



NUIGSU Exec Meeting Agenda

Date: 4/11/20

Time: 5pm

Location: Zoom link

Agenda

- Welcome & Approval of minutes
- Team Check-in
- Class rep council
- Officer Expenses
- Pink Training
- More Study spaces campaign
- A.O.B.

Minutes

Present: Pádraic, Emma, Róisín, Erin, Aoife, Claire, Evan, Mairtín, Seb, Trish, Kirsty, Maeve

Apologies:

Minutes:

Proposed: Erin

Seconded: Mairtín

Claire:

- ✓ Meetings with Irish and Music departments, big issue with music students using MuseScore, those who didn't study music technology in LC don't know how to use it and were never given a tutorial on using it. Were given tutorials last year, that has been sorted and is being started next week.
- ✓ Irish problem with reading list. Not enough copies of books, essays worth 50% and students can't get the materials. Not updated versions of the books in the library. Liaising with library staff. Getting back to her next Wednesday.

Aoife:

- ✓ Issue with physics, but was sorted. Everyone happy enough with progress currently.

Seb:

- ✓ Meeting with SIPTU last week.
- ✓ Trying to build on that bring case to WSC.
- ✓ Looking for someone to put their name on the claim.

Pádraic response – needs to forward email to Seb from solicitor.

Mairtín:

- ✓ At the library meeting with Padraic and Emma.
- ✓ Many schools were unsure when to elect class reps. Sorting post grad reps now.
- ✓ Meeting with lecturer in school of business.

Evan:

- ✓ Liaoning with nursing students with placements.
- ✓ Fulfilling role of healthcare assistant not paid for it.
- ✓ Was agreed 15euro an hour was stopped. Looking to get it reinstated at the moment.
- ✓ IMNO are lobbying.
- ✓ Few class rep issues.
- ✓ MedSoc meeting last week, good reach of medical students, good relationship with SU.

Trish:

- ✓ Busy week meeting students.
- ✓ Mental health terrible pressure.
- ✓ 3rd December with Impact society.
- ✓ 2nd meeting with Anne Kelly, regarding masks on walking in and taking off inside.
- ✓ Stewards checking, some students taking off once they leave again.
- ✓ Students going into other parts of the library.
- ✓ Special meeting and sorted last Thursday. Students can go in with doctor's letter but don't have to show the letter if they do not wish.
- ✓ All issues have been down to management. Inundate management with emails about issues including spaces.
- ✓ With all buildings there is plenty of space that should be used.
- ✓ Disability crew helping sort out disability day 10th December,
- ✓ Sandra Brennan meeting zoom with Catherine McCurry regarding students having hard time with lecturers.
- ✓ Students can't get on lectures due to tech, undergrads and postgrads overloaded, chat function won't work, lectures too long, podcasts released too close to actual lecture.
- ✓ Email being sent to lecturers today.
- ✓ Disability clinic will be up and running in 2 weeks weekly on a Friday timing TBC.
- ✓ Email from DSS looking for another meeting this week regarding mental health.
- ✓ Booking system up until 12.30 is nonsense.

Pádraic response – spoke to library, system works on an internal clock, up to 90% attendance. Only 133 spaces, we need more spaces.

Maeve:

- ✓ Joining BródSoc for meeting Thursday evening to make some plans.
- ✓ Meeting about pink training this week.

Roisin:

- ✓ Catching up on emails after leave.
- ✓ Meeting with GMIT – education for all focused on accommodation. Still ongoing no progress currently. Template email being made. Meeting with TD's, USI getting in contact with Hildigard. Looking at a possible protest.

- ✓ Finalising plan for mental health week 16th Nov. Speakers. Thursday launch petition to make spaces on campus for mental health services. Students don't have privacy, Wi-Fi, etc. to be able avail of online counselling services.
- ✓ After mental health week, planning sexual health campaign 4th Dec. Go Fuck Yourself.
- ✓ Counselling service – eating disorders have risen which is a concern. Social media graphics for Mental Health Week.
- ✓ Financial aid fund still open at the moment.
- ✓ Disability day – welfare crew suggested to make a video to promote people to join.
- ✓ Loads of emails. Netflix party for mental health week.

