

UCCSU Executive Emergency Meeting Minutes

Date: 13/09/2022

Time: 6pm

Location: Student Life Meeting Room



<p>In Attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- President- Education Officer- Welfare Officer- Entertainments Officer- Commercial & Fundraising Officer- SEFS College Representative- CACSSS College Representative- Equality & Diversity Representative- Council Chair- Societies President- Clubs President <p>Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Communications and Engagement Officer	All
<p>Absent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- M&H College Representative- B&L College Representative- Environmental & Sustainability Representative- Irish Language & Culture Representative- Mature Student Representative- Postgraduate Student Representative- International Student Representative	
<p>I. Approval of the Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Will be approved at a non-emergency meeting	All
<p>II. Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- None	All

III. Resignation of Business and Law Rep

- The B&L Rep has unfortunately resigned from their position
- Irish Rep is also now officially considered resigned having missed two executive meetings as per SU Constitution
- Process of by-election can be used for both B&L and Irish now
- President: Constitution gives power to Executive to directly appoint someone to fill these positions
- Important to fill these positions soon as term has started
- 4 methods
 - 1. Approach individuals. Executive votes on their appointment, using preferential voting by email ballot
 - 2. Approach individuals and ask them to submit a piece about themselves. Executive votes on their appointment, using preferential voting by email ballot
 - 3. Advertise the position on social media/email, opening up to nominations. Executive votes on their appointment, using preferential voting by email ballot
 - 4. Hold a by-election
- Method 3 was used last year when a similar situation arose
- President suggests method 3 as an option
- Ents asked whether Exec could still ask individuals to put themselves forward for method 3
- President says that can be done as long as application procedure is followed and Executive act with integrity (i.e. do not show bias towards an individual and consider all applicants based on the application they submit)
- Socs asks whether then they'd have to recuse themselves afterwards
- President says that you wouldn't have to, it makes most sense to model it off a normal election where members of the Exec also get a vote
- Council Chair asks that the form be left open until next week to allow more time for people to apply
- Education points out that the B&L position wouldn't be filled for the nomination period of class reps then
- Back and forth about whether to leave it open over the weekend
- Council: What if someone challenged a decision at Council
- President: It is the Constitution that empowers the Exec to appoint (not run

<p>an election), if a student wants to raise a question on the method we choose to appoint someone they are within their right to, it is our job to ensure we have acted in accordance of the terms of the Constitution and be able to justify the decisions we make where a student questions us. If a student has an issue with the terms laid out in the Consitution, it is their right to propose an amendment to this via referendum as set out in the Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CACSSS: People who want to run will put themselves forward soon - Ents: Instagram is busy now - President: Email is primary method. Can use B&L Instagram and B&L Class Rep Groupchat - - Education: In favour of method 3 due to time constraint with Class Rep Elections coming up. College reps have to create quizzes on Canvas. Not enough time to induct college rep if we leave it until next week to appoint someone. - Proposal: Go with method 3 - Unanimous support for method 3 - Discussion of people’s availability for a meeting on Friday and Monday - Discussion as an Exec about applicants before then voting by email afterwards - 2 Proposals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1. Applications close Thur, meet Fri at tbc - 2. Applications close Sat/Sun, meet 8am Mon - 6 in favour of proposal 1, 4 in favour of proposal 2 	
<p>IV. Cost of Living Protest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protest is on Saturday at 2pm in Cork - Targeting the budget period - Take some leaflets to hand out to everyone - We’re paying for the banner of the campaign - Council: Do we have cardboard posters made already? - President: We can organise a poster making sessions for after the Exec 	
<p>V. Irish Language Classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CommFund: Been in touch with Ionad na Gaeilge Leabhartha. They are organising classes for students and staff as usual. They have said that if we can get a group together they’ll run one specific to SU. Would be good to 	

<p>have PTO and Sabbats there</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Everyone to send CommFund a few time slots that they are available during the week 	
<p>VI. Governing Body Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President: Explains what GB is - Giving SU report is distinct to UCC - Today didn't give a report but took the opportunity to ask governors what they wanted from the SU GB Report. Lots of feedback - Went back through the reports from the last decade of SU reports and similar issues are present throughout. Question is what should be raised at GB - Feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If issues are persisting then that should be identified - SU Presidents typically have a project or area they focus on every year. Should this be the case? - Asked about whether we want accommodation from university or private. Policy position is that we want public accommodation. - President: If people want something highlighted in the GB Reports then send it onto me to be included - Education: If Presidents typically have a legacy project they work towards there is fresh political capital from the crossover of execs. What is that political will being used for? - President: We spend a large volume of our time with casework and administrative tasks so can't work on strategic goals. Our focus should be on identifying shortcomings, creating solutions acceptable to our members and lobbying the university to create that change. 	
<p>VII. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ents: Pop-up Gaeltacht is on tonight if anyone is available - COL Protest not to be included in All-Student email about election of empty positions but separate email to be sent <p style="text-align: center;"><i>* Meeting Concluded at 19:04 *</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President: 	<p style="text-align: center;">All</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Administer applications for the positions of B&L and Irish Rep- Include COL Protest in all student email- CommEng<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Poster making for COL Protest- CommFund<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Send around doodle poll to organise Irish Classes- All:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Send President anything you want highlighted in GB Reports	
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