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Students' Union Executive Committee

Students' Union Executive Committee meeting
6:00 pm, Wednesday, 30th October 2019
Venue: Board Room, SU Office

SU Exec Meeting 30/10/2019

Present: Clare Austick (President) (She/Her), Cameron Keighron (Vice-President / Education Officer) (They/Them), Brandon Walsh (Vice-President / Welfare & Equality Officer) (He/Him), Pádraic Toomey (Clubs' Captain) (He/Him), Mairtin Mac Gabhann (Convenor of the College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies)(He/Him), Scott Green (Students' Union Council Chairperson) (They/Them), Avery Fenton (International Students' Officer) (She/Her), Oissine Moore (Societies Chairperson) (He/Him), Chuka Paul Oguekwe (Mature Students' Officer) (He/Him),

Skype:

Apologies: Aisling Fitzgerald (Convenor of the College of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences) (She/Her), Erin Mac An Tsoir (Oifigeach Na Gaeilge) (He/Him), Dheeraj Gudluru (Postgraduate Taught Officer) (He/Him), Emily Tock (Postgraduate Research Officer) (She/Her).

Absent: Alex Coughlan (Disability Rights Officer) (They/Them), Kenny Cooke (Convenor of the College of Science) (He/Him), Clodagh McGivern (Convenor of the College of Business, Public Policy & Law) (She/Her), Sachi Sinha (Convenor of the College of Engineering & Informatics) (She/Her). Torri Chihumura (Ethnic Minorities Officer) (She/Her).

Resigned: Morgan Queeney (Formerly Gender and Lgbt+ Rights Officer) (They/Them).

These minutes were prepared by Scott Green (Students' Union Council Chairperson) during the meeting.

1. Full-time officers updates & work progress

Clare- Chaired the constitutional review meeting and the first meeting of the sustainability group. Brandon will take the lead on that in the future as he has been elected secretary of the group. Attended Udaras the most executive university committee. Attended a meeting of USI finance committee (she was elected on to this at SUT Council). She's also been handling casework and was doing media for Christmas Day.

Brandon- As mentioned above will be involved with the Sustainability Working Group. A student called Padraic who is involved with Enviro Soc will be the chair of the group. He's also been involved with the Financial Aid Fund Appraisal Committee with Mary Liddy and Mary Dempsey which evaluates the Emergency allocation aspect of the fund. Has been appointed to the University of Sanctuary Ents and Comms team and will handle the social media.

There will be a Mini SHAG week on the 21st of November, there will be a showing of a Consent Play from 5-10pm and a sex toy bingo after. The HSE will also have an information stand on campus on the day. He has also been working on a Mental Wellbeing Campaign with James McCormack from counselling. There is also a contingent of students who will be partaking in Movemeber who have been lending a hand. He also has podcast training on Friday (Clare is going too) in Dublin with the Coordinator of the One Movement (An organisation that brings together trade unions, student unions, and activists).

Cameron- Has returned from medical leave but while they were off they were still handling casework and emails.

2. Part-time officer issues & work updates

Padraic- Attended the University Strategic Draft Plan meeting and the constitutional review meeting. Has been discussing a potential charity shop day with Chris. Went to another club ball organisation meeting. Organised a talk with kayaking and organised a talk with Barry Jones. Got 30 club members to attend the active consent play. Did a social media takeover.

Avery- Sat on a discussion panel for the Student Success Symposium which explored the meaning of student success. Travelled to Estonia for the InLight programme where 9 EU colleges are trying to create joint university degrees. She's had a meeting with a student about organising a multi-cultural event to support international students who struggle with isolation and loneliness. It would feature loads of different foods, proverbs and dresses from different cultures.

Paul- Has been in contact with Trish from the Mature Students Office about trying to engage mature students who have come to college through the access programme.

Scott- Attended a meeting of the USCG, has been handling various queries from class reps, and had a brief meeting with the SU Council Secretary and will send her on documentation.

