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**Agenda**

**NUI, Galway Students’ Union Executive Meeting**

***8:00pm, Sunday, 1st November, 2015***

***Minutes\****

***Present:*** *Phelim Kelly (President); Rebecca Melvin (Vice-President/Education); Jimmy McGovern (Vice-President/Welfare); Laoighseach Ní Choistealbha (Oifigeach na Gaeilge); Catherine Ryan (Equality Officer); Patrick O’Flaherty (Societies Chairperson); Eoin Mangan (Clubs Captain); Cian Moran (Postgraduate Officer); Robert Forde (Mature Students Officer); Cathal Sherlock (SU Council Chairperson); Tara Ward (Science Convenor); Aoife Bell (Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences Convenor); David Newell (Engineering Convenor).*

***Apologies:*** *Niall Gaffney (Business, Public Policy & Law Convenor); Jasmine Shaw (Arts Convenor).*

***Minutes\****

*Meeting commenced with Phelim Kelly (President) updating the executive committee regarding the student protocol groups set up by the HEA. Phelim is looking forward to the report. Phelim will give a further update at the next executive meeting once he has spoken with the USI reps on the protocol group.*

1. **Minutes**

The minutes for meetings 6 and 7 were taken as a true and accurate record. Phelim will have the minutes put up on the SU website.

1. **Matters Arising**

No matters arose.

1. **Class Rep Training II and SU Council**

Rebecca Melvin (VP/Education) gave a rundown of the Class Rep Training and asked for any available officers to attend to help bring reps to various rooms. Cian Moran (Postgraduate Officer) asked how long the training would be to which Rebeca informed him that it will not take longer than 2 hours in total. Cathal Sherlock (SU Council Chair) thanked the executive for having their officer reports in last time but asked that they would be given in advance in future. Phelim apologised for having his late due to meetings and echoed Cathal’s request. Cian Moran asked is there any way to stop a repeat of the last council’s proceedings. Phelim informed Cian that the rules will be enforced this time and that a max of 3 mins will be given to speakers in future. Eoin Mangan (Clubs Captain) asked when apologies need to be in for to which Cathal responded before the meeting but as much advance as possible should be given.

1. **SHAG Week**

Jimmy McGovern (VP/Welfare) gave a brief overview of the events for SHAG week. Jimmy also encouraged the executive committee to attend the screening of “The Hunting Ground”. Cathal asked how to sign up to the consent workshops. Jimmy informed him that he can sign up in the SU office.

1. **Nursing Campaign**

Phelim gave the executive committee an update in terms of the nursing campaign. Phelim informed the executive that the campaign initially started from NUI Galway 2 years ago and as such he lent the support of NUI Galway Students’ Union to this one. The executive were happy to stand over his decision.

1. **Repeat Fees**

Phelim informed the executive committee of the universities plans to raise the cost of the repeat exam fees from €195 - €295. Phelim has stalled them until adequate reasoning and information is given. He is to liaise with other colleges to get a break down of student demographics and no. of students repeating in this institutions. He will inform the executive committee of any updates.

1. **Faculty Councils**

Phelim asked if there was anything to note from the first round of faculty councils and how the convenors got on with same. There were numerous things to note from the Science council, in particular the chemistry lab reports are severely inconsistent among the class regardless of having the same results/procedures reported in the write ups. Tara Ward (Science Convenor) will look into it. Aoife Bell (Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences Convenor) asked that the Students’ Union better inform the class reps of their duties before electing them as some reps did not realise the workload of being a class rep. Phelim said he will leave that to the next VP/Education for them to note in their class rep recruitment next year.

1. **Social Inclusion Week**

Catherine Ryan (Equality Officer) gave the executive committee an update on the events happening for the Social Inclusion week which takes place from Monday November 9th. Catherine asked that the executive committee help out with lecture shout outs on the week to get a good attendance at the events organised.

1. **Any Other Business**

**Taxi Fares – Catherine Ryan**

Catherine asked is there any taxis that have standard fares as some taxis appear to be taking advantage of students particularly on nights out. Phelim informed her that pro cabs have this but is unaware of any others doing it.

**Free Legal Advice – Aoife Bell**

Aoife asked was there anywhere to avail of free legal advice on campus. Both Cian and Phelim informed her about NUIG FLAC who offer this service to students. Aoife will look into it.

**Fobs - Eoin Mangan**

Eoin asked were any of the executive committee aware of any difficulties regarding fobs in the Dangan sports ground. Tara will let him know after her next training session. No other officer had an issue.

Meeting concluded.

Minutes proposed by: Phelim Kelly, President, NUI Galway Students’ Union



Seconded by:

**08/11/2015**

\**These minutes were prepared from a contemporaneous note taken by Aoife Bell (Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences Convenor) at the meeting of the 1st November, 2015, and were typed into this memorandum style document for the record of Council*.