

UCCSU Executive Meeting Minutes

Date: 01/11/2022

Time: 6pm

Location: Student Life Room



Attendance	Action
<p>Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- President- Education Officer- Welfare Officer- Entertainments Officer- Commercial & Fundraising Officer- SEFS College Representative- B&L College Representative- CACSSS College Representative- Equality & Diversity Representative- Environmental & Sustainability Representative- Irish Language & Culture Representative- Postgraduate Representative (Online)- Council Chair- Societies President <p>Absent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- M&H College Representative- Mature Student Representative- International Student Representative	
<p>I. Housekeeping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- President: The transition to in-person meetings has been an adjustment as was used to using the raise hand function for online meetings. If you want to speak at Exec please raise your hand to indicate so. There was a bit of talking over people at the last meeting	
<p>II. Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Deputy President, Communication & Engagement Officer- Clubs President	
<p>III. Minutes of Last Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Correction to the attendance list- Approved without objection	D
<p>IV. Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- UCC Strategy Feedback Form is in progress, the summary from workshop has been submitted- Clubs, Socs & Ents have been appointed to SFS Management Board- President & Welfare: Meningitis info with Student Health ongoing- President & Irish are working on draft proposal for implementation of Seomra Gaeilge	

<p>V. SU Comms</p> <p>(a) Updated Logos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Content Creators have created a new branding pack for greater consistency in font, theme etc. across all our logos. Updated logos have been distributed to Exec <p>(b) Headshots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CommEng will organise a time to meet with PTOs for new headshots to use in email signatures for consistency 	
<p>VI. Cost of Living (COL)</p> <p>(a) USI Campaign, 10th November [Provisional]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - USI VP for Equality & Citizenship is down tomorrow for a voter registration drive and a “Write to your TDs” talk. - USI is provisionally organising a national phone banking to follow on from the Student Walkout. - President & CommFund are attending Comhairle Náisiúnta at the end of this week so can ask for an update on progress there. <p>(b) Cork Protest, 12th November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protest will be on Saturday the 12th November - Saturday is an awkward day to mobilise students but there isn’t time to organise a student specific event beforehand. - We need to not over rely on USI for campaigns. We’ll be working on a proposal to USI to organise a national protest in Dublin in February and then bus people up - Enviro: Posters from the Student Walkout are still up on campus - Pres: We’ll have new posters for the Cork COL protest so can coordinate to replace the old posters with those. Their graphics aren’t amazing though. - Socs: The themes/colours on the Cork COL posters are likely mismatched with the red/black theme of USI Student Walkout - Pres: That shouldn’t be an issue. Also, depending on the volume of posters we get we might draft our own graphics similar to what we did for the USI Student Walkout. 	
<p>VII. University of Colorado Visit, 11th January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pres: Taking place the 11th of January. It’s during holidays so people may not be available but please come if you can. They’ve expressed a particular interest in meeting student representatives as they’re doing a Masters in Student Affairs 	
<p>VIII. Multicultural Event/Equality Week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equality: Event is on Monday. In contact with some societies about participating but uptake has been low. - Socs: Just note that Medsoc & Lawsoc also organise their own multicultural events so make sure they don’t clash. - Pres: EDI Unit put the call out to societies and none mentioned a conflict with those events. - Pres: One of the events is a Cultural Appropriation vs. Appreciation. We were in contact with someone from Tyndall Institute who suggested a theme 	

<p>would be worthwhile so we're going with "Cultural Clothing". Form has been sent out to students to fill out if they'd like to participate in showing off their native/historical cultural clothing. Only 5 have signed up so far so trying to push for greater engagement before Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pres: We have an open slot for the last hour and no event to fill it. - Arts Rep to mention to Cumman Dramaíocht about holding a promotion. Was noted that Monday is short notice for them. Funding required for props etc. would be covered by SU - Socs: It would be beneficial to know when large society collabs are happening as we get an influx of admin work. - Pres: We're not putting any organisational work on societies just inviting them to participate in any way. EDI Unit originally contacted them a few months ago but there weren't any responses. - Council: There's an Indian Dancing Group that would be good to invite. - Noted that it would be difficult to get people to participate in the cultural clothing section as people may be anxious about being judged for it. Distinction made that it's a celebration of the diversity - Equality: Also hosting a screening for the week on Wednesday 6pm in WW6. It would be beneficial for Exec members to be present if available. - Education: When is SUTICD? Need to be conscious of clashes as several Exec Members had signed up for that - Believe it's on Tuesday of Equality Week. No direct clash but rehearsals might. - Education to create groupchat for SUTICD 	
<p>IX. Exec Social</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Going to organise a time to meet up together closer to exams. 	
<p>X. Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 14th of November - Time TBC but likely ~ 6pm 	
<p>XI. AOB</p> <p>(a) Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council Chair: As was brought up at last Council and further stated in an email it would be good to reduce the amount of applause during Council. Could do jazz hands instead (ISL applause). How best to approach this? - Pres: Council Chair should mention it at the start of council - Council Chair: Voting system didn't work well for last Council. Need to come up with new system. - Discussion around where links should be put for online voting (WhatsApp groupchats or central MS Teams). Pros and Cons to both methods - President: Voting should be done physically not digitally. Technical issues are a concern but primarily Council votes shouldn't be secret ballot - Other concerns noted about accessibility of allowing people to vote online, 	

particularly during a cost of living crisis. Additional concerns with needing to screen voting to only voting members and not an open system.

- Decision is that of the Council Steering Committee so it will be taken there for further discussion.

(b) Movember

- SU is taking part in Movember along with Clubs and Socs. The team has been set up on the website. CommFund, Welfare and Education are taking part. Any student who isn't a part of another team can join the SU's one.
- All UCC groups funding gets collated together. Currently Trinity are ahead of us. Need to start fundraising

(c) Calendar

- Irish: Has the list of SU dates for the year been circulated to everyone? Irish has access but not sure if the entire Exec has.
- Pres: There was a word doc with all the dates. Not sure who has access
- Noted there have been a few versions (Gantt Chart vs Word Doc) so confusion around what's been updated and who has access to which
- Education: Primarily working from a GCal right now so it's automatically in people's calendars.
- President: We'll send that around to Exec
- Education: Just note that not all dates are for public circulation. Some are provisional
- Ents: Particularly dates like Arts Ball

(d) Confidentiality Agreements

- Irish: Should all Exec members have to sign confidentiality agreements?
- President: It's been done in the past for very specific items but I haven't seen the need for a general one yet.
- Education: Constitution outlines general conduct all Exec members should be held to re: confidentially etc.
- President: Agreed. Meeting for legal advice tomorrow about GDPR so there may be a recommendation from that
- Education: Also just to flag that mailing lists will be set up for Academic & Ents Reps to avoid GDPR breaches with BCC'ing emails.

Meeting concludes 18:56

Action Items

President:

- Circulate Calendar of dates to Exec - done

CommEng:

- Update logos to be circulated
- Headshots for Exec

Welfare:

- Meningitis post - done

Education:

- Create groupchat for SUTICD - done

Irish

- Seomra Gaeilge implementation plan - done

Council

- Discuss voting system for Council with Steering Committee