

Date: 13/09/2022

Time: 6:30pm

Location: SU Board Room & Teams

Attending: Sai, Joe, Imogen, Vickie, Benjamin, Rain, Tom, Seanie, Greta, Julia, Raimey, Tahsin, Barry, Malena

Apologies: Jack, Holly

Absent:

Clár:

- Officer Updates
 - Executive Training
 - Council Seating Arrangements
 - SU Charities
 - €10 Clubs Policy
 - Gaeilge Incorporation
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- Officer Updates
 - Sai: Medialinn space; putting in furniture, social space, thinking of moving the cloakroom in there, if anyone has suggestions. Refreshers Fair. Smokeys microwave will open this week. Commuter busses, looking for bus company All towns listed on website, ticket prices will be €2, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9am and 6pm. SU Charity cup
 - Joe: Class rep elections, getting good uptake. Byelection when the first year election are, E-learning, Class Rep hoodies have been ordered, arriving in the next 2-3 weeks, helping sustainability, had a meeting to try to get the student pantry, had a meeting with dean college of Business law and public policy.
 - Imogen: recruiting Welfare crew, had meeting with Pól and Michelle Millarr about carrying over modules, meeting about funds for international students, working on events for next year. Working on rent books for the accommodation, HSE videos, cost of living crisis protest in Dublin
 - Seanie: Class rep video, Re-freshers fair, Oíche na Gaeilge with Barry, huge success
 - Anne Marie: Last Wednesday NCBI event went really well, contacted students about their experience with accommodation experiences and no one responded, meeting with EU on committee on Traveller and Roma people tomorrow in the Hardiman.
Joe: Me and Julia are getting testimonials, students can contact us on that
Anne Marie: big week, first traveller student getting accepted into the college of medicine.

- Greta: Working on class rep elections, thinking of having class reps by school for PHD students, working on having automated system for nominations for class reps. When is deadline for elections?
- Joe: like to have them elected for the 26th for first council.
- Greta: Are we proposing to appoint research by school as well.
- Joe: Yes
- Seanie: Question on the constitutionality of appointing it by school
- Joe: the election schedule is a mess, so yes it is constitutional
- Rain: Class rep promotion, scheduled some meetings with year heads, met with international students to discuss accommodation, working on lab coats rental, working on charities to donate old clothes to
- Benjamin: held an EGM for mature students' society, now auditor of the society
- Raimey: engaging with students on accommodation
- Greta: Would like to thank Joe on including everyone in the video
- Barry: Gotten on seat on Raidió Rí-Rá for representative of UG SU, just gotten the studio who installed in Áras na Gaeilge, trying to get them on FM. Scéim Conaithe; interviewed about 54 people, got 16 people who were going to in the accommodation and the rest on waiting list after CAO results a lot of people didn't get into the university so now have 2 free spots, Caife na Gaeilge is still having difficulties because the university is not covering the cost and the cafe so butting heads, céilí at Oíche na Gaeilge was brilliant, going to do some tin whistle classes, FOI parking, the university are not going to give it because it's a private company.
- Benjamin: The park and ride bus is not adequate, also the fact that there is two diesel busses not good.
- Executive training:
 - Joe: CELT wanting to do the training, times are Monday or Tuesday at 11-12, will put a poll in whatsapp group for that. Will get the solicitor in for legal training, and the campaign training, will put polls in place for times.
- Council Seating Arrangements:
 - Sai: Bailey Allen Hall is first choice, the backup is O Flaherty or Kirwan. Buildings are sending a list of venues, one is Aula Maxima, (list of buildings).
 - Joe: Want to have a cluster arrangements of groups of students, so would like to have a different style of arrangements
 - Barry: Would be worried about students with social anxiety, would still think that it should be tried, but a worry there.
 - Benjamin: think that the discussion should happen before the council, and so they should have the information already.
 - Joe: think that the discussion is different and could help there.
 - Barry: Second what Benjamin said, Have brought this up before, think that town hall discussion would be a better thing to think about, council should really be for voting and should try to get more motions through.
 - Joe: Worried that a lot of motions going through aren't acted upon, could have a discussion that happens after the votes about how the motions get implemented.
 - Barry: Think that the discussion should come before the motions are voted on.
 - Greta: Think that the motions are there
 - Anne Marie has left.

