



Students' Union Executive Committee meeting
6:00pm, Monday, 22nd October 2018
Venue: Board Room, SU Office

Present: *Megan Reilly* (President), *Adhna Nic Dhonnchadha* (Oifigeach na Gaeilge), *Chuka Paul Oguekwe* (Mature Students' Officer), *Brandon Walsh* (Societies Chairperson), *Sabrina Vaughan* (Students' Union Council Chairperson), *Ríán 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), *Daniel McFadden* (International Students Officer), *Ryan Guilfoyle* (Clubs Captain), *Cameron Keighron* (Postgraduate Taught Officer) and *Jibrán Abbasi* (Postgraduate Research Officer).

Apologies: *Eibhlín Seoighthe* (Vice President / Education Officer), *Clare Austick* (Vice-President / Welfare Officer)

Minutes/ Miontuairiscí*

Welcome/ Failte:

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Minutes are being recorded by Liezel Ravenscroft (Convenor of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences).

Matters Arising/ Nithe ag Éirí Astu:

1. Approval of minutes from meetings on the 17/09/18 and 08/10/18
 - a. Daniel McFadden

b. Alex Coughlin

2. Review of Council

- a. Liezel brought up time keeping – Megan thought it was a great idea
 - i. Have an orange card for 10 seconds left and red card for no time left, after that Sabrina will intervene and say stop speaking
- b. Megan thought it was good to have the president
 - i. Good to have high up people there
 - ii. Invited the registrar to our last council this semester in hopes the reps will him questions that the reps will have asked the president
 - iii. No speakers currently lined up for next council
- c. Rían mentioned to have somebody from the Academic Council to speak about it.
 - i. Megan sounds good – anything that gives the class reps a chance to speak and feel empower
 - ii. Barry from USI? Yes, will be coming at some stage
- d. Sabrina – thoughts on the agenda and time keeping
 - i. Alex – for discussion the time was grand
 - ii. Rían – timing was excellent – no need to go on for too long – keep as close to two hours as possible
 - iii. Megan – good to have an exec member to speak a little after
 - iv. Sabrina – don't want to put too much on one person
- e. Sabrina – officer reports
 - i. Good to go backwards in order
 - ii. Cam mentioned we got it wrong
 - iii. Sabrina – if people are uncomfortable doing it at the front contact her and might be able to sort something out
 - iv. Sabrina – have it behind
 - v. Alex – this would be more time efficiently
 - vi. Cam – put it to a few points – if you don't submit a slide then you won't have this
 - vii. Sabrina – can submit to a google slide with key points – up to each individual officer
 - viii. Megan – everybody did a really good job on making paragraphs
- f. Megan – officer reports
 - i. Professionalism – get them in on time
 - ii. But jokes – can we keep them to a minimum – has to be edited
- g. Sabrina – this is not true
 - i. Can just send it out like that – so make sure it's the way you want it
- h. Megan – anybody have any objections to make officer reports public

- i. Will be sent to Lorna tomorrow
 - i. Megan – presented to UMT
 - i. Want to be transparent – have included the presentation online
 - ii. Brought up key student issues
- 3. Nominations to NUIGSU finance committee
 - a. Megan gets to nominate two people
 - b. Going to suggest other two full time officers go on it
 - c. Eibhlín and Clare
 - d. Nobody objected to this
 - e. Rían – after meetings will this be brought back to this?
 - i. Megan – yes will report back. Some things will be confidential but otherwise will be giving updates
- 4. Nominations to NUIGSU Board of Trustees
 - a. Eucharía Meehan and Pat Morgan brought forward to be added
 - b. Nobody objected to this
 - c. Megan thinks Pat is going to be great
- 5. Part Time Officer Training – Sabrina
 - a. Mentioned that her and Adhna went
 - b. Anybody have an interest in Sabrina and others who previously went had a little thing to go through stuff
 - c. Scott – maybe wait and see if can make new scheduled one
 - d. Sabrina – the next training will be after the next council – anything you’d want to know beforehand?
 - e. Rían – is it definitely going to be in Maynooth?
 - f. Megan – not certain that it will be in Maynooth
 - i. Union is happy to pay for PT’s to go
 - ii. Part time induction before the bonding was intended to cover the NUI Galway specific stuff
 - iii. Wait to see where and when the next training will be
 - g. Rían – don’t think it’s vital that it has to be done before council
 - h. Decided to wait and see what is the new date and location.
- 6. Class Rep Update – Scott
 - a. What is the story with the google doc
 - b. Is Eibhlín going off the Google Doc or the sign-up list?
 - c. Sabrina – going off her own Excel sheet which she thinks is made up of the sign ups
 - i. Sabrina sent out an email about council last minute the night before council to anybody who was elected and reminded students to sign up via the form
 - ii. Only students who went to class rep training knew about the form

