

# SU EXEC Meeting

## Monday 30 August 2021 6:30pm

**President Roisín:** Graduation - 2021 graduation not so happy, 2020 working on in person graduation - around easter

- Orientation - 21 to 26, Reorientation on the 4th
- Hoolie on the 8th
- Gaeltacht on the 9th with Stalls outside Aras
- Working on Postgrad engagement strategy

**Welfare Cora** - case work - exam security - orientation - Afghan refugees

**Education Clodagh** – students want classes on Microsoft - meeting with Niall - education campaign - 11th October university is planning education campaign (feels a week too much) – working on exam security group, Registration issues, casework

**Faye** - in touch with Frank Conway – working on finer details for financial education - time-tabling issues with outlines

**Anne Marie** - met Roisin on Tuesday - at graduation for 14 Traveler students - pre-exit course - join committee - hope to have CPG training for exec committee - could branch out to NUIG staff in relation to - empowering Travelers for third level education

**Sai** - spoke with Academic Writing Center about student difficulty with citations and plagiarism - spoke to different students on Science Engineering Group concerning engagement - sustainable group with Melina for food scheme, suggested by student - QA session for students regarding next year - meetings on timetables

**Eímeair** – working with national USI - working group national level - fresher bags - finalizing Irish classes – Gael\* pairing different universities -

**Orlaith** - talking to Brod soc - meeting to get ball rolling for T fund - meeting committee - contacting other university SUs concerning naming policies - alt naming/name change - not great at NUIG - wants meeting with LGBT+ staff network to encourage use of pronouns

**Jack** - working with class reps - lecturers aren't providing recorded format - students upset - can students record them themselves? - UNICOV project with Daniel McKellson -

hosting a talk with student health unit - live talk - organising talk for med students getting them involved

**Niamh** - Access guide for lecturers - look for captions - Creating a guide step-by-step with screen shots for a range of disabilities - hearing and visual - before start on the 6th

**Mairtín** - working with Roisin - organizing post grad events - few coffee mornings - PME fees have gone up - queries why courses are more expensive - Other postgrad issues

**Anita** –

**Matthew** - International Concerns - Health insurance - lobby for group health insurance through NUIG – Shane has asked to bring up Health Insurance (International Students) (Amendment) Act 2021 and urges SU to take a stance – put in writing for vote at next meeting – Walk and talk 21 – 26 International Students

**Roísín** - Charity Selection – postponed until next exec meeting for fair chance for late submissions

**Mr. Phelim Kelly** - SU Council Chair - suggested as candidate by Exec - previous experience - No verbal objections - €200 per meeting

**ISL training times** - Sept 1st and 2nd Wednesday and Thursday - hosted by Niamh - also Happy to do it one on one

**Stance on Vaccinations** - SU stance?

Niamh - hard thing - crossroads decision - rights to education v rights to body - personal decision

Cora - do we have a stance on other vaccinations? A stance could be divisive

Anne Marie - personal choice - promote healthy hygiene actions instead

Orlaith - pointless to make a stance - cruising towards high vaccination rate

Exec Agreement - SU won't take a stance on vaccinations

**Orientation availability** - Quad and Aras na Mac Leinn – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September

**USI Training** - Victor - BMW training - Simulation – Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 10-4

**Team Bonding** – Sept 11th - Corrib Princess and dinner/drinks

**EXEC meeting Date** - No strong objections to Thursdays at 6PM - Post grads might have part time jobs end of week – **Provisional** alternating Monday and Thursdays – per WhatsApp next exec meeting **September 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm**

**Masks at Exec meetings?** Blended version for lip reading – no objections to no masks

**AOB**

**Clodagh Library Research names** - POLLED - Suggested Professional Research and Citation Tips for Students PRACTiS - Winner = Research Skills for Students

**Sai** - food scheme - sustainability group - Commercial services - sold items vs remaining items - disposed vs expired food and edible food - Can the food go into the HUB for Sunday dinners?

**Anita** - will Park and Ride bus start up again? Now on agenda and will follow up with Buildings

**Niamh** - is it possible to have a bus from specific housing estates? Free bus to the university -

**Roisin** - lobby the government - shuttle busses to the college - Not sure how feasible if estate not fully students - something to bring up