



UCCSU Executive Meeting Minutes

Date: 01/11/21

Time: 19:00

Location: Zoom

Attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asha Woodhouse (President) - Sinead Roche (Deputy & Education Officer) - Maeve Richardson (Communications & Engagement) - Alex Angland (SEFS Rep) - Caoimhe Walsh (Welfare) - Cian Scully (Clubs President) - Daniel Byrne (Equality) - Meadhbh Kehoe (Business & Law) - Niamh Kiely (CACSSS Rep) - Siobhan Murphy (Commercial & Fundraising) - Stephen O’Riordan (Council Chair) - Mary O’Donnell (Societies President) - Abbie Moloney (Medicine & Health) 	All
Welcome	Asha
I. Apologies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Darragh Ó Caoimhe (Ionadaí Gaeilge) - Luke Mulcahy (Ents Officer) - Alicia O’Sullivan (Environmental Officer) 	Asha
II. Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approved 	
III. Matters arising	All
IV. Action Points from previous meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SU Day has been set 	All
V. Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Taken as read - No questions 	All
VI. Special Rep Elections	Asha

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Postgrad Rep is uncontested - Mature Rep has 2 candidates - International Rep has 2 candidates - Website will be live tomorrow. Voting opens on Thursday at 7am and closes at midnight. - Announcement online on Friday at 11am - Gathering crossover materials to ensure smooth start for elected candidates - Another bonding night will be coming soon 	
<p>VII. INMO Protest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tomorrow - Bus is leaving at 8:30am - 16 seater bus - Encourage people to join - What time will the bus be returning? - President: Leaving between 3pm and 4pm. Should return to Cork by 7pm 	Asha
<p>VIII. RAG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decision needs to be made about how we are choosing RAG charities. - Do we want to use the same charities as last year given the circumstances, or should we reopen for applications from charities? - Last year 1500 euro was raised, but it was never given to the charities and GoFundMe refunded donors, which is why we are considering last year's charities - Council Chair: It would be good to have something for last year's charities - President: In agreement. If we didn't go with the same ones again, we were thinking of matching the funding from last year's. - We could also have a separate fundraiser for the three from last year on top of RAG charities. - Comms: I think the simplest thing to do is to match the money for last year's charities and choose 3 new ones for this year. - Vote: Choose 3 new charities - Last year's charities will have funding matched by SU - RAG is the week of February 14th 	Siobhan
<p>IX. Alumni & Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President recently met with Alumni & Development office - Looking for ideas for fundraisers in Spring with SU Exec - Something active to raise money for internal UCC things - Similar to Alumni fundraisers - eg: donate €60 to cover cost of counselling session in UCC - Is there anything else we could raise money for? - Council Chair: What about the laptop loan scheme? - President: There is an issue with people not returning them, so that could work 	Asha

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - B&L: Scholarships? - Societies: Grinds? - Council Chair: Might be worth discussing with student media - President: If anyone thinks of anything let me know. 	
<p>X. Take Back the Spike</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feminist Society's 'Take Back the Night' event inspired - Met with Communications for Bystander Intervention to discuss ideas to combat recent injection spiking - Hoping to involve the Chaplaincy, Sexual Violence Centre, local pubs and venues etc, Gardaí, Bystander Intervention, Safe Gigs - Also an issue in Limerick, but isn't being reported to Gardaí - Engagement: Put a call out to pubs etc that they should be combatting this - pubs aren't as vigilant with checking bags etc as they're checking for Covid passports - Societies: What about circulating it amongst the Ask for Angela campaign pubs/clubs? - Welfare: There's a new name for it now, so we are hoping to include that - Council Chair: Is this a protest/rally? - B&L: FemSoc's event was more of a vigil - Happening on Thursday - Equality: What about releasing a graphic on the symptoms of being spiked? - "Spiker no spiking" - Daniel Byrne - Council Chair: What about holding a demonstration on Thursday? Rather than a protest etc - Welfare: Students have started contacting me about these now so I think - President: I do think they want to do a march but it might be too short notice, and might be a bit dangerous at nighttime - Starting at 6pm 	Caoimhe
<p>XI. Student Life Meeting Room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - University Assets Naming Committee - The name proposed was 'Seomra Spréach' - They want us to come up with 3 proposals and rationale for the committee - Council: When the Hub was being named, there was an effort made to make sure that the Dr. Dora Allman room was named after a notable female academic. Could incorporate that here. - Suggestion to name it after the first presidents of SU/Clubs/Societies - Other suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seomra Fás - Seomra Smaointe - Seomra Blás - Seomra Saol na Mac Léinn - Seomra Saol - Seomra Spraoi 	Asha

XII. AOB

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Movember:

- Welfare: Movember: We are growing moustaches
- The Students' Union doesn't have an actual team set up for Movember, we're just trying to encourage other people to take part
- Societies: What are we donating through?
- Welfare: Link is in our Linktree for Movember. You can donate to a specific club or society etc
- B&L: Has there been any progress with the Men's Shed?
- President: Working with Community Gardens hopefully. Will have to draw up plans with Buildings & Estates. Unsure as to whether we'll build a new shed or use an old polytunnel etc
- Hoping to market it more as a Community Shed rather than a traditional Men's Shed to fit in with the Gardens etc
- B&L: When are you hoping to have that done?
- President: Probably won't be up and running until next semester

Equality Week:

- Equality: Equality Week is normally in Semester 2, but I was hoping to move it to Semester 1: November 28th-December 3rd
- Engagement: We usually did it with the EDI Unit in Semester 2 but haven't gotten an update yet
- Pink Training is on that weekend
- President: Would you do an Equality Day instead?
- Engagement: You're not mandated to do this, so you could just cover one day in this Semester if you'd like.

Website:

- President: We're getting a swanky new website that will take 12 weeks to be implemented
- Funding was allocated by SCFF towards supporting Commercial activities of the SU, upgrading our website will allow increased commercial opportunities. Going to be super beneficial to the Commercial and Fundraising Officer in the future
- This company (MSL) will provide all the tech support
- There's a membership function and an app to go with it
- We can ticket events through it

Student Hub Events:

- Funding from SCFF has been allocated for events in the Hub
- We have been considering live podcasts etc
- Blindboy
- Graham Norton
- Welfare: For Mental Health & Wellbeing Week, Ents was emailing

Blindboy so that could work

- Welfare: I'm related to John B. Keane (what a flex)

Consent Week:

- Welfare: Set Consent Week for the 6th-10th December which is Study Week
- Bystander Intervention want to have a separate Bystander Week in Semester 2 so this needs to be done this Semester
- Education: November 15th-19th?
- Possible but Mental Health Week is the week after and it's the middle of Movember
- Education: With the injection spiking thing happening so much now, maybe it would be worth making it happen soon
- President: What if we put something on every Thursday? Instead of one week we can space it out over the month on the night that everyone goes out
- B&L: Consent Series

Instagram:

- Would be good to get the College Reps to do Instagram takeovers next week for Vital Week - Excellence in Teaching and Learning - Valuing Ireland's Teaching & Learning
- Talk about how much you love education <3

No matter how organised we try to be, the SU is always chaotic. We try our hardest though.

Asha rings a virtual bell