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Report of the President

Tuairisc an Uachtarán

Megan Reilly

Key Points Since last Council (15th October):

Issues raised at the last council:

Microwaves and water coolers: I have raised the issue of microwaves with the buildings office on numerous occasions and am hoping to meet with them soon over this. It is also something we are considering building a campaign around, similarly the same goes for water coolers.

Various issues with the library, including unattended computers, IT issues, and potentially looking into a laptop loan scheme:

I have not had a chance to meet with the head Librarian yet, but I am visiting UL's new library next week with him in the hopes of putting pressure on the University to invest in our library, and I plan to bring these issues to his attention then.

Sustainability: We are starting the process of setting up a sustainability working group at this council. It'll be chaired by the Welfare and Equality Officer and would be expected to meet around twice to map out the Union's sustainability strategy, to be passed by council during the second semester.

Minutes of Executive meetings: Are now uploaded online once they have been seconded. The Executive holds weekly meetings unless something unavoidable arises where we can't hold one.

SU policies: I have spoken to the General manager about this one and my feeling is that we'll work it into the review we are hoping to undertake in the second semester.

Events and Entertainments committee

I have reconvened this committee with hopes to moving forward on a plan for an on campus music event next semester. The first meeting was a very productive space that gave a lot of food for thought. I am hoping the committee will meet every two weeks or so.

Student partnership agreement

Since the last council I have agreed with the Registrar that we will get a student group to look at drafting up a student partnership agreement and then a team of Senior Management and student representatives will look at it together. The goal is that this agreement will mean better student representation on committees, will see the setting up of more staff student liaison committees within the University, and overall outline the responsibilities of the institution to students. The possibilities are numerous, and we'll be holding an open session on this soon.

Student Seating

I have been progressing on this and have a meeting with the Chief Operations officer about the print that space. In the meantime, I have been working with the VP Education and Science Convenor on a Student Sit down campaign, which will hopefully help galvanise students around this issue and give us more lobbying power on this issue.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Student Progression working group feedback session	This was organiser by us to ensure students have input into the process of
NUIG App focus group	Co hosted this with Student Services to get student input
Part time course management meeting	Went along to this team meeting with the VP Education to discuss how best to advertise the work of the SU to part time students.
Academic council	Including a briefing beforehand with reps and a debrief afterwards. Main student issues were around the Dean of students and college budgets

	being devolved. We had full attendance from Student reps.
Udaras (Governing body)	Main student issues discussed were around the Dean of Students.
Meeting with the Bursar	Met with the Bursar (financial controller) of the University to discuss the Kingfisher levy. We have all the information we need on the levy and I am progressing this with our general manager
Meeting the the Western Region Drugs and Alcohol Taskforce	To discuss day of promotion of the Galway Safe App
Parking Management Appeals Committee	
Quality Enhancement Committee	I raised the issue of the Irish Student Survey and how Feedback is implemented, and that the results should be made widely available to students.
Spoke at the Launch of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion report	Gave a speech on behalf of the student cohort at the launch of the EDI report where Minister Mitchell O'Connor was present. I made particular reference to Direct Provision and the Gender Identity and Expression Policy
Executive Committee meetings	Chaired exec meetings
Casework	While the President wouldn't normally deal with much casework, I have had a few sensitive issues brought to my attention recently which I have been dealing with.
Financial Aid Fund response	Worked on a response to the FAF incident with the other two sabbatical officers

Monday Morning meetings	With the Sabbatical officers to discuss the week ahead
Meeting with the General Manager	To discuss the levy, constitutional review, and lidl bus service.
Politics, Protest and Engagement -attended HUMANE Autumn Seminar in the University of Trento, Italy	Happy to provide a follow up report to this as at the time of writing this report the conference hadn't happened!
Meeting with the editor of SIN	To discuss plans for the paper and potential stories.
Staff meetings	Attended staff meetings to be kept up to date with the services side of the Students' Union.
Attended USI Emergency National Council	This emergency NC was convened in Dublin to discuss post budget action around Higher Education.
Phone call meeting with the Director of Marketing	Spoke about the save our spark campaign and what the Union can do on this.
Pink Training planning	Various meetings with staff, USI, officers, and GiG Soc representatives.
Meeting with Ursula Connolly	Met with Ursula, a law lecturer and representative on Governing Body, to get insight into how to get things done at Governing body and how best ensure the student voice is heard.
Disability forum	Was present at the Disability forum organizer by the Disability rights officer and have followed up with them with issues raised since.

