



Clár – Agenda

Time: 18:30

Date: 23/09/2021

Location: SU Office / Zoom Link <https://nuigalway-ie.zoom.us/j/97000274481>

- Officer Updates
- Council Chairperson
- Events deconfliction
- FOI Training, Consent Training
- GaelSeachtain
- AOB

Present: Róisín, Clodagh, Éimear, Sai, Krystian, Ethan, Matt, Faye, Niamh, Kirsty, Jack, Cora, Orlaith, Máirtín

Apologies: Annemarie, Anita

Officer updates:

- Faye – not many students in touch, question about societies, postgrads feeling isolated, organise postgrad specific events
- Kirsty – seascape initiative launched today (licences for water supports, safer water sports on campus), €5,600 worth of courses funding secured, sports ambassadors elected (2 reps for each category), sport accessibility initiative up next to be worked on (extra equipment, contacting DSS), new transport to travel to games, Clubs day next week, jersey day the next day, organising AHEAD training (waiting on dates), trying to organise a professional videos for promotional services, panel of NUIG Olympians and Paralympians, fitter woman menstrual cycle app, women in sport, green shed equipment procured (being turned into a gym) – hope to be ready by January, sports psychologist coming in to talk to coaches, in-person training back this week
- Jack – Promo yesterday for UniCov talk w/ Dr. Eoin McDonnadh, meant to be live but it didn't work going on IGTV today or taking snippets, working with Danielle Nicholсан to advertise joining up and getting involved with UniCov, hoping to organise scrubs sales so that people can hand down scrubs when they're finished, orientation next week for college of medicine (Monday), list of class reps being worked on, class rep elections happening soon.



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- Niamh – Working on a YouTube series with the DSS for the more general, common disabilities – how to spot signs early, document a good idea to be a year-long project to work towards to do properly and fully
- Cora – Meeting with REACT (alcohol abuse group, expanded to substance abuse) – looking into different trainings about drug awareness, raised issue of indoor seating and microwaves with Michelle Miller, microwaves are now in use at Smokies, building Welfare Crew, a lot of media about the accommodation crisis
- Shane – graduate studies board meeting (sub-group on teaching practice conduct, paid teaching contributions), hopefully pass and go through the HR, response to events that have been happening on the ground. Class reps to go top down, module codes don't always work, following up with Donal about that.
- Ethan – socs day went well, hub set up again, trying to set up a spotlight for societies, helping people with problems for logins, some on campus spaces
- Sai – class rep nominations and lecture shout outs, covered the majority of classes, food sustainability scheme, lab essentials scheme finishing tomorrow, distributed next week, more seating in the concourse being brought up
- Krystian – class reps, 1st year orientation, Shannon college tomorrow, blackboard material, lecturers are removing the material (EU law specifically – big debate at academic council as to who owns the material), another issue in accounting – want to remove materials 2 weeks before exams, said that there's no clear policy on it
- Matthew – meeting with Louise Kelly – student issue about the greet and transfer service coming from Dublin Airport, had pre-booked but still had to pay. CO2 emission detectors aren't working. Events being held off until the covid regulations lift.
- Orlaith – apology for being late, began as case work and expanded into an issue of lecturers refusing to call trans students by their names, and instead using their deadnames, system for informing lecturers to call you by a different name is obtuse and doesn't exist. Student's have been in contact, Bród soc have the same issue, a clear procedure needs to be implemented for communication with lecturers in the absence of a better system. Feeling that the university doesn't care. If lecturers don't care, we should lodge a complaint – one of the pillars of the strategic plan 2020-25 is respect.
- Éimear – Media interviews about the accommodation crisis, working on Gaelseachtain, launched the Coiste Gaeilge and if anyone has any students interested send them her way, met with Áine (reachtaire for the Cumann Gaelach), also met with Julain de Spáinn for Gníomhaí Gaeilge and Grian from the USI about general goals for the year, attended part time officer training with the USI, organised a pizza night for the first years that will be on next Tuesday, had a pop-up Gaeltacht the first week back, Irish classes sign up going well and will start on Monday
- Clodagh – case work has involved complaints, appeals, leave of absences, deferrals and waiver, academic integrity cert (michelle and mairéad) after a short information cert,



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- working on student ID cards, few problems with postgrads, lobbying for the reading room to be opened, UniCov, class reps and training, education week
- Róisín – virtual orientation, walk and talks, met with counselling staff about the waiting list and the new funding, hygiene bank, media interviews, BBC Raidió Ulster as Gaeilge about consent and the housing crisis, podcast about housing crisis, planned for Gaelseachtain, Conradh na Gaeilge meeting about consent on BLOC TG4, Shannon tomorrow, rudaí álainn: 3,500 bags distributed to students, events crew meeting next week, voter registration drive on campus in two weeks, orientation talks in person on Saturday, inquiring about parking spaces – car park full at 7:45 am, more students than staff commute, ask for angela campaign dropping posters into local pubs
- Martin – PME funding cut, students are starting back and realising, graduations, UCC sent out a statement saying that they're doing in-person graduations
 - Róisín – Pól said that something would be going out soon, SU reps would be involved but they weren't, promised that something would go out three weeks ago
- Council chair – Phelim Kelly not available, Cathal Sherlock proposed as the next option, he is available, no opposition
- Events deconfliction – there's so many running so many different events, shame when they're on at the same time, one big calendar
 - Róisín – full-timers meet with Chris and Joanna in August to plan, let them know in advance
 - Kirsty – will send them on email
 - Niamh – how do we secure funding? What's our limit?
 - Róisín – if you can get someone around €500/€600 max, wouldn't go above unless they're really famous. Get a cost and then okay it with Chris, never okay anything before asking Chris. Get them to send an invoice to Chris
- FOI request training – Friday the 8th of October from 10-12, not a requirement but very handy to have
- Consent training – ACTIVE consent team for facilitator training, it's a 5-hour training, can make a day of it in the Galmont hotel, we can then run the workshops. Doodle poll will be sent about the dates.
- For Gaelseachtain met Róisín yesterday it's going to be in the first semester as it is something like Seachtain na Gaeilge but different. Giveaways, fairs, concerts (Thursday), tráth na gceist (Friday). Hybrid to make it as accessible as possible. Irish 101 course for international students. Want to do a céilí but have to wait until people can hold hands.
- Orlaith – protest on campus, Ríona is on alert, one person attending is banned from campus. Will not be giving them attention
 - Vote for the counter-protest:
 - For – Orlaith



- Against – Niamh, Faye, Cora, Shane, Jack, Martin, Ethan, Sai, Éimear, Clodagh, Róisín
 - Attention now = more protests
- Matthew – Motion for feedback, will officially be put forward on Monday – health insurance for international students
- Minutes approved: Clodagh
- Minutes seconded: Sai

