants in interviews with The Irish Times, as well as for other writers etc</li> <li>- UCD Student Council have passed a motion in favour of supporting this boycott</li> <li>- Stephen: There will be something to the same effect at next week's Student Council</li> <li>- Asha: Until then, can we agree to not take interviews with The Irish Times and if nothing comes forward at our Student Council we can put one forward ourselves.</li> <li>- Darragh: The Irish Times is owned by the same company as The Evening Echo and The Irish Examiner.</li> <li>- Asha: Best approach is to align with the Trans Writers Union boycott. We can meet about this ahead of Council next week if necessary.</li> </ul>	Asha
<p>X. DP Hunger Strike</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An asylum seeker living in direct provision in Cork is currently undertaking a hunger strike in protest of his deportation. Would everyone be in favour of supporting this protest and reaching out to him to see if</li> </ul>	Asha

<p>there's anything we can help with?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Siobhan: I think we should reach out to him and ask what he would like for us to do.</li> <li>- Stephen: I did see that Mick Barry TD is meeting with the Minister for Justice about this, so we should hopefully receive an update on this via Twitter etc soon</li> <li>- Asha: Hopefully some clarity comes out of that meeting</li> </ul>	
<p>XI. Trade Unions</p> <p>A. Trade Union Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Idea to invite Trade Unions to a Trade Unions Fair with different stalls for different trade unions, so that students who are working can sign up to trade unions etc.</li> <li>- Stephen: Could run an awareness night and give representatives the chance to speak about the work each union does.</li> <li>- Asha: We could run a panel or something similar. The stalls do seem to be pretty successful with students in terms of engagement. If everyone is okay with that I will schedule a date and come back to you</li> </ul> <p>B. Debenhams Workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mature first year student has contacted us about this. She's a former Debenhams worker and they are publishing a book on the work they have done. There will be a launch in the Boole Library and she has asked if we would like to be involved. She is working out the details of the event and will come back to us about the proposal.</li> <li>- Stephen: I think it'd be good to support.</li> <li>- Asha: Everyone okay with that?</li> <li>- No objections.</li> </ul>	
<p>XII. It Stops Now Revamp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Campaign around ending sexual harassment and violence. There is a meeting about the revamp tomorrow at 2pm if anyone is free and would like to participate. Asha will circulate the meeting link for tomorrow. Welfare Officer is unavailable due to SHAG Week activities but would be good to have representation from the SU if possible.</li> </ul>	Asha
<p>VI. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Disclosure Training: tomorrow at 5pm in North Wing Council Room.</li> <li>- Bystander Intervention Training: mandated to complete this at the beginning of the academic year so please complete before next week</li> <li>- International Student Rep: has resigned as we could not resolve issues she faced as rep last year as the solution requested was unconstitutional. Request to extend her role into the next year without running another election.</li> <li>- All student email will be sent out notifying students of it by end of the</li> </ul>	All

week.

- Stephen: When are the special rep elections taking place
- Sinéad: Meeting tomorrow with MSL. Nominations open next week and elections done by the week after. Also planning on doing a crossover document/meeting with them because they normally don't get much
- Stephen: Might be worth reaching out to EWG Members about the advocacy portion of their positions for crossover document

#### Constitutional Working Group

- Asha: Setting up a Constitutional Implementation Working Group, to give clarity on a lot of the differences with the new constitution.

#### SHAG Week

- Caoimhe doing a fantastic job this week. Round of applause from everyone.
- Sex Positive Drawing went very well yesterday.

#### Mental Health & Wellbeing Space

- There's €5200 put aside to make a mental health and wellbeing space. Need to have a plan together by tomorrow.
- Do things outside in the new SU Gardens.
- We could try set up a Men's Shed

#### Food Bank

- Darragh: Well done with the support for it.
- €1.2m being put into the Student Hardship Fund by Government.

#### Meeting with Gov Figures/Politicians

- Both Simon Harris and Alan Kelly asking to meet.
- We should avoid getting pictures with any politicians if we do meet. Pictures only serve their purpose of saying they met with students.

Meeting end 19:20