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Report of the Vice President / Education Officer

Oifigeach Oideachais
Eibhlín Seoighthe

Officer did not meet the deadline and will give their report in Council.

Their report from 27th September to 15th of October is included in this period, as it was not included in the previous one.

Key Points Since Council (15th October):

Key Points Since 27th September 2018:

Class Reps:

A lot of my work in the last few weeks has been around getting class reps organized. Data entry has been on going thanks to all those who have been elected as Class Reps. Hoodies are currently being designed and should be with everyone shortly. I am also looking to offer extra class reps training over the coming weeks so watch this space!

Meetings:

I have been meeting various people over the last few weeks in order to introduce myself as the new Education officer. Most of these meetings have been very informal but also insightful and I have been left with many things to think about. I also sat on the Exams Appeals committee for the first couple of weeks. It was an interesting process and it was great to be a voice for the students on this.

Casework:

An officer's casework load is never done. I have seen many students over the past few weeks with many different situations presented before me. I would say the common theme for people calling up over the last two weeks have been mainly SUSI related. This has prompted me to contact SUSI about streamlining their process in the future to help avoid any confusion.

Training:

I received training from the former Education Officer Andrew Forde to become more familiar with my new role. The two days training were very enjoyable and Andrew made me feel secure and more knowledgeable in those two days.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Meeting with the SU President & SU Welfare Officer	Discussed my joining the Exec and the plans for the year ahead.

September/October

Class rep training	Attended and spoke at training. Great to see so many faces in the room.
Academic Standing	Mainly discussed matters arising from the last meeting and PHD awards discussed.
Sharon Flynn (CELT)	We discussed how CELT and the SU could work together to improve learning for students.
Meeting with CEIM	Meeting to discuss CEIM and how we can best support the students.
Standing & Strategic Planning Meeting	The action plan following the Mazar Recommendations was discussed. Recommendations for promotions were made and approved. An update was made in relation to the St Angela's deal.
Executive Meeting	We picked out our charities for the year after much debate.
Academic Planning Meeting	New 'Deanship' discussed in relation to the devolution of the schools. Also discussed was the appointment of 'Dean of students. More info as we get it.
Financial Aid Meeting	Meeting to discuss the new format of the meetings and approval of instalment payments for students. Allocation of the rest of the fund to be determined at next

	meeting.
Adult Learning Meeting	Megan and I met with the managers of the Adult Learning Department at Nun's Island. They are hoping to build a long lasting relationship with the SU. We will be going out to discuss the Students' Union with their students and introducing them to the services available to them. Will also be exploring the possibility of electing class reps for them.

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Report of the Vice-President / Welfare and Equality Officer

Oifigeach Leasa agus Comhionannais

Clare Austick

Key Points Since last Council (15th October):

Mental Health Mondays

Handed out water bottles, fruit and condoms across campus with the Welfare Crew to engage with students as part of the online mental health awareness campaign.

Casework

Case work is a large part of the Welfare & Equality Officer's role. I made appointments with students, saw students on a drop-in basis, emailed and rang them to address and solve any issues. I liaised with relevant student support services on campus.

University of Sanctuary Campaign

Attended meetings regarding updates, future plans and events.

SHAG week

Organized and coordinated Sexual Health & Guidance week. The Union collaborated with some societies for events ran throughout the week. The Health Unit extended their opening hours from 5-7pm for the STI Clinic. We also teamed up with Aids West to hold rapid HIV testing on campus.

