

UCCSU Executive Meeting Minutes

Date: 18/10/2022

Time: 5.30pm

Location: Student Life Meeting Room



Attendance	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- President- Deputy President, Communications & Engagement Officer- Education Officer- Welfare Officer- Entertainments Officer- Commercial & Fundraising Officer- SEFS College Representative- B&L College Representative- M&H College Representative- CACSSS College Representative- Equality & Diversity Representative- Environmental & Sustainability Representative- Irish Language & Culture Representative- Outgoing Postgraduate Representative- Incoming Postgraduate Representative- Outgoing International Student Representative- Incoming International Student Representative- Council Chair- Societies President- Clubs President <p>Absent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mature Student Representative	
<p>I. Welcome to Special Reps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- President: Welcome to newly elected International Student Representative and Postgraduate Representative and returning Mature Student Representative- Did a round of introductions	
<p>II. Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-	
<p>III. Minutes of Last Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Discussion around accepted abbreviations for positions- Minor change to what society- Approved without objection	D
<p>IV. Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-	

<p>V. Strategy Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President: Encourage students to attend. Feedback form will be distributed afterwards if needed. There will be pizza for attendees. - The key issues from the Student Forum can be used in discussion and then address the university's key priorities 	IS
<p>VI. Seomra Gaeilge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Irish taking this point - There's no designated space for Irish language students to go to. Proposal is to use upstairs in SU common room - Way for SU to show support for Irish language - Students have reached out to Irish Rep saying the space is needed. Upstairs in Common Room is currently underutilised - Multiple members expressed support for the proposal - Useful for people starting to learn the language as well as fluent Gaeilgoirs. - Should the space be available for bookings? Who decides that? - There are practical situations where Mature Student Coffee Morning, SCS, Student Bereavement - Student autonomy over the space and shouldn't erode away usage of Irish - Don't let perfection be the enemy of good - Agreement that short-term trial wouldn't give opportunity for proper usage of the room - Will need significant investment behind this decision in terms of signage, admin support, reasoning for decision. This would be a major change to a student space - Seomra Caidrimh owned by staff so not applicable as an autonomous student space - Unanimous support for progressing this. President and Irish Rep to draft implementation 	DIS
<p>VII. Parking for Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community garda in contact with CommEng - Residents expressing worry about parking on double yellow etc. - Garda wants to come on campus to education students, stall or similar - Unless they have a solution there's no point. - Student in contact with CC about making parking more financially accessible. Potential motion being brought to Council next week. - Referring people to park and ride but that's also full - Parking is symptomatic of larger societal issues. - Focus on parking is anti-green and bandage for larger issues - Work being progressed on private bus companies allowing leap cards with routes from commuter towns - Garda & commuting officer coming to next neighbourhood community meeting 	IS
<p>VIII. RAG Charities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CommFund Officer taking this point - 21 applications for RAG - Few considerations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cause of charity: is it aligned with our priorities? - Would students be engaged with it? - Will the support we give directly go to those in need? 	D

<p style="text-align: center;">*Decision taken not to minute specific discussion on charities*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RAG Charities are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dogs for the Disabled - Cork Mental Health Foundation - Homeless Help & Support Cork 	
<p>IX. Student Council Logo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council Chair taking this point - Wanting the Executive's thoughts on these - First 3 options were too informal - Next 3 options were too formal - Final 3 options were designed to be a middle ground - President: The gavel/scales makes Council seem to be bureaucratic - CommFund: Council is decided through consensus and icon should reflect that - Council Chair sharing form for indicating preference - Education: Dislike all these logos. Format it'll be viewed in - President: Council Logo shouldn't be completely different to SU, SU logo is not the logo of 'the Exec' but rather the whole Union of which Council is part of - Officer Reports and Motions due on Friday at 6pm 	DIS
<p>X. Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday 1st November [provisional] 	D
<p>XI. AOB</p> <p>HalloWeek</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Halloweek is next week - Ents off for Thurs/Fri because of graduations - For SHAG week it wasn't clear where Exec were needed - It would be beneficial to have Exec at events - Week 7 next week so people will be busy with assignments - Doodle poll to be sent out - Ents Rep training on Monday. New Bar afterwards <p>Exec</p> <p>CommFund: Better decorum. Be on time. Don't interrupt people</p> <p>Enviro: Don't have single use plastics</p> <p>President: Branded water bottles have arrived, will be planning distribution.</p> <p>CommEng: Like the new Insta about the special reps</p> <p>B&L Rep: Could we do something with student help about meningitis</p> <p>President: Work with student help</p> <p>Arts: Are COVID Tests still available?</p> <p>President: Yes</p>	

<p>President: Management Board of SFS. Ents, Socs, Clubs on management board as use space the most</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>*Meeting concludes at 19:00*</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Action Items</p> <p>President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UCC Strategy Feedback form - in progress, summary from workshop just submitted to UCC - Appoint Clubs, Socs and Ents to Management Board SFS - Done <p>President & Welfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meningites info w/ Student Health <p>President & Irish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft proposal for implementation of Seomra Gaeilge - In progress 	<p>All</p>