



NUI Galway
Students' Union
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Students' Union Executive Committee

Students' Union Executive Committee meeting
6:00 pm, Monday, 3rd February 2020
Venue: Board Room, SU Office

SU Exec Meeting 04/11/2019

Present: Clare Austick (President) (She/Her), Brandon Walsh (Vice-President / Welfare & Equality Officer) (He/Him), Cameron Keighron (Vice-President / Education Officer) (They/Them), Pádraic Toomey (Clubs' Captain) (He/Him), Scott Green (Students' Union Council Chairperson)(They/Them), (They/Them), , Erin Mac An Tsoir (Oifigeach Na Gaeilge) (He/Him), Sachi Sinha (Convenor of the College of Engineering & Informatics) (She/Her), Dheeraj Gudluru (Postgraduate Taught Officer) (He/Him), Oissine Moore (Societies Chairperson) (He/Him), Kenny Cooke (Convenor of the College of Science) (He/Him), Avery Fenton (International Students' Officer) (She/Her), Kaushik Narasimhan (Gender and Lgbt+ Rights Officer) (He/Him), Mairtin Mac Gabhann (Convenor of the College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies)(He/Him) Clodagh McGivern (Convenor of the College of Business, Public Policy & Law) (She/Her).

Skype:

Apologies: Aisling Fitzgerald (Convenor of the College of Medicine Nursing & Health Sciences) (She/Her) ,Chuka Paul Oguekwe (Mature Students' Officer) (He/Him), Alex Coughlan (Disability Rights Officer) (They/Them), Emily Tock (Postgraduate Research Officer) (She/Her).

Absent: Torri Chikumura (Ethnic Minorities Officer) (She/Her).

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

1. Proposal and Seconding of the minutes from last meeting

Clare asks for a proposer and seconder of the minutes from the meeting on the 30th of January. Padraic proposes them and Avery seconds them.

2. Full-time officers updates & work progress

Clare- Last Friday women lead, planning events for this week eg. newstalk and general election hstutings, meeting about social spaces as social spaces working group haven't met in the last year, currently they're looking at current social spaces and their effectiveness, new document to include spaces in new buildings or rebuilding, Hub Central/ Old Print That Space still has funding and are looking at a plan for the social space, Water cooler application has gone in waiting for confirmation, had a meeting with a society.

Cameron- Workshop on 23rd of March with major stakeholders in the student learning experience, student survey.ie launched today, still looking for students to volunteer their time with money on their SU card as a reward, availability over the next three weeks class rep to get email, inclusive learning and teaching programme has a new software Ally checks blackboard document for accessibility student testers will be recruited. Lots of casework re: exams, quiet space/sensory room developed in library in May three to four days to develop but not during term, hopefully booking online for it

Brandon- SHAG week 10-14th February volunteers particularly for sex toy bingo appreciated poster available with event infos, Athena swan update international women's day on March 8th video planned to talk about gender equality and campus and our Athena swan programme, it stops now (gender based violence ending campaign) 5th of March possibly covering front of hub central with posters as we'll probably be unable to cover big yellow thing suggestions for doing it overnight get in touch with Brandon for involvement, drug and alcohol awareness week, 'safe your sesh' week dates 23rd-27th of March get guards in and drug organisations to give talks etc, Casework around housing and landlords
Padriac asks about drug testing kit but Brandon replies saying that as of yet the technology is unreliable and opens up uncertain legalities.

3. Part-time officer issues & work updates

Padraic- More clubs ball activity, scuba diving having a training session that had to be accommodated for, a meeting with Mike Heskin, meeting with two boxing club captains.

Erin- Met with cumann gaelic to get volunteer base to talk about Irish as an election issue, put posters up around campus about same.

Dheeraj- The PG reps have asked to have PG council date/time moved.

Oissine asks about protest feedback but Clare says there hasn't been anything major in terms of a response bar a standard letter that was sent to multiple offices.

4. SU Council and Officer Reports

Deadline for documents and officer reports is Wednesday 5pm and the next SU Council is next Monday at 6pm.

5. SU Elections

SU elections are soon, Brandon is coordinating an election event is Wednesday from 1-2pm in McMunn, Clare asks everyone to contact their constituency about one, Full time elections are the first week of March and part time elections are the week after.

Looking at the library to replace the bialann or potentially the room opposite the bialann, nomination form is online

Kenny asks about booth locations

Aras Na Mac Leinn

Engineering

Central Campus/Library/Sweater storage room opposite bialann

6. News Talk General Elections Hustings

Newstalk are coming on to campus tomorrow (9-5:30) actual show 2-4:30 doors are half one, show is about the climate emergency, general election hustings are at 7:30-9:30 (8 start)

7. Campaigns

Clare stresses the need for more campaigns, says it would be good for campaigns around lgbt+ and gender, disability, ethnic minorities and possibly societies.

Erin asks for a campaign around 'Brod in Irish' something akin to a rainbow badge saying "take pride in your Irish" or alternatively the Irish for "I'm learning"

8. A.O.B

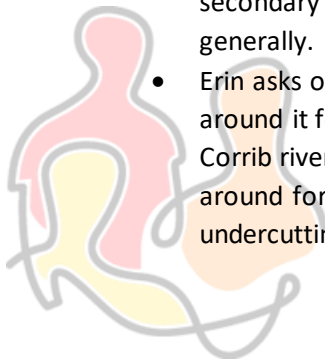
- Oissine asks on the topic of badges asks about pronoun badges from the union as the current main supplier is currently GigSoc, Oissine is going to talk to Chris about it.
- Oissine brings up communication in the executive and highlights how sometimes it feels like part-time officers are hearing about events around the same time or possibly after most of the college body and gives the example of SHAG Week, Brandon interjects with counter point saying he's spoken multiple times about SHAG Week, Oissine then brings up an issue with full time support and how he feels like he isn't supported and brings up examples of officers going to his constituency rather than him, Cameron gives clarification about international orientation presentation

(an incident that is mentioned by Oissine above), and talks about how no one owns communication to certain constituencies, Cameron then continues talking about they think it is stemming from the referendum and clarifies the signature process for the exec and the rationale behind it.

Clare brings up that she appreciates the point but that she would appreciate it more if things could be brought up first time rather than third as cited, and also that she is waiting for replies from people, and encourages replies from officers.

Erin suggests RSVPing on meetings, Cameron and Brandon say that they've had issue with people not replying to RSVPs before and says that communication is a two way street, Brandon brings up that he's gotten emails from other committees saying officers haven't attended but he doesn't have any confirmation from other officers and Clare asks for people to raise concerns before they escalate to overstepping roles

- Erin asks could we put a mural or something similar up underneath quintennial bridge to liven it up
- Climate Strike 1-3:30 meeting at SULT and moving out to Eyre Square on Friday, unfortunately the three full time officers are unable to attend due to national council taking place.
- Oissine asks if NUIG lecturers are striking on Tuesday, Cameron says that it's secondary schools and ITs striking and that it's if SIPTU strike that we strike generally.
- Erin asks on the context of flowerbombing previously and asks if we can do an event around it for either Saint Brigids day or something around SHAG week around the Corrib riverside to counter the opinion of students. Points and options are talked around for a bit such as posters around the importance of taking litter or by undercutting the problem by placing bins but no conclusive decision is made.



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With no other issues or concerns, meeting is concluded at 18:45 pm.

Minutes proposed by: Padraic Toomey (Clubs Captain)

Seconded by: Avery Fenton (International Students' Officer)

Date: 17/02/2020