



Miontuairiscí / Minutes

Time: 18:30

Date: 22/11/2021

Location: SU Office/ Zoom Link

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- Full Time Officer Issues & Updates
- Part Time Officer Issues & Updates
- Exams
- Comhairle (Agenda, Officer Reports, Secretary, Ceisteanna)
- Semester 2
- AOB

Present: Róisín, Cora, Clodagh, Krystian, Sai, Niamh, Éimear, Matthew, Orlaith, Shane, Anita, Faye, Jack

Apologies: Kirsty, Anne-Marie, Ethan

Absent:

Previous minutes proposed and seconded by: Cora, Niamh

Today's minutes were prepared during the meeting by: Éimear

Fáilte / Welcome

Full Time Officer Updates

Róisín –

- Off Thursday Friday
- Mainly exam queries
- Met 1-1 with students on different issues
- Planned bingo loco
- Planned some events for semester 2

Clodagh –

- Remote learners don't have to meet DSS requirements any more
- Exams are the big query
- Working on workshops, low attendance only 9 at the last one
- 56% of exams are in person
- Mairtín – can that continue to drop
- Clodagh – deadline to switch over to online exams was the 5th, uncertainty over whether there should be another deadline or not as many students want them to be online
- Éimear + Sai – both of our courses have confirmed that they will be in person





- Michelle Millar is in support of free buses
- Róisín – was looking for confirmation for funding of buses, couldn't locate it

Cora –

- Lot of case work surrounding exams
- SHAG week
 - First day today
 - Rest of talks have low attendance but spread the word if anyone is interested
 - Sex Toy Bingo at 7:30pm Thursday – Sai, Clodagh, Róisín have volunteered, all are welcome
 - 6pm Vigil on Thursday

Part Time Officer Updates

Jack –

- Scrubs that were donated by medical students to the last convener of medicine were all sold this week
- Case work surrounding exams
- Working with Clodagh to sort out the final class reps
- Class reps had a meeting with module leads and heads of school – deferrals are study week of semester 2
 - Bizarre that someone got covid in exams, and that they would have to sit two semesters worth of exams in a few weeks
- Róisín – Clodagh was in a meeting about it today
- Clodagh – they were hoping to have them during field trip week, depending on how many people defer the exams it might eat into study week. Going to discuss it at council. Have to be mindful of timing because things are due throughout the semester. The colleges agreed that this would be the best time to have the exams. It's hard to get time off from placement
- Sai – we can't put it too early or too late
- Clodagh – won't be capped for this deferral, will have a chance to sit a repeat in August. Worried about students that are abroad for summer. Semester 2 exams won't interfere with that

Faye –

- Case work – their lecturer took down materials from last year and refused to put them back up
- Clodagh – forward me on the email and I'll handle it

Anita –

- No issues from any mature students
- A lot of people are saying that if they do have covid symptoms they're going to sit the exams anyway
- Róisín – NUIG is putting people at risk
- Sai – they should temperature check



- Niamh – the open letter to Simon Harris has gotten over 2,000 signatures in 24 hours
- Róisín – we're the only SU to openly support the letter

Krystian

- Met with head of law – talked about the split year and the possibilities of that, will come back to him at the next meeting
- Exams – head of law was unsure about the health argument because you could be at a restaurant, and you could catch covid there. Change of format gives study panic, unsure if that's beneficial. Recommends that students go to tomorrow's meeting.
- Students wanted skills for business to be re-evaluated and the school manager said that that is being re-evaluated and he will put forward any suggestions

Sai –

- Timing for PC suites in Engineering
- Clodagh has emailed about that

Niamh

- Filmed JAM card on Monday
- Intl. students coffee morning on Wednesday
- Recorded podcast on disability
- Going to neurodivergent soc event this evening
- Wearing purple at council next Monday
- Different workshops next week – sign language workshops 11-12 Monday to Friday
- Disability experience workshop –
- Extra disability clinic on Friday.
- Campus is not sugar friendly for diabetics at all – it's a wider issue than she realised

Mairtín

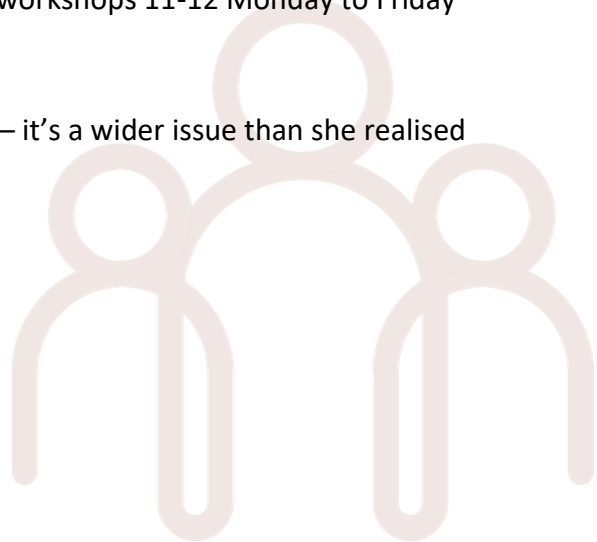
- No updates

Orlaith

- Pink Training
- No response to email on T Fund

Matt

- Intl. coffee morning was a success
- Interest in a céilí
- Reached out to senators and Ciarán to support a group insurance scheme
- Rather attend exams sick than resit them before semester 2 exams





- Clodagh – could do a survey and show how many people would go in with Covid symptoms
- Cora – it would show proof that they knew it was coming

Shane –

- No updates
- Postgrad worker group with USI was interesting
- Threads to follow up on with Simon Harris
- Claire is in frequent contact with him, and Shane will get in touch with Claire
- One head of school is being difficult about class reps

Eímeair

- Working on full-time Irish officer
- Referendum at the start of March
- Election start of April

Exams

- Anita – friend is doing a postgrad in food sustainability and all of their exams are online
- Sai – his course is accredited so it can't be online, but non-accredited courses should go ahead with it
- Clodagh – we're an essential service now so even if we go into lockdown, we'll be one of the last places to close
- Krystian – in languages in UCD they're moving online, not sure about the accredited modules.
- Clodagh – difficult to locate a list of accredited courses
- Sai – the university should have one, going online with non-accredited courses would reduce people in exam halls
- Clodagh – exams online this semester could just be pushing it off for another half a year, hard to find a balance
- Krystian – Head of law said that he's not aware of any external policies that would stop them moving online
- Sai – there is for engineering
- Clodagh – employers were ringing the exam office asking if exams would be online again

Comhairle (Agenda, Officer Reports, Secretary, Ceisteanna)

- Please enter all motions bilingually

Semester 2

- Start thinking about your plans for Semester 2 now so you're prepared



AOB/AGO

- Coldvember – SU are participating this weekend
- Mairtín – any update on the library reading room?
 - Clodagh – meeting on Friday, it was successful. Going to be 8am to 2am. Struggling to find invigilators for exams and they come first. Link for invigilators hasn't been created yet.
 - Shane – exam invigilators are through an external company this year.
- Róisín – no profit on pandemic
 - Some countries haven't even been offered the first vaccine should we be accepting booster vaccine? Debating bringing a motion to council
 - Sai – even antigen tests should be free
- Niamh – where is the protest on Wednesday?
 - Half one at Áras na Mac Léinn walking to Sparch
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