



## UCCSU Executive Meeting Minutes

Date: 18/02/22

Time: 18:00

Location: Zoom

<p>Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Asha Woodhouse: President</li> <li>- Maeve Richardson: Comms &amp; Engagement</li> <li>- Meadhbh Kehoe: B &amp; L Rep</li> <li>- Luke Mulcahy: Ents</li> <li>- Sinead Roche: Education</li> <li>- Amanda Landzaad: Mature Rep</li> <li>- Daniel Byrne: Equality Rep</li> <li>- Niamh Kiely: CACSSS Rep</li> <li>- Srujani Dash: Postgrad Rep</li> <li>- Siobhan Murphy: CommFund</li> <li>- Abbie Moloney: Med &amp; Health Rep</li> <li>- Mary O'Donnell: Societies President</li> <li>- Caoimhe Walsh: Welfare</li> </ul>	
Welcome	Asha
Apologies	Asha
Minutes & Matters Arising	All
Action Points from previous meeting	
<p>Arts Ball</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- March 9th</li> <li>- Theme: Celtic Tiger</li> <li>- Need Exec members to help with setup in the RPH               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mary</li> <li>- Niamh</li> <li>- Meadhbh</li> <li>- Srujani</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Need to balance workload between Arts Ball &amp; RAG. If you're not available for Arts Ball then please keep time for RAG</li> <li>- Not needed for ticket sales</li> </ul>	

<p>RAG Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Doodle poll will be circulated to schedule helping out</li> </ul>	
<p>Info Nights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Part-time and full-time info nights happening next week</li> <li>- Branded presentation templates being used</li> <li>- Putting all presentations into one presentation</li> <li>- Will be shared by Maeve via Google slides</li> <li>- One presentation for campaigns and one for college reps</li> <li>- Questions after each presentation</li> <li>- Amanda: Can these be recorded?</li> <li>- Maeve: We're going to livestream them but can record as well</li> <li>- Amanda: It'd be good to record them and make them accessible for people that miss it at the time</li> </ul>	
<p>Academic Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are supposed to be 2 undergrad and 2 postgrad reps per college on academic council alongside SU Welfare, Education &amp; President</li> <li>- Positions are vacant currently except for SU college reps</li> <li>- Could use class reps</li> <li>- Meadhbh: We have something similar on the B&amp;S Teaching and Learning committee. I sent a message to my reps and briefly outlined the positions and there wasn't great uptake. Might be difficult to fill with class reps</li> <li>- Amanda: I would love to be on that board if it's at all possible</li> <li>- Asha: We have to nominate people for the positions but we don't have to fill them. I would personally like to elect people but not sure the uptake would be good.</li> <li>- There are only 2 or 3 academic councils left this year, so we might just let people nominate themselves for this and say it at council</li> <li>- Abbie: We could try and get people that are running for college rep positions to fill them</li> <li>- Amanda: I think it would be important to have a mature student on this council as we have a completely different academic experience to other students. It's very difficult to explain to the cohort what's happening if we're not there</li> <li>- Asha: College reps - can you appoint people to the positions from your class reps</li> </ul>	
<p>Referenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Was looking to get a full-time PG sabbat</li> <li>- We would need to do it now</li> <li>- Launched Srujani's feedback form yesterday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mostly positive</li> <li>- Most students rated their knowledge of the SU as fair to poor</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 65% have voted that the PG rep should be full time</li> <li>- If we are going to do this, we need to put a motion forward to the Student Council to trigger a referendum</li> <li>- The second issue is financing the position. We're also going to have to finance Siobhan's position from next year onwards from our core budget</li> <li>- We had originally planned that the position would become self-sufficient (finance itself from the commercial activity carried out by SU) but that won't be doable next year</li> <li>- We may need to increase the capitation fee by €5 per student, which would bring in 120,000 approx. That's obviously more than wages for both sabbat positions, but we want to put the extra money towards paying students that we hire the living wage. Currently trying to get the living wage implemented across the college</li> <li>- Meadhbh: Aren't UCC Sport trying to get an increase as well?</li> <li>- Asha: Yes - they've been pressuring us to run it with the SU which isn't happening. They want to increase it by €40 to put towards development of areas in the Mardyke owned by UCC Sport and pitches in Curraheen. Potentially increasing by another €10 to put toward Student Health instead of bringing in charges for it</li> <li>- Niamh: Does that mean we could try to push forward the ten euro singular? Or are they only doing it if students agree to sports development?</li> <li>- Asha: We could potentially put forward a referendum just for that</li> <li>- Abbie: Would we have to run separate referenda for the SU increase, Sport increase and potentially the welfare increase?</li> <li>- Asha: I would personally prefer that - the precedent for a package capitation fee is worrying</li> <li>- Amanda: They're essentially trying to use mental health as a chip to push through their sports increase</li> <li>- Vote to put forward PG rep motion for Council</li> </ul>	
<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Srujani: received an email from a student having financial issues. I forwarded the email to Caoimhe.</li> <li>- Caoimhe: I'll get in contact with them.</li> </ul>	