

Cora - Mental health week coming up. Met with someone to talk about anti-bullying training. She was hoping more long term (demo in short term). Working with Niamh and Róisín on a mental health guide on supports post suicide attempts - Eímear asked if the guide could be also made available as Gaeilge

Orlaith - finally got reply on naming admin issue. They agreed it was important - and that it now needs to go to social education department as opposed to Minister O’Gorman’s office. Met with student wanting to bring a motion to council mandating the union to boycott the Irish times, but as they did not clear this motion with any trans people they have withdrew the motion and Órlaith is going to propose it in consultation with BródSoc. Clodagh says yourspace is unfortunately not a priority right now so there still will be no voting on motions until class rep issue is resolved. Orlaith will present motion on this for SU exec next week to be voted on. We can discuss at comhairle. Not getting anything from buildings on bridge murals - Róisín will raise it with the Director of Buildings at tomorrow’s meeting

Sai - talking to WiStem about events. Talking to staff about plagiarism workshops. Talked about recording lectures - this is still highly selective and lecturers are wholly unresponsive in some cases. These issues must be supported for people who can’t attend outside of covid times. Particular case has not received any recordings. Niamh recommended liaising with DSS - clodagh will also help. Some students said they have online exams, but others don’t - this is at the individual lecturer’s discretion.

Clodagh - PHD researchers getting elected which is good - wifi is still bad which is a big issue.

Niamh- talk with library and student support services. Got a position on the USI Disability Advisory Group. Talk about the JAM card.

Matthew - getting student queries about access to hardship fund, it is not available / link is not working. It is very frustrating. He let them know in meantime about food drive. This has already been a problem in the past for international students. Cora will follow up on FAF.

Annemarie - working on traveller back to education MMIE committee - putting together survey. Was talking to woman in nursing in first year - said they were only accepting paper applications for the financial aid and also said the link was broken. Mincéirs Whiiden society want Cora and Róisín to meet at the traveller plaque - Jason also wanted to know if they would do a poster. Queried officer report content as the last council was so recent - Róisín said that this week’s reports would be fairly short given the turnaround between comhairle meetings. Was asked if there is class rep for adult education - some have applied through yourspace - the training sessions did throw up some interested people but not sure who that is. Annemarie has received this query many times - Clodagh advises that the students can take it into their own hands if needed. Are exams still going ahead ? Apparently no delays from what we have heard, but also no guidelines for open book exams. Many lecturers have been understanding. Regular business as usual is expected especially because the library is back. Some students did think there would be a delay until January but Clodagh says she has not heard anything on this.

Eímear - has ordered t-léine Gaeilge24 for exec to promote. Weekly ciorcáil comhrá's. Had meeting with Julian de Spáinn - meeting with roisin about putting together strategic goals a 3 year strategy which will be useful for when there is full time officer to build on it. Only initial work but welcoming feedback. Went to Cumann Gaelach event - attendees were worried about Caife na Gaeilge. Met with university's first Oifigeach na Gaeilge, Caroline Ní Fathartha. Is attending imeachtaí cumann gaelach.

Jack - college of medicine council had low turnout but it was a good forum for concerns. Some were worried about exam scheduling and in person hours. Last week was given seat on curriculum review board for UG - also worked with christopher ryan who is the social media officer for the school of medicine. Also was reaching out about renaming lecture halls.