Welfare Crew

Planned SHAG week, packed and distributed condoms and tampons. I am so thankful for all their help, I wouldn't be nearly as productive without them. I really appreciate and admire all their time given to making the college experience better for students. (<3)

USI campaigns sub-committee

Attending a meeting to discuss the positives/negatives of the National Demonstration. We had a debrief session on what went well and what we could improve on for the next Demo and planned future events.

Financial Aid Fund

Attended meetings with the Education Officer and discussed updates.

October

Meeting/ Event	Details
Mental Health Week	Executed over 20 events
Movember meeting	Movember Campaign
Meeting with student	Casework
University of Sanctuary Campaign steering committee meeting	Updates on progression made
University Times	Student safety on campus interview
Meeting with student	Casework
Meeting with student	Casework
Financial Aid Fund meeting	Applications
Cultural Council	Ethnic Minorities Officer & Societies Chairperson
Negotiating Sexual Consent Seminar	Attended the seminar to inform myself on the SMART Consent initiative and what next steps are being taken
Mental Health Mondays	Online campaign & engagement across campus
Meeting with student	Casework
Meeting with student	Casework

USI Campaigns sub-committee meeting	Met with the committee to talk about future national campaigns
Meeting with Emily for Seas Suas	Planned our presentation for Seas Suas
Seas Suas - Consent	Delivered a talk on NUI Galway's SMART Consent initiative
University of Sanctuary Campaign steering committee meeting	Updates on progression made
Meeting with Cameron, postgrad taught	Casework
Meeting with student	Casework
SIN interview	
Meeting with student	Casework
EDI Report Launch	Was quoted by Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor
Meeting with GIG Soc	Pink Training
Meeting with student	Casework
Meeting with students	Casework

November

Financial Aid Fund	Meeting
Meeting with student	Casework
Meeting with student	Casework
Meeting with student	Casework
Mental Health Mondays	"Let's talk about sex (baby!)"
Executive Committee meeting	Weekly meeting
Connemara Community Radio	SHAG week & rapid HIV testing
Flirt FM	SHAG week
Creche Parents Liaison Committee	Updates and actions going forward

Galway City Alcohol Forum	Discussed previous minutes and actions going forward
Galway Bay FM	Rapid HIV testing
Events & Entertainments Committee	Updates and planning
Meeting with President & Education Officer	Wrote the Financial Aid Fund statement

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Key Points Since Council (15th October):

Executive Committee Meetings

On the 22nd of October, we had an executive committee meeting where we approved minutes of previous meetings and discussed agenda points.

On the 5th of November, I attended an executive committee meeting where we approved minutes of the previous meeting and discussed agenda points.

Mental Health Mondays

On the 22nd of October, myself and other members of the executive committee helped hand out fruit, water, and condoms to students.

Cultural Trade Fair (Global Week)

I helped the Ethnic Minorities' Officer set up for the Cultural Trade Fair and volunteered alongside her for the day. We ran Voter Registration and handed out condoms. I also made our charity posters for the academic year. We managed to raise the first ~€60 for our charities, Galway Rape Crisis Centre and COPE Galway.

SHAG Week

On the 31st of October, I printed out copies of 'An Foclóir Aiteach' which are to be distributed throughout the week.

On the 5th of November, I introduced 'Focal an Lae' to our social media for SHAG Week. I hope to continue this for the rest of the academic year.

Suirbhé ar Oideachas na Gaeilge

This survey had been conducted before by USI but this year, Aoife Ní Dhéisigh (LU don Ghaeilge) felt that it needed to be reviewed. The 'Coiste Cultúrtha' helped review the survey that is being conducted this year. I have shared this survey on my own personal page and the NUIG Class Reps page on Facebook. I hope to share it in the weekly email soon.

Gaeilge 24

A few members of the executive committee and I have decided to take part in Gaeilge 24. This is to take place on the 13th of November. The aim of this event is to speak only Irish for 24 hours. We are raising money for Conradh na Gaeilge, who are a huge help to the Cumann Gaelach.

