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Students' Union Executive Committee

Students' Union Executive Committee meeting
6:00 pm, Monday, 18th November 2019
Venue: Board Room, SU Office

SU Exec Meeting 04/11/2019

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), Aisling Fitzgerald (Convenor of the College of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences) (She/Her), Alex Coughlan (Disability Rights Officer) (They/Them), Sachi Sinha (Convenor of the College of Engineering & Informatics) (She/Her), Kenny Cooke (Convenor of the College of Science) (He/Him), Dheeraj Gudluru (Postgraduate Taught Officer) (He/Him), Kaushik Narasimhan (Gender and Lgbt+ Rights Officer) (He/Him).

Skype:

Apologies: Clodagh McGivern (Convenor of the College of Business, Public Policy & Law) (She/Her), Emily Tock (Postgraduate Research Officer) (She/Her).

Absent: Chuka Paul Oguekwe (Mature Students' Officer) (He/Him), Torri Chihumura (Ethnic Minorities Officer) (She/Her), Erin Mac An Tsaoir (Oifigeach Na Gaeilge) (He/Him).

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

1. Full-time officers updates & work progress

Clare- The student levy working group meeting minutes have been circulated and she has followed up on action points from same. She has heard back from some of the stakeholders of the levy but not all of them and will email them again. She had a meeting with the president, sat on the strategy committee, a quality enhancement committee, had a meeting with Becky Way. She announces that Cameron and Avery will be going to next EnLight session, she promoted the 21 day challenge and attended the launch, she participated in the get active campaign, she went to national council and has given a final look over to the library laptop loan scheme before it is considered by the Student Project Fund.

Cameron- They have an announcement about the Student digital pathways programme-they attended a new student records system demo, the programme is going out to tender and other demos will be happening soon. They went to PTO training, sat on the pre graduate studies board meeting with updates for pgr students and pg charter of rights. They announce that the student survey.ie action plans are being put together, they attended SU Council, Has created a breakdown of all reps by year and college etc, was at the launch of 21 day challenge. The UDL initiative has been allocated 121000 euro so they had a meeting about what to do next, sold socks, had a meeting with a blackstone launchpad group who are applying for the student project fund, attended NStEP conference and finally exam appeals are officially done.

Brandon- Has been in contact with D'arcy from USI and attended 21 day challenge launch. He's been planning out podcasts, attended a meeting of the health and safety working group, a meeting with EDI chairs, has sat on the board that project fund applications were approved at, with Oissine and Kayleigh (auditor and vice-auditor of GIGSoc Respectively) they have approved the pink training applications and he also attended national council.

2. Part-time officer issues & work updates

Padraic- Meeting with Mike Heskin who is planning a student project fund application. He's been working on a "bring your hurl" day and has been in contact with sliotar makers, he had a meeting with SIN and participated heavily in get active and moving week. Finally he attended pto training.

Scott- They attended PTO training, a lot of their work currently has consisted of emailing reps out documentation and answering any queries that arise. They've also been planning the next SU Council.

Oissine- Had another meeting with the informal investigative committee mentioned in previous meetings, he's working on a SULT noise level issue and will have a USCG Meeting this Friday.

Martin- Attended SU Council, pto training, and has been getting in touch with module coordinators about class reps but has found that reps haven't been elected even after Mairtin has been in touch with the relevant parties.

Alex- Attended PTO training, hosted the first living wage working group meeting and created an associated facebook group, and has been dealing with some casework.

Aisling- Helped second year nursing get a tutorial sent up, she's noticed that reps are emailing lecturers and not getting responses but lecturers will respond to Aisling. She's been

notified of an exam timetable issue namely all the exams for a course are in one week so she has emails sent to the year head and module coordinators. She also has health science council tomorrow evening.

Dheeraj- Another issue with the Cairnes building arose and so he forwarded it to Brandon, he co-hosted pg council where they had issues being raised, he's also ensured the previously mentioned engineering lab hours issue is being chased up.

Sachi- Met with Dr. Josephine Griffiths about a desired Hackathon event and January was suggested. The first and final year class reps have raised that they only have labs in engineering building and want to see if lab sessions can be expanded across campus, she has also followed up on a plug related issue.

Avery- Had a meeting with Brandon and Torri about a multicultural event for next semester, she went to living wage working group first meeting and she talked to students about the 21 day challenge and gathered feedback.

Kaushik- Was recently elected and says he's looking forward to doing his best with the role.

3. Welcome New Team Member

Clare lead the introduction between the exec and the new team member Kaushik. She then gave a quick overview of how the exec does business but will meet with Kaushik on a one-to-one basis soon.

4. SU Council

Clare gave a reassurance to the team after last SU Council and reminds people that we are a team and she has full faith in every member of the executive.