- Malena: would like to have an agreement that the should
- Roundtables: 6, Hemicircle set up: 6, Sai votes for hemicircle.

- SU Charities:

Simon & Galway Rape Crisis Selected

- €10 clubs policy
 - Tahsin: Had a meeting with sports unit said on this, they raised a few points:
 1. Club commitment/ownership: they want to make sure that students are committed within their sports.
 - Tom: So if people don't come into this.
 - Benjamin: there are others ways to track membership
 - Tahsin: Just want to run through the points gone through
 2. Insurance: University have said Insurance bodies will only cover this if they can show that a student has paid
 3. Fundraising: The sports unit are trying to encourage more money for the clubs, university have said they won't touch any of the money
 - Imogen: Not directed Tahsin but at the university. That sounds like Bullsh*t, how are they saying that students have not been covered by insurance at all. Absolute sh*te.
 - Tahsin: I had a talk with all the captains there, they mostly seemed in favour. Mountaineering club already have fees in place.
 - Tom: two questions,
 1. Have they said that the levy isn't covering their expenses?
 2. Has the levy got insurance covered?
 - Tahsin: They gave a breakdown of the expenses at the slide so I will share that.
 - Melena: 2 questions,
 1. What is your opinion?
 2. Is it Mandatory?
 - Tahsin: My opinion is what the clubs say to me, and they seem in favour of it.
 - Julia: It is mandatory. Clubs that already charge will not have extra imposed but clubs that don't have it.
 - Barry: do know there are problems with GAA organisations and they normally chare 50c or €1 for insurance. Also would like to say that you should call and extraordinary clubs forum so you can get more opinions, and without the sports unit there.
 - Imogen: Think the argument would need to be made from a welfare perspective, why has the €10 fee has been done, it seems like a figure they are pulling out of their a*s.
 - Joe: would like to also question why it has to be €10
 - Tahsin: Will hold a discussion with the captains, so that they can give their opinions.
- Gaeilge Incorporation:
 - Barry: I'm able to be there for a gaeilge facilitator for helping events and incorporating Gaeilge into events. We also have a translation service in the Union, need documents about a week before there

- Malena: Is there any way to get it done faster than a week? Need to get something done fast
- Barry: I can give my own time if needed. If you have any themed weeks, I can help with that as well, also looking at a trip down to Kerry for coiste gaeilge, and there are impacts of the environment. Would like to give my time to Malena to ask Tahsin a question.
- Malena: Is there any legal support for them to impose this fee
- Tahsin: I am not well versed in the legal opinion, so I'm not aware, will ask.

- AOB.

- Tom: would like to see that there is date for accommodation protest.
- Barry: Would like to focus on cost of living protest next Saturday on the Dublin focus.
- Seanie: Is this a citywide protest are there organisations there.
- Sai: Have gotten some, some areas still not responded.
- Barry: Are we holding this in this in the City or in the college.
- Consensus in the city if it is in the
- Barry: We should go from the main gates to the end up in Eyre Square. Would like to use the letter we sent to Simon Harris should be our list of demands
- Benjamin: There is no presence of this on Google was very hard to find the letter. There are also problems on this. There are also issues on how much there information are the website.

Reshoots:

- Joe: Should we do at the reshoots or the video, was kind of in hindsight with the gender balance there.
- Greta: Do think that it should be done, when we were doing it there passed by my mind. Was just thinking that if a young student looking at this.
- Barry: Could do multiple version of each shot

Communications:

- Benjamin: Do think that there is a problem of communication, a lot of decisions are being made and a lot of things are not being communicated to the part time officers, minutes are not on the website for example.
- Imogen: lot of pressure at the moment, do take on your concerns and will try to make this more inclusive.
- Malena: Want to echo what Benjamin said, understand that there is pressure as well. We could also have a brainstorming session for what to do. Also could set up a sharepoint for sharing documents.
- Joe: Will look at setting a share point up.

Calendly:

- Joe: Setting up a new system for booking meetings with full time officers, called calendly, will sync up with outlook calendar and students can then select times to book a meeting, will see how that goes.

Ended: 20:19