Baile Seirbhíse Gaeltachta

This point was discussed at the previous council. I contacted Aoife Ní Dhéisigh (LU don Ghaeilge, USI) and Alswyn Ní Aonghusa Ní Dhúill (Comhordaitheoir Triú Leibhéal, Conradh na Gaeilge). I am currently waiting on more information.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Meeting with the Convenor of the College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies (24 th of October 2018)	Discussed the election of class reps within the College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies. Decided that I was to help elect the class reps studying courses in Irish.
Speaking with Aoife Ní Dhéisigh (31 st of October 2018)	Spoke with Aoife Ní Dhéisigh about the organization of events throughout the themed weeks and 'An Foclóir Aiteach'. Discussed the 'Baile Seirbhíse Gaeltachta' with her.
Oireachtas na Samhna (2 nd of November to 4 th of November 2018)	Supporting the Cumann Gaelach. Ba bhreá liom comhghairdeas ó chroí a dhéanamh le Darragh Mac Giolla Phádraig agus Eoghan Ó Fionn. Bhain siad amach an chéad áit i gComórtas Díospóireachta ag Oireachtas na Samhna.

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Report of the Mature Students' Officer

Oifigeach na Mac Léinn Lánfhásta

Chuka Paul Oguekwe

Key Points Since Council (15th October):

Executive committee meetings

Attended Executive committee meetings, we approved previous minutes and discuss agenda points

Memorial Service

Organized and attended a memorial service in honor of a Mature student who passed in July. and the University awarded him a posthumous certificate.

Working with mature student

Worked with mature through the mature student office in relation to scholarship

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Report of the Postgraduate Taught Officer

Oifigeach na nIarchéimithe i mbun Teagasctha

Cameron Keighron

Key Points Since Council (15th October):

Executive Committee Meeting(s)

On the 22nd of October and November 5th, we had an executive committee meeting where we approved minutes of previous meetings and discussed agenda points.

Student Projects Fund

The College of Business, Public Policy and Law have undertaken a project looking at making teaching and learning more inclusive. They invited me to be the student representative on this group. I helped them design training for all staff members of the CBPPL which was given on Friday October 19th to over 40 staff members. Alongside this we are also surveying all second year CBPPL students to get their views on their teaching.

Casework

Met with students on various different issues relating to their courses and graduation.

Mental Health Mondays

As part of the wider Mental Health Monday strategy; I wrote a piece about mental health and being LGBT+ (Link here - https://pleasetalk.org/mental_health_monday/pride-prejudice/)

SHAG Week

I helped the welfare crew pack condoms for SHAG week. I also volunteered and helped out at Sex Toy Bingo on November 7th.

Gaeilge 24

I signed up to be a part of the Gaeilge 24 team with the Oifigeach na Gaeilge.

Postgrad Council

The first Postgrad council of the year took place on November 7th. A wide variety of issues relating to postgraduate students were raised and discussed.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Met The education officer (Oct 17th)	Casework
Met the Welfare Officer (Oct 24th)	Casework
Met the education officer & Convenors (Nov 7th)	Education Forum

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Report of the Postgraduate Research Officer

Oifigeach na nIarchéimithe i mbun Taighde

Jibran Abbasi

Key Points Since Council (15th October):

Postgraduate orientation October:

I gave presentation about SU postgraduate officer on graduate orientation where we met new postgraduate students and presented them with our Student Union and role of postgraduate officer. We also answered their question and bonded with them during lunch break.

Graduate studies board Pre-meeting:

Attended the pre board meeting with Prof Lucy and discussed the agenda of the meeting as well as spoke about different issues about research students. Raised couple of concerns about students GRC reports. Prof Lucy listened to us and appreciated the work union is doing. We also discussed the progress and suggestions made during previous year.