Oissine- Attended another meeting of the USCG and has been handling society issues as they arise.

Martin- Hosted the first arts council on the 22nd, Brandon guest starred. He's made a Facebook group for the reps. Sustainability and parking issues were raised during. He attended LIFT (Leading Irelands Future Together) training with Amber from CEIM.

3. Officer reports

From last week Clare went to Chris to talk about the logistics of producing a video. Our graphic designer has said that he can shoot the video and make any edits to it that are necessary (including captions). Clare says we should now look at how to organise it. Would it be better to organise a date where all officers come into the office and film their piece or film individually and send it in so that all parts can be compiled.

Consensus is to organise a date as it should be easier for everyone.

Avery suggests maybe something could be put at the end of the SU podcast such as voice clips/readings of reports. Brandon says that it could work and could work for filling the time. Clare says monthly updates as opposed to Council updates might work better for videos as they could be spaced out better and would have more production turnaround time. Scott says that on rereading the constitution it says an "electronic report" as opposed to a "written electronic report" so if we were so inclined a video would be constitutionally valid as the only officer report submitted. Cameron notes that videos wouldn't translate well into documenting everything given the time constraints whereas text can. They add that it looks better if a future officer has to justify their seat on a committee if it's in writing as opposed to video. Scott says it wouldn't really matter either way because the University doesn't have to acknowledge our documents either way but agrees it's better for institutional memory for it to be in writing.

Clare also says it would be difficult to fit every bit of work into video so for time the being producing video and writing will be the procedure going forward.

4. Accessibility week

Accessibility week is this week and everyone is encouraged to promote and attend events if they can. Scott brings up that Alex has mentioned they were looking for volunteers for an event tomorrow (the 31st) but that that is all they knew.

Cameron suggests that Alex put a message into the group chat with the details.

5. Constitutional Review

There was an initial meeting last week that Clare, Brandon and Padraic attended. There was additional submissions from Alex and Scott who were unable to attend. The three that were present talked generally around what we want to look at as regards the constitution (eg do we just want to look at general housekeeping or the makeup of the exec etc). They didn't make any definitive calls however given that there was only the three of them. Clare asks how we want to proceed. Do we want to organise it as an entirely separate meeting again or maybe after an exec meeting? Padraic suggests after next weeks exec meeting as it offers people the opportunity to leave should they want to. This is acceptable to everyone present so it's pencilled in.

6. A.O.B

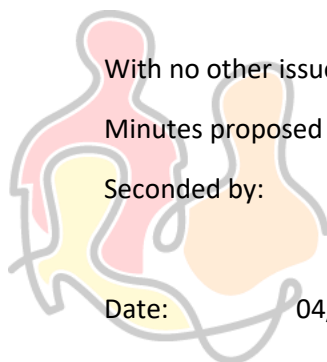
- Scott offers a bit of clarification about Officer Report deadlines since inaccurate alerts are currently in officers calendars. They say that they have sent out email invites with the actual dates to everyone and it would be great if people could accept them. They've been marked with "(Real)" in the title for clarity.
- Padraic proposes an event called Tip the Can Day (or 52 bonkers day depending). The rough plan is that it would be a day during study week that the Union had people dedicated to running a game of Tip the Can so that people could use it as a study break or as stress relief.
- Mairtin asks if there's been anymore info about Part Time Officer training and Clare says that it has been set for November 10th from 1pm-4pm and that the venue is still TBC.
- Clare asks if we would like to see something in the vein of a Charity Week run in place of the traditional Christmas Day fundraiser (which the university has vetoed). Questions are asked about whether SULT is going to be hosting any event in place of Christmas Day but it is currently unknown.
- The first postgraduate rep council of the semester took place earlier today and went very well.

With no other issues or concerns, meeting is concluded at 18:35 pm.

Minutes proposed by: Avery Fenton

Seconded by: Padraic Toomey

Date: 04/11/19



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