

UCCSU Executive Meeting Minutes

Date: 27/02/2022

Time: 5pm

Location: Áine Hyland Room



Attendance	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President - Deputy President, Communications & Engagement Officer - Education Officer - Welfare Officer - Entertainments Officer - Commercial & Fundraising Officer - B&L College Representative - M&H College Representative - CACSSS College Representative - SEFS College Representative (Late) - Environmental & Sustainability Representative - Council Chair - Societies Executive Representative 	
<p>Absent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - - International Student Representative - Mature Student Representative 	
<p>I. Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality & Diversity Representative - Postgraduate Representative - Clubs Executive Representative - Irish Language & Culture Representative 	
<p>II. Minutes of Last Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on GDPR was redacted - Approved without objection 	D
<p>III. Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 	
<p>IV. SU Committee Minutes</p> <p><u>Equality Working Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Asha to check the email group for EWG to make sure it's working 	
<p>V. Societies Executive Rep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 306 Stars Awards have been submitted (excluding portfolio and individual awards) - Ticket sales for C&S will be 7th. Everyone on SU Exec will be getting afters tickets. Opportunities to upgrade to fulls hasn't been decided yet 	
<p>VI. Clubs Executive Rep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Absent from meeting 	

<p>VII. Seachtain na Gaeilge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mainly focusing on 13th-16th of March (2nd Week) - Will clash with Green Week. Doing some collaborations - Several societies involved. “Soc”tain na Gaeilge event - Finalised list of events to be sent to GC when ready - Would appreciate if people can support events - Final tickets for Ball na Gaeilge were sold today but can make some extra available. On the 15th of March 	IS
<p>VIII. Green Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Graphics look amazing. Enviro soc logo needs to be added - All that’s left to do is support the events - Special guest coming to COP reflection and Environmental Court - President can set up a Doodle poll for support at the event if it is needed (specific tasks to do) 	IS
<p>IX. USI Comhdháil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will be on during week 12. - 3rd - 6th of April - Need to have a conversation about how we pick delegation. Last Council is too late for picking it - Council Steering Committee to meet to discuss holding another Council - Education Officer to discuss with USI President about getting the timetable for other Hustings. - Current policy on electing delegates is difficult to enact. In the past it’s been an expression of interest form giving priority to outgoing Exec - Current policy says elections at last Council before Comhdháil but the deadline for delegation numbers is before that. <p><u>How does Hustings work?</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have 24 delegates - Each delegate carries a vote on behalf of 1000 students - Every student can be able to vote - We apportion delegates based on the results then - Apportionment mathematics can be complicated on how you allocate - Voting form is sent out in all student emails. Form is opened when hustings starts - Noted there are issues with block votes, secret elections, and people breaking mandates - Request from President that Council Steering Committee to have a discussion on using Google Forms as a voting platform. USI candidates to send manifestos and pictures 	IS
<p>X. GB Report Deadline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President’s report for Student Experience Committee is due this Friday. If people have anything to submit then please send it on to the President - Comhdháil again clashes with Governing Body. President has sent a request to move it. We have received a response back denying that request. 	IS
<p>XI. GovPol NUI Townhall</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>*Context to be inserted*</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No follow up with the SU on the potential picket of the event - It’s worthwhile for us to decide a position in advance in case something 	DIS

comes up?

SEFS College Rep Joining the Meeting (17.57pm)

- There are questions allocated to member groups
- Should we go as an Exec to question the senators?
- Education: We haven't taken a position on it yet
- Council Chair: By not attending that would be taking a position
- President: What is the position of the Executive? Do we want to attend the event and ask questions as representatives? If we are asked to picket do we do that?
- CommFund: Or we do nothing
- CommEng: Might be overthinking it. If people want to go in an individual capacity they should be able to
- Even if we decide as an Exec to pickett people are still able to go in an individual capacity.
- President: Whether we decide to go or decide to pickett we will end up upsetting some amount of students. Need to decide what is principally the position of the Exec, can't just go off what students might react to.
- Council Chair: We are conflating the attendance of the event as support of the senators.
- Some people have a philosophy that attending the event, even if to question is a way of legitimising the senators. It's a difference in mindset.
- Welfare: Our place is to take a stance on issues not necessarily to take stances on political parties as a whole.
- Council Chair: If pickett is happening GovPol don't have capacity to ensure there is security
- We can provide the details to do that but it's not our place to do it on their behalf
- We have questions reserved by GovPol so we need to give them a response.

- Discussion continued on platforming vs. deplatforming, how to represent students of both philosophies, how to best hold people accountable, ability of Exec to act in an individual capacity to attend.

- Noted that the CommEng Officer will be attending a lobbying day for TDs in Dublin at the same time

- 3 questions to be posed. The question with the most amount of yays to be the action taken

Question: Should the Executive actively participate in the event?

Yay: 7

Nay: 5

Abstain: 1

Question: Should the Executive pickett in the event?

Yay: 1

Nay: 10

Abstain: 1

Question: Should the Executive take no direct involvement?

Yay: 5

Nay: 7

<p>Abstain: 1</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>* Decision that the Executive to attend the event in a formal capacity*</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow on that Council Chair to bring the decision making capacity of Council to the Steering Committee for discussion 	
<p>XII. Date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16th March 2pm - Student Life Room 	
<p>XIII. AOB</p> <p><u>International Rep</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Formally considered resigned as they have missed 2 consecutive Executive meetings without apologies - President to follow up with them <p><u>USI Lobby Day - UCC Action</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CommEng to go to Dublin on Thursday - There will also be an action on UCC to get students to fill out post cards - If people are around on Thursday it would be great to fill one out and help getting others to do so <p><u>Global Climate Strike</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On this Friday at 12pm - If people are able to steward or know people who can please do 	
<p>Action Items</p> <p>President:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow up re International Rep 	