Graduate studies board meeting:

Attended the graduate studies board meeting. I gave my proposal on two main issues: i) all graduate students need to be paid equally especially if they are working in same department and more importantly in same lab. The pay gap discrepancy must be end. In engineering particularly, some PhD students are paid 1000 Euros a month and some are paid 1333 a month while other from SFI are paid 1500 Euros a month which creates sense of discomfort and inferior complex among students who are working and sitting in same lab. ii) second issue was, PhD students could keep their email ID for at least two years after they finish their phd so that they can make full use of informations and contacts they made during the phd time. Board patiently listened to what we have to say and rolled dice on the issue of email and noted down issue of pay-gap for further actions.

Academic Council:

Attended the Academic Council induction with other members of the SU Exec. We were given training as to how academic council works and what changes had been made this year.

Issues met and solved:

Since I took the office (metaphorically as postgrad officer do not have any office), i have met three different cases. Two of the cases were about postgraduate fee problem and one case was about student GRC meeting. I advise them accordingly and further their case to education officer who would look after fee issues.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Meeting with the President	Regular meeting with SU president to discussed student issues
Meeting with former Postgrad officers	I did detail meeting with former postgrad officer about his effort of collecting data on post grad mental health and their financial conditions. He also conducted some surveys on researchers' living expenses and their stipends.
Meeting with Prof Lucy	Orientation meeting with Dean of Research Prof Lucy.
Pre GSB meeting	Meeting with Graduate studies board chairperson about the agenda and discussion of board meeting with SU
Meeting with Graduate Studies Board	Attended the Graduate studies board meeting
Meeting with Academic council	Attended academic council meeting
Executive meetings	SU exec meetings to address regular issues

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Report of the Societies Chairperson

Cathaoirleach na gCumann

Brandon Walsh

Key Points Since Council (15th October):

USCG Meeting:

A meeting with student and staff representatives from various departments on campus to discuss approval of provisional societies and reviewing constitutional changes

Executive Committee Meetings:

Met with the Exec committee to discuss the items on the agenda(s), that can be viewed online.

Mental Health Mondays:

Handing out fruit, water and condoms on the Concourse and in the Engineering Building. I also took over the running of MHM on the 22nd, as Clare was not able to do it.

Welfare Crew:

Attended Welfare Crew planning session for shag week.

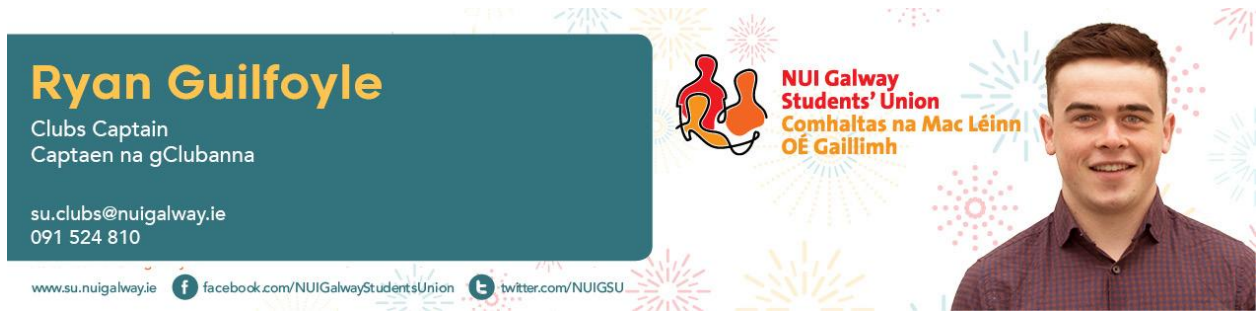
SHAG Week:

Helped at the smokies table running the competitions to raise money for our charities.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Mental Health Monday	Took over running of mental health Monday in the absence of the Welfare Officer.
Societies Forum	Planning the Societies' Forum.
USCG Meeting	Meeting to approve societies for full status, Review of

	constitutional amendments and review of societies' training.
Executive Committee Meetings	Meetings with the exec committee to discuss future plans.
Meeting with society	Casework.
Cultural Trade Fair	Helped the Ethnic Minorities Officer in the planning of the event.
Correspondence with businesses	Organizing group deals for committee bonding.