Róisín- INMO protest for student nurses & midwives - would be great if everyone could make it. SU should lead by example on these things. Letter can be provided by the full timers for missing class iif needed. Organised an SU bus which will be leaving at 10am next tuesday. Meeting with Mincéirs Whiden society about Mental Health week and different upcoming plans to support Traveller students. Attended a few Misleór events. Met with Dr Pádraig MacNeela from Active* Consent to discuss plans around consent and how to promote it on campus; social media campaigns, workshops, class rep modules, CÉIM, student residences etc. Struggle to engage clubs and socs - discussed having a workshop at the clubs & socs Le Chéile training weekend. Facilitator training organised for next saturday - 11-4 in Áras na Mac Léinn. Clodagh says training is very worthwhile. This is different to the 30 min consent workshops because it equips you to be able to run your own consent workshops. It is highly interactive as well. Sai, Matthew and Krystian cannot make it. Eímear asks how long is training valid for - people are not 100 percent sure but don't think there is an expiry date. Meeting with the Feminist Society regarding ongoing campaign to try to get change of policy in relation to sexual harassment in NUIG, finally have meeting with michelle millar - policy is reviewed every 5 years but proposed change to shorter EG every 2 years and many more recommendations which were sent to the relevant people back in April. Update on council - it will be blended from next week in the O'Flaherty Theatre - officer reports to be submitted for Thursday at the latest. Thursday also deadline for any motions. Met with woman from cope galway - drop in student clinics starting from next week every wednesday for students who are victims of domestic abuse- can be any sort of abuse and doesn't necessarily have to be relationships. We will not be continuing the Charity Challenge this year, instead there will be one big event a month; - 4th november will be County Colours in SULT, February will be take me out, April the chase, March battle of the sexes, semester 1 shutdown, etc etc. Attended the SU commercial services board meeting for financial updates - sult running a profit on catering for first time in 3 years. SU shop is down due to card restrictions with cyber attack. Conferring delayed even further despite other colleges being more forward - seems as if NUIG are lagging behind every other college. Graduation committees had no student consultation despite explicit assurances to the contrary. Very poor communication - 2020 did not even have virtual conferring - winter were moved for undetermined reasons, potentially related to cyber attack / lockdowns. Health Unit appointments - getting some student queries on it, they can still take appointments online - they say just use personal emails instead of NUIG email when using the online booking form. Fee issues is ongoing, people are contacting us worried about being unable to pay, reminder that deadline is 30 November not

31 October. People can still pay by bank giro/transfer but it is a lot more complicated. System hopefully up soon as Údarás said financial systems were the no.1 priority. Fee waivers schedules are unclear - people are not hearing back about financial aid funds as well. Clodagh will follow up with that. Government deals with fee waivers so shouldn't be a problem. The student who was sadly hit by a firework may lose sight - su hamper would be great idea just to give something. Niamh recommended getting an interactive card reader. Jack asks if the SU can share the gofundme that was set up on social media. Can we make SU donation? Possibly not just because of what can be spent on by the union.

Shane - PhD stipend issue - unequal raising of stipend to national rate between schools creating further inequity - issue to be brought via motion at next exec meeting.

AOB - trying to get murals done was the idea from Orlaith - get mural on each side, one for pride and the other for irish language. Buildings were hard to get a hold of. What steps are to be taken? Clodagh said it was so hard to get in contact but one idea was to host competitions amongst students to generate more support. There is an issue of permission - how far will they enforce protocol? Roisin has meeting with buildings on Thursday and ask directly whether or not this is possible. Orlaith wanted to host competition through societies. Things have been painted over before. Róisín says that NUIG do not own the area at the bridge and would need to get planning permissions.

Niamh asked about hardship criteria - one is not means tested, and dare is not an inclusionary criteria. Dare seems to not be part of it, but HEAR is. Seems to be an anomaly. Hardship emergency fund is what the exact name of this fund is. Róisín said that DARE students are a different cohort and have never been eligible for the other fund. Cora will follow up

Annemarie asked what to tell Jason about the 1st November to confirm for the MH week - another meeting thursday evening. Roisin got onto chris about plaque location and Chris suggested Áras na Mac Léinn as opposed to SULT. Eímeair asked Cora what the plans are for the Tae agus Caife event for Mental Health Week - cora to follow up.

Roisin said for MH week there should be at least one event through Irish - could adapt the weekly Ciorcal Comhrá to be a Queercal Comhrá as a safe space for LGBT+ students with Gaeilge. Between orlaith and eimeair to lead Irish LGBT event - Eimeair is happy to help.

Apologies from Anita, Ethan, Mairtin, Faye, Kirsty