5. Constitutional Review

There will be a meeting tomorrow 4-6pm in the boardroom, tomorrows meeting will be about the execs composition, Cameron has met with a few people so far and Clare has looked at the composition of other Unions. Changes could be ranging from radical to nothing and if people are unable to attend then they can send suggestions to Cameron via email before 2pm.

6. Student Levy Working Group

Next meeting is on Wednesday from 1-2:30pm in AMB-G066 again if anyone is unable to attend they can send suggestions on to Clare.

7. Living Wage Group

Had it's initial meeting where they outlined relevant groups and target goals, a facebook group has been set up, the group's research and next few weeks work has been established. On that Padraic has organised a meeting with a placement officer for this week.

8. 21 Day Challenge

Avery has heard from students who are unhappy with the specific targeting of the current campaign, they appreciate the idea behind it but would like to see a bigger more general campaign next time. Students feel that those who are already sustainability conscious will already be doing the things outlined by the challenge and that the challenge in it's current

form comes across as “patronizing”. Clare clarifies the target group of the campaign and states that larger campaigns would already be in motion. Brandon seconds this and says the campaign is more about forming good habits hence the name (as it takes 21 days to form a habit).

9. University of Sanctuary Designation

The designation ceremony will be this Thursday 10am in Aula Maxima, and has also been shortlisted for an award. The event is on Eventbrite and is response based only.

10. Sex Toy Bingo

Is happening Thursday @7pm in the back of college bar, it will be different from previous years as active consent will be doing skits throughout so the idea is to try and tie in the consent campaign. They will also be using a form of the Pegless campaign which consists of putting clothes pegs with facts attached on to peoples glasses while they're not looking to show how easy it is to have your drink spiked/ how easy it is to “get pegged”.

11. GigSoc Candlelit Vigil

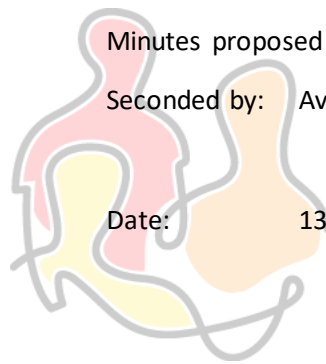
On Wednesday at 6pm there will be a candlelit vigil to remember past and present trans student, GIGSoc's trans officer will raise the trans flag on one of the flag poles outside aras na mac lein and then there will be some speeches before guests are invited over to the panel discussion that is on directly after.

12. A.O.B

- Avery brings up an issue where some SU Cards are not working in SULT but are still working in other SUCs locations.
- Dheeraj asks if we can notify people about change in exam venues, Cameron says we'll wait until next semester as that is when the venues will be changed. Cameron will also be emailing exams office with weight of work students are going through and with other issues.
- Final year physics have highlighted Mental Health first aid training and asking if it could be implemented for Reps- Marie Lyons will be organising an ASIST training for officers and the offer will be extended to class reps.
- Cameron announces that they have NStEP training mostly organised with 2 confirmed sessions. They'll be on from 2-5pm on Wednesday the 27th with the one in boardroom for pg students and the one in the cube for undergraduates, One is nearly booked for Thursday the 28th and that will take place from 5-8pm. Alex reminds convenors to tell people that the sessions are limited to 30 people each.
- The Sustainability working group will be meeting tomorrow from 1-2pm in the PTO Room.
- Kaushik raises printing issue within the HBB where any student can print off anything if they have another course mates id number. Cameron says that that issue is probably specific to that course but for Kaushik to continue to monitor it and we can raise it with the library if needs be.
- Oissine asks if we can release statements around Christmas day and rag week to clarify our position on why these events aren't run anymore. Clare says we definitely can but that it is probably too late for Christmas day this year.

- Clare adds that if anyone has a statement on something they can bring it to her and one can be worked out.
- Next Officer Report video session will be in January with an eye to moving to monthly videos as another one this month would be a very tight schedule.
- KeepCups north campus are coming up with a 30 cent discount for those with reusable cups but other services are in discussion still. Padraic suggests talking to local close businesses as well for example the centra across the road from the Kingfisher.
- Clare says that we have ordered wall mounted boxes gotten for feedback that students can put written suggestions/complaints into and that they'll be used in conjunction with the #TellTheSU Campaign.
- Scott brings up that themselves and Clare have been looking into developing a motion about the Union having an explicit anti-deportation stance and offers people the chance to feed in on the writing if they would like. Brandon says that himself and Aiden (who is involved with Failte Refugees) are working on a letter to get an anti-deportation stance from the University as well.you on the way

With no other issues or concerns, meeting is concluded at 18:56 pm.



Minutes proposed by: Padraic Toomey

Seconded by: Avery Fenton

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