



**NUI Galway**  
**Students' Union**  
**Comhaltas na Mac Léinn**  
**OÉ Gaillimh**

Students' Union Executive Committee meeting  
6:00pm, Monday, 8th October 2018  
Venue: Board Room, SU Office

**Present:** *Megan Reilly* (President), *Eibhlín Seoighthe* (Vice President / Education Officer), *Clare Austick* (Vice-President / Welfare Officer), *Adhna Nic Dhonnchadha* (Oifigeach na Gaeilge), *Chuka Paul Oguekwe* (Mature Students' Officer), *Brandon Walsh* (Societies Chairperson), *Sabrina Vaughan* (Students' Union Council Chairperson), *Rían McKeagney* (Convenor of the College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies), *Scott Green* (Convenor of the College of Science), *Liezel Ravenscroft* (Convenor of the College of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences), *Clodagh McGivern* (Convenor of the College of Business, Public Policy & Law), *Roshan George* (Convenor of the College of Engineering & Informatics), , *Alex Coughlan* (Gender and LGBT + Rights Officer), *Muireann O' Sullivan* (Disability Rights Officer), *Victoria Chihumura* (Ethnic Minorities Officer)

**Apologies:** *Daniel McFadden* (International Students Officer), *Ryan Guilfoyle* (Clubs Captain), *Cameron Keighron* (Postgraduate Taught Officer) and *Jibrán Abbasi* (Postgraduate Research Officer).

### **Welcome/ Failte:**

Megan welcomed all of the executive and also formally welcomed our newly elected VP for Education officer, Eibhlin Seoighthe and Ethnic Minorities Officer, Victoria Chihumura.

### **Minutes/ Miontuairiscí\***

Minutes are being recorded by Sabrina Vaughan (Students' Union Council Chairperson).

### **Matters Arising/ Nithe ag Éirí Astu:**

1. Board of Trustees-
  - Election of a female member to sit on the board of trustees as there currently is not one.
  - This person sits on the board of trustees (meets with general manager and the president of NUI Galway Students' Union).
  - Megan, President of NUI Galway Students' Union has nominated to elect Eucharia Meehan. This person needs to be elected by the SU Executive.
    - i. She has previously been an SU Officer, worked with the HEA and within the community etc.
  - Megan to circulate Eucharia's information such as LinkedIn, so executive can give an educated vote for the next SU Executive meeting.
  - The Union to look at electing another female member of the board of trustees in the future.
2. Galway hospitality campaign
  - To do with the work with the workers' rights campaigns, from the work of Convenor of Business, Law and Public Policy of 2016/17 (Diarmuid Curran). Also linked with One Galway.
  - Meeting this Thursday (11<sup>th</sup> of October) at 12 pm.
  - Looking for an officer who is passionate about workers' rights etc, that would like to attend/ sit on this campaign.
  - Alex Coughlan (LGBT + Rights Officer) expressed interest.
  - Alex is then to see if the hospitality campaigns will allow them to report back to members of the executive of things discussed.
3. Class Reps/ Council
  - It was discussed between Sabrina (SU Council Chairperson), Eibhlín (VP for Education) and Megan (President) that class reps should know that they can add things to the agenda for the following council (15<sup>th</sup> October).
  - It was agreed that it would be best for Sabrina (SU Council Chairperson) and Eibhlín (VP for Education) to run through plans on notifying class reps regarding; SU Council agenda, NStEP training.

- It was then agreed that Sabrina (SU Council Chairperson) would send out another email on the Thursday (11<sup>th</sup> of October) leading up to council, with final reminder of council along with officer reports.

#### 4. Academic Council

- Brought up by Rían (Convenor of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies).
- Asked if those that sat on the Academic Council (College Convenors and VP for Education), could sit down at discuss the training and plan a coherent strategy of what message or aim for council (ask students need to be elected at the first SU council for Academic Council).
- This was agreed, however no time or place was confirmed to meet.

#### 5. Charities.

- NUI Galway Students' Union received 89 charity applications from all over Ireland- especially Galway.
- The executive were asked to pick their top 5 as quick guidelines were sent out to officers.
- Officers who couldn't attend tonight's meeting were asked to send them in so we could count their opinion and vote.
- From 89, we narrowed it down to 25.
- From here we used a tallying system of our top 5 and proceeded to cancel out the charities with the lesser votes.
- The final two charities were; Cope Galway and the Galway Rape Crisis Centre.

It was mentioned as *Croí na Gaillimhe a Resource Centre of St Vincent de Paul* came in third place, and the amount of funds they were looking for, the executive came together to see if we could link with a society or do a one off event for equality week, e.g. live off 21.50 a week.

#### **A.O.B/ A.G.E:**

##### 1. Christmas Day-

- Megan (President) says it's not going to be the same as it was before.
- College won't even allow the system from last year, of a ticketed system.
- It was our best event as it generated 10,000 euro for charities every year.

##### 2. Éalú-

- Will it go ahead?
- If we (the union) were to do a scaled version of the planned event.
- Second semester event.
- It wouldn't be raising money for charities.
- Who will back us, concern of financial risk.

##### 3. Mental Health week

- Clare (VP for Education) states 19 events will be running this week (Monday 8<sup>th</sup>- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October) around Campus.
- Looking to do a 'stunt' for Wednesday (10<sup>th</sup> October- World Mental Health day) on campus.

o NUI Galway only have two and a half Mental Health counsellors on duty for over 18,000 students.

o We need to send a message that we need another counsellor.

#### 4. Officer Reports

- Sabrina (SU Council Chairperson), quickly reminded officers to submit their officer reports on the google doc by Tuesday (9th of October) at 5 pm.
- Second email was also sent out as a reminder to anyone that wasn't present/ slipped their mind.

With no other issues or concerns, meeting is concluded at 8 pm.

**8/10/18**

Minutes proposed by: Victoria Chihumura (Ethnic Minorities Officer).

Seconded by: Daniel McFadden (International Students Officer).

Date: 22.10.18

*\*These minutes were prepared from a contemporaneous note taken by Sabrina Vaughan (SU Council Chairperson) at the meeting of October 8<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm in the Board Room, SU Office and were typed into this memorandum style document for the record of Council.*