Emma:

- ✓ Class rep training is busy, really engaging this year.
- ✓ Protocol sent out from college of arts for procedure for students on issues.
- ✓ Reminder sent out to all lecturers to record lectures and to keep them short.
- ✓ Vice deans of teaching and learning meeting Monday.
- ✓ Post Grad research reps at the moment.
- ✓ Proctoring happening for exams in January. Emma has protocol.
- ✓ ISS given a lot of funding for this project.
- ✓ Lots of emails of students struggling. Classes we should be running let her know especially with dark evenings starting.
- ✓ Conferencing's are being postponed until the summer to allow people to attend in person.
- ✓ CELT are working on a SharePoint on E-Learning.
- ✓ Working on a toolkit for online socialising at the moment.

Pádraic:

- ✓ Commercial services working to keep them open, struggling to maintain profit.
- ✓ Galway SafeApp. Met with HSE and promoting them.
- ✓ Meeting on creating a buddy system for students to attend. Friend making etc.
- ✓ Sustainability strategy feedback, quality enhancement committee.
- ✓ Surveying for modules
- ✓ Library meeting.
- ✓ Kingfisher meeting – trying to sort retribution for students.

Kirsty:

Socialising Safely Forum.

Sports Unit Meeting.

Sports Unit Workout and Yoga Classes.

Sports Unit Weekly Challenges via Social Media.

SSI Student Commission Board.

Kingfisher Meeting.

Contact with Shannon Campus about Club/Sporting activities available to students online.

Erin:

- ✓ Chairperson for subcommittee with strategic plan for Irish has to get an agenda together. Need postgrad rep.
- ✓ Gaeilge24 next week.
- ✓ Cumann Gaeleach looking more collaboration with us today doodle sent out to organise meeting.
- ✓ Irish classes need to happen.

- ✓ College bar to offer discounts for Gaeilge24 if ordered in Irish.

Pádraic added – Irish added to student mailer

Class Rep Council

- ✓ Officer Reports must be done. Emma will add anything we wish to SU Council Agenda.
- ✓ Can only have 300 on a zoom meeting which could cause issues.
- ✓ Erin – Gaeilgeoir class reps to be identified.
- ✓ At this council the levy will have to be passed and the Uduras membership.
- ✓ The slight change to our constitution to run bi-elections without polling stations.
- ✓ Gary BMW rep from USI will be there. President Ciaran will be invited to the second one.

Officer Expenses:

- ✓ Phone bill 20 euro a month.
- ✓ Money on SU card too. SU Shop and Sult open.

Pink Training:

- ✓ Largest LGBT+ training event in Europe taking place online for any of those interested.
- ✓ Very intense workshops and socialisation over 2 days.
- ✓ Open to everyone to attend not just those of the community.

Erin response: Internet course LGBT through Irish– possible to have on Pink Training?

Maeve – usually has Irish specific events.

Study Spaces:

- ✓ Email campaign if we don't get a date soon.

A.O.B:

Erin – AOB, changing the name to Irish. Erin is to contact them directly.

Questions:

- ✓ ISL Classes – will happen but not organised yet.
- ✓ Videos coming from the other side – students who had a panic attack in lectures now able to give talks.
- ✓ Student nurses – photos and letter to Simon Harris. USI to be contacted. Student nurses strike. Not to log onto lectures. Virtual strike. We need to email Simon Harris and Stephen Donnelly. Anything we can do to help student nurses.

- ✓ Student mailer – ask students to use spaces and to cancel if not using them. We are fighting for spaces while people aren't using them. Make them aware they are cancelling opportunities for students who can't get a space.