- d. Megan – best of her knowledge – she has collated both lists but suggests that Scott send her an email to double check
- e. Scott – we should bring forms to council
- f. Sabrina – but they can also do it online
 - i. Email them at the next council reminded and attach a link to the form
- g. Megan – we are working off that form so get them to sign up
 - i. Also promote the Facebook page

7. Student Sit Down – Scott

- a. Address the lack of seating around campus or print off posters that students can hang up until buildings take actions
- b. Scot made actual poster
- c. Megan – what’s the story with the library seating
 - i. They were on the committee when the decision was made
 - ii. The decision was based on the fact that this was provisional and that another space would be sourced
 - iii. The problem was that people were sitting on the floor
 - iv. The rubbish left was another major issue
 - v. This was brought up at UMT – pictures of students sitting of the floor – stuff is happening but too slowly
- d. Cam - the college is already planning another social space plan
- e. Ryan – what is print that being used for
 - i. Megan – this was addressed at Council
 - 1. Sport are going for it too
 - 2. Main issues – take it away from commercial
- f. Idea – plaster print that with posters
- g. Megan will be meeting with John Gill and will discuss this
 - i. Would be good to have the two at the same time
- h. Muireann – issue of people in wheelchairs not having access
- i. Lots of idea brought about what we should do
 - i. Start off small
 - ii. Posters then letters and still not listening then think big
 - iii. Take pictures – ask for people on snapchat to take pictures of them sitting on the ground
 - iv. Put small chairs through his letter box
 - v. Scott – poster guy
 - vi. Mark out where could put chairs
 - vii. Sabrina – bring it as a mandate to council “suck on that”
 - viii. Scott – whenever they tell us to move them bring them to the Quad

- j. Rían – if we were going to a sit down where?
 - i. Megan – can build up to a sit down or occupation possible the Quad or inside somewhere

8. Charity event ideas brainstorm

- a. Megan – table quiz – 13th November
 - i. Megan will take lead
- b. Sex toy bingo in SHAG week – raffle which made money
- c. Brandon – fashion show
 - i. DCU do one
 - ii. He has connections, will get on to them
 - iii. Also knows MUA's
 - iv. Thinking for second semester
 - v. Megan – form a subcommittee to help with it
 - vi. Sabrina – could we do it in a lecture hall?
 1. Everybody – no
 2. Megan – discuss this closer to the time
 - vii. Daniel – dancethon
 1. 24 dancing
 2. people get sponsored by a business to dance for 24 hours
 3. Alex – lit and deb did a 24-hour debate
 - viii. Sabrina – sleep out?
 1. Megan – yes this is great
 2. Do a Christmas box for homeless
 3. Daniel – the buy a cow thing online
 - a. Liezel – maybe do physical products
 - b. Winter woollies
- d. Brandon – socs and club's sports day
 - i. Duck races – rubber duck
 - ii. People throw ducks off and kayakers pick out a random
 - iii. Around college bar
- e. SULT – already doing Halloween competition
 - i. Sabrina and Liezel mentioned issue with email
- f. Megan – get a buddy, come up with ideas, male budget, go see Joanna to book room

9. Cultural Trade Fair – Torri

- a. Wednesday 24th 12-4 in the cube
- b. set up from 9:00am
- c. Megan – we have a table at the global fair
 - i. Voter reg and condoms and tampons

