

Date & Time: 22/08/2022 @ 6:30pm (Started 18:33)

:Location: SU Office Boardroom/Microsoft Teams

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- Officer Updates
- Socs Forum
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- OER Funding Proposal
- AOB
  - Hoodie Final Design

Attending: Joe (VP Education), Julia (International), Seanie (Gaeilge), Vickie (Socs Chair), Malena (Environment), Tom (Arts convener), Greta (Postgrad Research), Rain (Med/Nurse Convenor), Anne Marie (Ethnic Minorities), Sai (Uachtarán)

Apologies: Imogen (VP Welfare), Barry (LU Gaeilge), Benjamin (Mature), Raimey (Postgrad Taught), Tahsin (Clubs Captain), Jack (Sci/Eng Convenor), Holly (Bus/Law Convenor), Michaela (Disability), Connor (LGBT)

Minutes Prepared by: Seanie

### Officer updates:

- Joe: Orientation, exam appeals committee and exams security groups, USI national council, USI training, put together OER proposal for meetings with universities.
- Julia: Discussed accommodation with international office.
- Malena: Second hand workshops and getting charity shop into the university
- Joe: you should probably discuss with Joanna
- Anne Marie: Meeting with Joanna tomorrow.

### Socs Forum:

- Vickie: Wants to bring back Socs forum, wants to a socs forum, what a socs forum is basically a meeting with societies talking about issues or anything with, would like it held on Mondays
- Tom: let societies know that there might be a week lag information.
- Sai: Agree with it being on Monday
- Joe: Any objections?
- No objections.

### Accommodation Crisis:

- Julia: Met with international officer, discussed accommodation, there is a lack of accommodation, for example 70 students are coming on a bus next week and won't have accommodation. Would like to discuss things about what the SU can do to bring this to the attention to the fore.
- Sai: had a discussion with people about having a protest in a lecture hall, also university might want to a protest with the SU to do something on the national level
- Tom: Would like to highlight the situation with digs about how there are less rights for tenants in digs. Try to get the university to change messaging with how they advertise the "up to €14,000 tax free", also encourage students to join CATU and hold an information for night for students on tenants' rights.
- Rain: Could also try a petition with a list of issues and share that around. Know that it worked particularly well with the BLM movement, got a response from the president, so could work well here.
- Greta: Would like to ask what CATU is?
- Tom: CATU is Community Action Tenants Union, operate on a national level, help with tenants' rights and helped stopped unlawful evictions in the past, would be very helpful for people, knows that evictions wave doubled over the past year.
- Greta: would also like to see what worked well in the past to see what could be effective here.
- Joe: there was a camp out in the quad that was effective last year, and they were successful about stopping the raise in prices in goldcrest and Corrib
- Malena: Would also like to suggest that maybe just leaving up tents around campus just to send a message, don't necessarily need to be people in them. Would also like to set up a meeting with the president where he can hear personal stories from students, also would like to look at an open letter to get the message out into more channels
- Joe: Would also like to mention that at national training with the USI and knows it is national issues that is around there, tom has hand up
- Tom: Has there been anything at national level from USI for protests on this?
- Joe: Nothing that he knows of, will talk to Ross in the USI to see if there are any plans.
- Tom: Can we email all the students would be good to get first years involved because they are the most at effect there.
- Sai: there are mailing lists on this, and we can email students.
- Malena: Would the SU be able to fund private accommodation themselves?
- Sai: Not at the moment, but if there is funding from the university accounts are saying that there could be something 5 years down the line.
- Malena: Would like that to be looked at.

#### OER Funding Proposal:

- Joe: What do people think of the proposal
- Malena: what is OER?
- Joe: Basically, free access to textbooks and learning materials, khan academy would be an example of that.

- Malena: Would like us to emphasise the free material that is available so students so that they don't spend too a lot of money on materials they can get for free. Otherwise likes the proposal.

AOB:

- Hoodies:
  - Joe: Final design in the group chat.
  - Malena: Would there be a possibility of something funny being included on the hoodie?
  - Joe: We could have something commemorating smoke, any ideas send them in the Group chat
    - Suicide prevention
  - Anne Marie: is there any plans for the SU to do something for it
  - Sai: Imogen is not here but believes there is nothing planned at the moment
  - Anne Marie: Do think it should be something to look at would be helpful for students.

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