

UCCSU Executive Meeting Minutes

Date: 16/11/2022

Time: 5pm

Location: Student Life 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- CACSSS College Representative- M&H College Representative- Equality & Diversity Representative- Irish Language & Culture Representative- Postgraduate Representative- Societies President- Clubs President- Council Chair (Late) <p>Absent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mature Student Representative- International Student Representative	
<p>I. Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Environmental & Sustainability Representative	
<p>II. Minutes of Last Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Approved by consensus	D
<p>III. Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- President circulated the Calendar of dates to the Exec- CommEng taking headshots of Exec after this meeting. Updated logos still to be circulated- Welfare worked on meningitis information with student health- Education created groupchat for SUTICD. UCCSU came third!- Irish has drafted Seomra Gaeilge implementation plan (on agenda)- Steering Committee discussed the voting system for Council. Currently getting feedback from Council members before making a decision- Noted that there are some duplicate twitter pages of SU accounts that should be resolved	
<p>IV. General Election Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- General Administrator was due to retire in September but is extending his	D

<p>retirement until June.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Difficulty with recruiting positions in UCC taking a long time - General Administrator is the returning officer of the SU elections so the position needs to be filled - Director of Student Experience requested our General Administrator stay on to help facilitate the elections - General Administrator will be out of the country during the provisional dates that were set for the election - General election standing orders were deferred at first Exec meeting of the year to be decided before the end of semester 1 - Current proposal is to start the nomination period on the 20th of February instead of the original 27th - This will put nominations the week following RAG. There are some complications with managing the workload of that month but it should be doable. - There is the possibility that someone could contest the election and cause things to be delayed - Would there be a difference in engagement? No, after Arts / RAG which are typically used to encourage people to run - Consensus that it's the most reasonable option to move the nomination period to 20th of February - Council dates may have to move as a result 	
<p>V. Carbon Literacy Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brought forward by the Environmental Representative - Mandating the Exec to complete the Carbon Literacy Course training - CommFund: Previously wanting to mandate Exec to do Irish classes but there were concerns about how the mandate would be enacted. Some confusion over what the specific concerns were. Minutes should be reviewed to see - Socs: Some question over what happens if people don't have the time to complete the training. - Education: It's similar to if they can't make an Exec or Council meeting. - President: Reps need to be able to justify - Noted that there are numerous time-commitments placed on elected representatives, particularly PTOs. - Irish: Mandating trainings should be put through Council. Better ensures we are representing the will of students - Education: Disagree. Exec collectively deciding that we should have a training is adequate - Enviro not present - Consensus to defer discussion until next meeting. Noted that enviro has the ability to bring motion to Council if they wish 	D
<p>VI. SU Strategic Planning Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Constitution allows for provision to create committees - Mandated to do a strategic plan. Tried to set up a committee last year, however, didn't have Class Reps on it and didn't work very well. - This Committee will have 4 Class Reps that are elected through Student Council and then 2 Executive Representatives - Can look at an external person to facilitate consultations - Postgrad: Why is it just Pres and Education? 	D

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pres: Need some sabbats to lead it and do the admin work. Education has done a Strategic Plan before and could help with the tech side of the admin work - Trying to figure out the PGR Class Rep system but for now it would be useful to have a specific position allocated for PGR. - Class Reps have to be one from each College - ACE noted but deciding to move forward with 4 Colleges - Approved unanimously 	
<p>VII. SU Policy Review Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current policy booklet has over 90 mandates and it's very hard to keep track of - TUDSU have two separate policy booklets. One is motions of instruction that are specific actions and the other is broader policy positions. We currently put the two of them together. - CommEng and CommFund will co-chair this committee. - Council Chair expressed interest in being one of the executive representatives on this committee. Would there be a potential conflict if the recommendations are being brought to Council after the review? Education was kept off this committee for this reason - If we are bringing recommendations to Council then how would that function? Does each policy have to be voted on individually? Pres proposal to have Exec approve non-contentious items - Council: SC decides motions brought to Council are non-contentious. Council can challenge the decision of the Exec afterwards. - Some items will have to be brought to Council. Who has the authority to decide what is contentious or not? - Decisions that are being taken could be highlighted to Council Members with an opportunity for them to object - Noted that the Executive have the power to change the policy booklet but can be hesitant to exercise that power. Students ultimately have the ability to overturn that decision. - Approved unanimously 	D
<p>VIII. USI Democracy Motion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A student mentioned this motion that TCDSU brought to their Council - We changed our voting system last year to have all students vote in the UCC USI husting - A motion similar to TCDSU's one would be complicated in that it would mandate us to mandate USI to lobby MOs to change their voting procedure - USI don't open voting to all students in Ireland because they don't have a database on who is a registered student - President proposed that because we changed our voting procedure it can be inferred we are in support of this and can then lobby USI and other MOs to change their voting procedure - Executive in agreement - Consensus that a motion wouldn't be required to come through our Council 	D
<p>IX. Seomra Gaeilge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education: The style of the font isn't the most accessible - Irish: Hard to have old Irish themed font that is accessible - Education: Perhaps having the title in this font but then any important 	IS