- ii. Sabrina – maybe not have voter reg now – too late as can't register for this election now
- d. Ryan – should students be able to get a postal vote for this election and referendums

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

1. Paul
 - a. ID number stay the same, has had problems with businesses not believing they are still students
 - b. Megan – will raise it with the university
 - c. Believe the reason they don't do it is due to the cost
 - d. Cam – you have to get a new one anyway although number stays the same
 - e. Alex – if it was every year would be chaos
 - f. Muireann – people not believing courses could be a certain length of time
2. Ryan
 - a. Clubs want to meet the full-time officers
 - b. Somebody from Movember got in contact with clubs – does this conflict with SU charities
 - c. Megan – as long as we are not going out of our way to spend money on certain charities then its ok
 - i. Can put it on the snapchat and on emails
3. Alex – NSTEP
 - a. If convenor or full time please try to go
 - b. Alex gave background info – ask them for more info
 - c. There will be a separate post-grad one – next Thursday
 - d. Sabrina – is there still space
 - i. Megan – yes – please promote
4. Cam – graduation security
 - a. Students with noticeable disabilities were turned away yet people who wanted to buy race day tickets could go in
 - b. Will be sending a formal complaint
 - c. Megan – this building was on lock down last week during graduation and all staff were aware of this but nothing was sent to students
 - i. Plans to send complaints
 - d. Jibrán – need to make sure we know who was in charge
 - e. Members mentioned about the security staff being aggressive to students
 - f. Sabrina suggested doing a RSVP
 - i. Megan – will be brought to the university
 - g. Members – ask for feedback on the graduation and send on to Megan
5. Ríán=people who work in SU services are on 0 hour contracts

- a. Megan – will check that out with the CEO
6. Alex – Galway Hospitality group
 - a. Will have more updates after the next meeting
 - b. 0 hour contracts came up
 - c. make NUIG a good jobs university
 - d. look at a fair work thing
 - e. Sabrina – bring a motion into council!!!
7. Megan – SIPTU have a stand tomorrow
 - a. All members of USI (us) can get free advice from them
 - b. Smokies 10-3
 - c. Info on workers’ rights
8. Sabrina –
 - a. Have Eibhlín’s officer report available
 - b. Will make a google doc that we can update instead of doing it all in one go
 - c. Some email that we can nominate students for scholarships
 - d. Class rep booklet is live – on the website
 - i. Can send it on to class reps
 - e. Should we send out another email to class reps about all the things?
 - i. Yes – general email about NSTEP training, class rep booklet, next council and other things
 - ii. Megan – ask Eibhlín to draft one up
9. Megan – Officer Report
 - a. Put at the start “Issues Raised at Last Council”
 - i. Rían asked is it specific stuff to us yes?
10. Muireann – running disability forum
 - a. Tuesday 30thOctober 6pm in PT officer room
11. Liezel – only girls wear caps at education
 - a. Tradition men take hats off and girls don’t
 - b. They say that it is offered and uptake is 50%
 - c. Mentioned that offered to guys if they said it first but girls got it straight away
12. Cam – inclusive learning and teaching model
 - a. Training sessions hearing from different minority students and specific training
 - b. Cam will be in contact with Convenors in future to spread to different colleges
13. Scott – Class reps
 - a. Hoodies – Megan not 100% sure but will be ready soon
14. Megan – Weekly Meeting Times

- a. Flagged at council to have weekly meetings
- b. If there is a council won't have a long meeting
- c. Decision – we will abide by the constitution
- d. 6 o'clock in the afternoon suits the majority of the committee

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

8/10/18

Minutes proposed by: Chuka Paul Oguekwe (Mature Students' Officer)

Seconded by: Eibhlín Seoighthe (Vice President / Education Officer)

Date: 5th November 2018

**These minutes were prepared from a contemporaneous note taken by Liezel Ravenscroft (Convenor of the College of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences) at the meeting of October 22nd, 6 pm in the Board Room, SU Office and were typed into this memorandum style document for the record of Council.*