

UCCSU Executive Meeting Minutes

Date: 28/11/2022

Time: 5pm

Location: NW Conference Room



Attendance	Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President (Late) - Deputy President, Communications & Engagement Officer - Education Officer - Welfare Officer (Late) - Entertainments Officer - Commercial & Fundraising Officer - M&H College Representative - CACSSS College Representative - Environmental & Sustainability Representative - Equality & Diversity Representative - Irish Language & Culture Representative - Postgraduate Representative - Mature Student Representative - Council Chair - Societies President <p>Absent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clubs President - International Student Representative 	
<p>I. Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Business & Law Representative - SEFS Representative 	
<p>II. Minutes of Last Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Redaction of General Election Dates - Minor changes in formatting to clarify some points - Redaction of theme of Arts Ball - Agenda was moved around last meeting to accommodate people leaving. Noted that some people had to leave meeting for certain agenda items and that was recorded in minutes - Minutes approved 	D
<p>III. Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental Representative noted for the previous meeting that they had questioned whether they should bring the carbon literacy item then as they weren't in attendance or whether to wait - President is engaging with TCDSU on Democracy USI item - Meeting has been organised between SU, Clubs & Socs about student governance - Ents is organising to meet with Rochestown management about food options for Arts ball - Thursday 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President & Education ran elections at College Clinics for Academic and College Councils - CommEng & Equality looking into existing second EWG twitter account. 	
<p>IV. Appointment of Exec Members to SU Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two Committees; Policy Review & Strategic Plan - First need to decide the process for the appointment of Executive Representatives for these committees. Decision to do 1 minute speeches and then vote anonymously. 2 votes per person as 2 positions available. Chairs of committee abstaining - Question as to whether Council Chair would have a conflict on the committee as some recommendations will be going to Council. Decision to allow everyone to run. - Clarification of the workload expectation on the committees - Decision not to minute the exact speeches and vote of the Executive and just to record the 2 Executive Representatives selected for each committee: <p>Policy Review Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental & Sustainability Representatives - Irish Language & Culture Representative <p>Strategic Plan Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CACSSS College Representative - M&H College Representative 	D
<p>V. Carbon Literacy Course</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental Rep bringing this forward - Ents Officer expressing support for this - Workload is 30 hours with mostly done in self-time - Education not opposed but concerned about the increasing workload expectation for PTOs - CommEng wanting to have a better crossover so people are aware of these training requirements - CACSSS: would be useful to know to do it over the summer period - Irish: should we wait on digital badge approval. Workload expectation for this executive isn't resolved with summer period - CommFund: can't automatically assume that people can do it over the summer - Enviro: workshops running through the academic year - Ents: would it be beneficial to mandate sabbats for this year and then whole exec for the coming year? - Education: we need to consider how we're running trainings for the executive. We should be moving towards single day trainings - Everyone in agreement - Enviro this is a pressing issue so there's a need to bring this about now <p style="text-align: center;"><i>*Welfare Officer & President join meeting*</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - President should contact organisers of the Carbon Literacy Course about running specialised sessions. - Mature: In support of the idea behind the training but wouldn't expect the executive to have the time. We shouldn't be expected to be experts on everything. 	D

<p>Vote: Yay: 6 Nay: 3 Abstain: 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>*Policy is approved*</i> <i>*Irish & Socs President leave meeting*</i></p>	
<p>VI. Postgraduate Student Clinic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Postgraduate taking this item - Idea of Clinics is for specific colleges but it would be beneficial to have a PG College Clinic. - Clarification that it would be for all students, regardless of if they are a Class Rep. - CommEng: it would be useful to run it as an open forum - PG: would find it beneficial to know of PG issues - Council: we need to find a system to elect PGR Class Reps. Clinic would be useful - President: Currently organising a system for that. GSO have the data to integrate with ITS to organise. Would prefer a town hall than a PG Clinic. Clinics are for the College Reps to organise. - Council Chair requested to attend meetings of PGR Class Rep Systems - Equality: Something similar to the EWG Town Hall would be useful - PG idea would to hold them regularly so they can be informed - CommEng: Only Class Reps go to Clinic. Doing a regular town hall/meetup for all PG students would allow more direct feedback. - Mature: All students who come to the mature student coffee morning are represented by Class Reps but the coffee morning allows them to talk more generally about experience of group as a whole - Education: In the past there used to be PG and UG College Reps and they were merged. Would be hesitant to separate out the function of PG from the current College Clinics. It reinforces the idea that PG students aren't represented within current Union structures. - President: PG Town hall can be timed before Councils as well. - Council: How to handle ACE? Would a general town hall pre-clinics be useful - CommEng: Not disagreeing with a Town Hall but PG Class Reps fall under a specific College - Education: Best way to handle ACE Class Reps is to work with their Anchor College <p style="text-align: center;"><i>* M&H College Representative left meeting*</i></p>	DIS
<p>VII. Postgraduate Orientation Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PG Rep taking this item - UG orientation programmes are structured but postgraduates are not given much if any of an induction. Causes issues with not knowing how to use the computer logins or the print system etc. - International PG students get some system separately - Noted that funding has been secured through SCFF to run a pilot on PG orientation. It has been granted 2-3 years seed funding and may eventually ask for core funding if it's successful - SU is supportive of the pilot initiative 	DIS
<p>VIII. Date of Next Meeting</p>	D

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should another be held before Christmas? - Depends on how much work needs to be done for the Standing Orders after this meeting 	
<p>IX. AOB</p> <p>Red Cross</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - M&H taking this item - Organising a CPR training session. Would the Exec be interested and would the general student body? - We're already affiliated with Community First Responders and they have ran CPR courses in the past. Currently trying to figure out what our affiliation with them is. <p>Turn on Christmas Lights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wanted to do a turn on the lights Christmas event - Asked general services not to turn on the lights. Were told they can't be on until 7pm but they have already been turned on earlier - Is there a benefit to holding the event still? - Hot Chocolate, Chocolate Santa's and Christmas jumpers - Hold it outside the hub then turn on the lights on the tree at the quad - Need to ensure it doesn't clash with LGBTQ+ Soc vigil <p>Mural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consent mural commissioned outside the SU Offices last year. That had to come down and we're organising a new one. - Decided on an LGBTQ+ theme - Open forum held today to discuss ideas. Group felt having a quote and then historical imagery around it would be good. "Pride is a protest, we are love, queer love is everlasting" - General positive results from the discussion earlier. - Going to commission a queer artist to create the mural. Could potentially do an open call for people who are interested or reach out to specific groups. <p>Co-Op Quiz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-Op Soc has invited us to a quiz. If we want an SU team then reach out to President <p>Racial Inclusivity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Racist riots in Dublin. No response from university about letters sent to UCC staff member. Rainbow walkway is a great physical reminder of the values of UCC wrt to LGBTQ+. Has there been any conversation about a similar installation for racial inclusivity? - Equality Office - Race Equality Forum 	
<p>X. General Election Standing Orders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anyone who is standing for election was asked to leave the room - Noted that quorum will be lost so no decision can be made - Council chair asked that this discussion be deferred as online connection is spotty. - President noted that we would be required to hold another Executive meeting before Christmas. Decision reached to hold a specific meeting about standing orders for election online 	DIS
<p>Action Items</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Organise PG Townhall - President & PG Rep- Organise Christmas lightes event- Organise mural - Welfare & CommEng- Re-organise meeting to discuss elections - President	
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