



UCCSU Executive Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/01/21

Time: 17:00

Location: Zoom

<p>In attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asha Woodhouse: President - Sinéad Roche: Education Officer & Deputy President - Stephen O’Riordan: Council Chair - Siobhán Murphy: Commercial & Fundraising Officer - Meadhbh Kehoe: Business & Law Rep - Maeve Richardson: Communications & Engagement Officer - Niamh Kiely: CACSSS Rep - Alex Angland: SEFS Rep - Alicia O’Sullivan: Environmental Officer - Abbie Moloney: Medicine & Health Rep - Caoimhe Walsh: Welfare Officer - Daniel Byrne: Equality Rep - Srujani Dash: Postgrad Rep - Rodah: International Rep 	
<p>Welcome</p>	<p>Asha</p>
<p>I. Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary O’Donnell: Societies President - Darragh O’Keeffe: Irish Officer - Luke Mulcahy: Entertainments Officer - Amanda Landzaad: Mature Rep 	<p>Asha</p>
<p>II. Minutes & Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes approved - No matters arising 	<p>All</p>
<p>III. Action points from previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - List of buildings to be sent out for supply of sanitary products - Looks like it will be delayed rolling out until March. In the interim we’ll try supply sanitary products ourselves. Focusing on cheap and sustainable. - Looking into Postgraduate full time officer position - no update but priority for President for next week. 	<p>All</p>

<p>IV. Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President: Motion passed at last Council to write a strategic plan for the SU. Proposed to set up a steering group. President, Deputy and Comms&Eng to sit on the steering group with 2/3 part timers. One College Rep, One Campaign Rep, One Special Rep? - Plan on holding town halls to guide the plan and doing specific town halls for specific student cohorts. - Council Chair to join the steering group. <i>*Interruption from Equality Officer's roommates*</i> - Welfare offers to join but busy with accommodation and harm reduction week. Going to give advice on welfare section specifically. - Offer for people to join meetings where available. - Exec to reach out to President if interested in joining. 	<p>Asha</p>
<p>V. UMT Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SU meeting tomorrow with UMT about comments from UCC President about the cost of college. - President, Deputy, Welfare, Comms&Eng, USI Campaigns to attend - They offered to set an agenda for the meeting but that seems to be a derailment strategy - the point of the meeting is to discuss fees and the comments reported. - President spoke with Minister Harris' advisor about the Cassel Report update from EU. It's been delayed - Important to make a point of showing how wrong the UCC President's comments were. We need some UCC strategy/messaging about how they want 3rd level funded. - Environmental: What he said was at an informal place. The information was leaked through Twitter which is where lots of academics engage. Use of people's personal accounts for this content fails to distinguish the official university stance from a personal stance. - President: UCC Comms department push heavily on students social media and that's not there for academics/management - President: We want to focus more on how you move forward and what his stance is on funding in the future. 	<p>Asha</p>
<p>VI. Green Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental: Just planning it now. Will be away on that Wednesday but trying to get things organised now. Plan is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workshops every day (fast fashion, upcycling) - Engage with societies (dramat) - Green fair with stalls - Event with ESB and reach out for sponsorship there - Funding for sustainable, reusable masks - Stage with silent disco in evening - Eco sports day on the Friday 	<p>Alicia</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unplug session in newbar (no mic, phones) - Meatless Monday with canteen - Clothes drive - Have a picnic in the president's garden with the UCC President to enable a casual conversation about climate justice. Not a debate but a conversation - Trying to focus on not doing a repetitive talk format - If anyone has any suggestions reach out to Environmental Officer - Deputy: Trying to be more eco friendly and struggling to figure out how to dispose of things in room. Goal should be trying to engage people who aren't already. - Postgrad: Workshop where you can do DIY things with common waste materials for upcycling - Council: Scribble Society would be good to get involved with that. - President: Picnic with the UCC President is a good idea to let students engage with him when they don't normally have the opportunity. Good to explore in the first place. - President: People may not like the ESB sponsorship especially if the branding is being put out. ESB have had issues with worker relations in the recent past and difficulty with transitioning towards renewable source. 	
<p>VII. General Election</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Date 7th -24th of March with voting on 21st, 22nd, 23rd and results on the 24th - It's later than we'd like but if it's earlier then it would clash with USI National Council and result would clash with St. Patricks. - Art's Ball is 9th of March and will probably be candidates central - Keeping the MSL online voting system that was used last year. It was a positive for voter turnout, reduced paper usage and admin staff requirement. Also let's campaign teams go to satellite campuses easier. - Still in the process of getting a new website with MSL. Looking at digital ways of collecting signatures. Don't want to replicate last year because it's useful to have campaigns go out physically and talking to people to collect signatures. - Tendering process has slowed down the website implementation but it should be ready for then - Digital signature helps with GPDR compliance also. - Equality: Are husting in person or online so I can ask candidates question virtually - President: Husting will be in person if we are able but will be done hybrid - President: Standing Orders for Election and Referenda will be drafted soon and then will be gone through as an exec. - Club's President: Socs & Clubs Ball currently set for 23rd of March 	Asha

<p>VIII. RAG Charities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comm&Fund: People voted beforehand. Results for the 3 selected charities were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sexual Violence Centre Cork - Age Action South - Cork Missing Person Search and Recovery - Anyone else who hadn't voted are happy with those 3 charities - Council Chair: Designs for RAG this year are very nice - RAG has been moved to the 28th of March so that month will be busy but it's early enough that people will still have a chance to study before exams. 	<p>Asha</p>
<p>IX. AOB</p> <p>Society & Club Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President: Student activity should be the same as pre Christmas <p>USI Southern Region Rep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welfare: I'll be running for USI Southern Rep so woot. <p>Council Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Going to clash with election or RAG or C&S Ball or last week of term. <p>Survey for Postgraduate Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Postgrad Rep: Hopefully sending it out next week when everyone returns - President: Wants to send it out with the strategic plan items to minimise the information being distributed - Postgrad Rep: Doing information first and then doing a clinic afterwards <p>Academic Council is on Friday</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>*Meeting adjourned at 18:03*</i></p>	<p>Asha</p>