<p>information is also displayed in a more accessible font underneath? Some way of working it</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President: Would Irish Societies have the ability to book during the daytime? - Would need to be worked out however likely events would have to be a collab with SU/Ionadaí Gaeilge - President: General Administrator suggested bean bags but would they get damaged? Do the ones in the Clubs & Socs space work well? - Clubs: They work well - Education: Are bean bags the most-cost effective - President: Should be fine - Arts: Is it finalised what content will be put on the mural? - Irish: No but thinking of getting a mural commissioned by a student - Exec happy to proceed with implementation plan presented 	
<p><i>*Arts Ball & Movember, Pink Training AOB moved up the agenda*</i> <i>*Welfare Officer, Ents Officer, Socs President left the meeting*</i></p>	
<p>X. Student Governance Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SU, Clubs & Socs Presidents have a meeting on the 14th of December - OCLA agreed to do a review on the MoU. Head of Student Experience has to conduct review - If anyone is interested in attending this review then please say so to the President. Can organise a meeting in advance to debrief people and make sure we are all on the same page 	IS
<p>XI. Arts Ball</p> <p><u>Theme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ents asked the Ents Crew for ideas on the theme of Arts Ball - Current idea is fairytale with a Shrek emphasis. - Arts: Having a popular movie would be good - Noted there wouldn't be a clash in theme with Clubs & Socs Ball - Some ideas thrown out about how this fairytale theme would work <p><u>Food</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ents: Would like to only have vegetarian food on the menu - But vegetarian food options are often worse. Rochestown may not have the capacity to serve that amount of vegetarian food. - There may be a backlash to it considering the Meatless Monday - Questions around whether it's better to give people the choice of a meat option - Would we have to inform people in advance that there won't be meat options? - M&H: It could impact on fulls sales. Some people won't buy the fulls ticket for the meal then. - CommEng: Arts ball tickets should sell anyways. Suggestion that Ents meets with Rochestown Event Manager first and see whether it's a reasonable possibility. 	DIS
<p>XII. SU Representation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President: Mapped out spaces where there should be student representatives. Wanting to do elections at College Clinics as people are 	IS

<p>already cohorted. Should be an easy vote</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Education: Clinics are on Monday at 6pm so will have to split up - B&L: Some departments have internal committees that have positions allocated to students not necessarily SU positions - President: Harder to deal with department and school level committees because there isn't any information publicly available. We'll start with College level 	
<p>XIII. Movember</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quiz is happening on the 23rd rather than the 24th of November. - It will be posted soon. - CommEng to contact Ethan for a caption on the - Need to advertise in advance to know if we have the numbers for Devere Hall or should move to Café Oasis - Noted that the 23rd is Council so it will clash. SU can still advertise - Can contact Campaigns, Ents, Welfare crews to attend 	IS
<p>XIV. Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 28th November 5pm or 6pm 	D
<p>XV. AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some additional tickets have opened up for Pink Training. If anyone on the Exec would like to go then contact Welfare/Ents - Equality: LGBTQ+ Rights Rep asked to enquire about trans specialisation training for student counselling. - President: There is funding for trainings in counselling. Last year HR organised training for staff on drug harm reduction and addiction. It's easier to upskill current staff than trying to get specialised staff. The next round of funding allocation is due so can raise the option there. - CommFund: Don't think we should use this room for meetings. Will look into other location. - Raise the Roof rally is happening Saturday 26th November. It's a USI campaign. Unite have 10 spaces on a bus. CommFund to send a text into the GC - PG: Do we all have to use the signatures in our emails? Not a fan of it. - CommEng: For brand consistency we should have things the same 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Action Items</p> <p>President:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To engage with TCDSU on Democracy USI item - ongoing - Organise a meeting with SU, Clubs and Socs re Governance - done <p>Ents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet with Rochestown management to discuss food options - ongoing 	

President & Education:

- Elections at College Clinics - done

Equality:

- Look into second EWG twitter account w/ EWG PRO