

Date & Time: 17/10/2022 @ 6:30pm

Location: SU Office Boardroom/Teams

Attendance: Joe, Vickie, Julia, Malena, Benjamin, Barry, Sai, Raimsey, Imogen, Holly, Seanie, Jack, Rain, Tom

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Officer Updates – 10 minutes

- SU Funding Proposal – 15 minutes
- SU Council – 10 minutes
- Communication – 5 minutes
- SU Council Chair – 5 minutes
- USI – 10 minutes
- Suggestions/AOB – 5 minutes

Officer updates:

- Sai: Charity cups, walk out, funding proposal
- Joe: Class rep elections, lecture shoutout for protest, e-learning module, academic counsel, talked to Taoiseach about housing.
- Imogen: Working on casework, including one about sexual assault, a lot of international students coming with anxiety, want to promote the speak out tool, 13 cases of reported rape in Galway with this tool, survey on the necessity of busses with rural areas
- Barry: Seactain Gaelach [], brainstorming session on Thursday about communications,
- Malena: Last week was climate action week, talked to minister of state for transport, talked with Pauline O'Reilly, attended training. Got an invite from Bloch Áras, recycle week, revied eco soc, workshop on how to dispose of vapes, Q&A with Galway City Council. Trying to talk to granny soc about a mix for anti-fast fashion, thrift Christmas market
 - Barry: Who ran the anti-fast fashion last year? Was there a speaker last year
 - Holly: SVP and Style soc. There wasn't but can check if there are any human rights speakers on that
 - Joe: Trying to organise a petting zoo for Christmas market.
- Holly: Did a debate for lit and deb about the banning vapes and took down the arguments.
- Rain: Received queries on lockers in Áras Moyla, and also about the possibility of organising a protest about Iran.

Funding Proposal:

- Sai: Gave a breakdown on the costings
- Barry: Worried about isolating the 2 full time positions, need to make sure that the funding is ringfenced so we can remain independent, need to make sure that we are not an entity of the university with this and can keep independence. Would also like to have a discussion on the postgrad officer.
- Tom: Would like to see some sort of backup plan in case the university pulls out. echoes the concerns of about the position being funded by the university.
- Imogen: Would like it noted that the SU does take a burden from the university with hosting events with like shag week. Would like to raise a point that we could do a Events officer to organise events like protests.
- Barry: It could be an Events and Communications officer
- Raimy: Do
- Malena: If we do an Events and Communications, we could have them do things internally in the SU.
- Imogen: That would be good things that this officer can do such as the doing lecture shoutouts.
- Joe: in terms of lecture shout-outs we need to get officers to do lecture shoutouts.
- Benjamin: Are we still dropping some part-time officers?
- Sai: No the total is there regardless of the amount of officers
- Benjamin: We would the university agree to this
- Sai: The universities have certain strategies that they need to fulfil such as Ceim which they would need to suit.
- Barry: Would like to make sure that the independence is remained and the we can keep surviving in case anything happens
- Seanie: Are we redistributing the levy to
- Raimy: Would like to raise the point that there would need to be a referendum on the Post grad officer which may jepordise things.
- Imogen: We could organise a meeting with the solicitor to air concerns
- Sai: will organise that.

SU Council:

- Joe: want to look at what is going on the agenda.
- Malena: Explains the history of the Galway ring road, Do think we should support having the project scrapped so that the funding would be freed up so other things can be done with other sustainable investments. We could then send a letter to friends of the earth.
- Joe: could have a discussion on what could be done with the funding.
- Barry: Would like the discussion to be done and action that we can take this.
- Joe: We can discuss the exact wording later. What about housing

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- Malena: then we could have it be a discussion on sustainable. Infrastructure in Galway. Would like to see what law students think as they might have more insight on the planning laws.
- Joe: That sounds good. Parking was raised with class reps
- Barry: Would like that at the end
- Joe: We can do it right before AOB

Communications:

- Sai: Set up weekly meetings with everyone so we can discuss things. Going to try to make sure that the people do work in their remit and so people don't get overworked.
- Barry: Would like that everyone would have access to the important access.

SU Council chair:

- Sai: there is no contract for the chair
- Malena: How is he getting paid.
- Tom: He could be on an implicit contract.

USI:

- Malena: Some students were concerned about the naming of parties.
- Imogen: I probably would name drop the parties in the future of Fianna Fáil and Fine Gael, But I do think that there is a point to name dropping the parties. There was a lot of f**cked up things and have been in power for a long time.
- Malena: We could do information nights and get debates organised so that we can get voter information up.
- Tom: We could do a sort of unbiased information, and also lit and deb did used to a walking party debate and we could try to revive this
- Malena: Will bring this forward on to the brainstorming sessions

AOB:

Car Parking

- Barry: Working on parking working group
- Benjamin: the Sports unit have a thing where people who are temporarily injured can use staff parking and other things, we could try to expand this to students who are parents.

Lockers Áras Moyola:

- Rain: had a few complaints about the locker being unaccessible

The Hog:

- Malena: What has come on about this.
- Jack: Emailed buildings and there

%5 + Guillotine:

- Malena: can we add this to the standing orders
- Sai: we can do this

Wifi:

- Malena: Is anything wbeing done
- Sai: Emailed Pól it is a HEA issue, they are working on it

Trip:

- Malena: Have we a decision
- Sai: Will put up a poll

Exam appeals:

- Rain: What happens if a complaint is made about an appeal not going through
- Sai: Wait for Joe
- Seanie: I can get you information on this

Annoymus voting at Councils:

- Seanie: there was a motion last year on this and was 9D
- Sai: this on this

Medialinn:

- Barry: Sai can you explain what happened here
- Sai: We don't have the keys to the media linn so we cant publicise it year

Town Hall:

- Barry: What is the story
- Barry: Should we have it tomorrow then, I would make it in November

Hallows:

- Barry: would like people to promote this.

Jack and Joe leaves at 19:58