Report of the Clubs Captain

Captaen na gClubanna

Ryan Guilfoyle

Key Points Since Council (15th October):

Executive Meeting:

Executive meeting on the 22nd of October where we approved previous minutes while also discussing the agenda for the meeting. I also brought up the point in regards. I also brought up that clubs wanted to meet the full-time officers on the executive committee.

Mentoring Commerce Groups :

Mentoring 2 groups who are doing commerce to help out with increasing clubs participation and to help organize the upcoming Santa Dash

Student Race Day:

Assisted the rugby club in the organization and running of this year’s student race day to ensure it was a success and that there were no problems. It involved updating Cameron in the socs box on security details buses etc. and also being present on the morning to help out with the loading onto buses.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Meeting with Kathy Hynes	Discussed Presidents Cup and Club issues and review of previous month
Meeting with BOI	Discussing online banking for teams and getting them set up

Meeting with Swimming Captain	Discuss Funding for swimming hats
Meeting with Surf Club	Met in regard to trying to secure extra lanes for swimming
Meeting with sub aqua	Reviewed current Kingfisher entrance policies to ensure everything is ok
Meeting with Women's rugby	Discuss progress since the last meeting in October
Met with a representative from Movember	Discussed the possibility of getting all clubs on board to possibly collaborate, however, nothing has come of that since.
Met with manager of Kingfisher	Ensuring that the current entry policy is working and that there have been no issues in regard to clubs training
Meeting with Dave Henry	Discussing plans for President's cup and possible events we could run and what clubs would be able to get involved.

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Report of the Students' Union Council Chairperson

Cathaoirleach na Comhairle do Chomhaltas na Mac Léinn

Sabrina Vaughan

Key Points Since Council (15th October):

SU Volunteering

Helped Clare (VP for Welfare and Equality) with packing and distribution of condoms, tampons & pads and voter registration. (Also bought her a cake and sang her happy birthday).

Documents and SU Website

Liaised with Present (Megan Reilly) and SU Receptionist to make documents such as executive meeting minutes, officer reports etc. more accessible to students and the public. With this we also made a section in the weekly emails, highlighting the documents section of the Students' Union website.

Liaised with all officers regarding officer reports and compiled this document for distribution to class reps and students. Also liaised with relevant officers on the making of the agenda for council, as well as slideshow for officer reports during council.

Meeting/ Event	Details
Met with SU Council Secretary	Discussed council, plans for next, minutes of council etc.
Meeting with Education Officer and President of NUI Galway SU	Discussed email to be sent out to class reps with updates
Meeting with Education Officer and President of NUI Galway SU	Discussed agenda for the second SU Council (speakers, motions etc).

Met with Oifigeach na Gaeilge	Discussed best practice on electing class reps through Irish and liaising with lecturers.
Meeting with College of Science Convenor (Multiple)	Discussed the first SU Council, feedback, potential ideas for next council and lots of support.
Met with Gender and LGBT + Rights officer and President (separate occasions)	Liaised with both officers on proposed motion regarding sex workers
Executive Committee Meetings	Discussed relevant and student issues.
Met with Student/ Class Rep	Regarding proposing a motion to council

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Report of the Convenor of the College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies

Tionólaí Choláiste na nDán, na nEolaíochtaí Sóisialta & an Léinn Cheiltigh

Rían McKeagney

Key Points Since Council (15th October):

Meetings:

This month I have attended several Executive Council Meetings, Academic Council and chaired Arts Council. I have also been trying to arrange a meeting with the Dean of Arts, who has not yet replied to them.

Athena SWAN:

I have had brief discussions with Alex, our Gender and LGBT+ Rights Officer, about this programme as well as discussing at Arts Council and contacting the school of Psychology about its ongoing efforts to get silver medal standard.

Other:

I have assisted with some work for Mental Health Mondays, attended Welfare Crew meeting in preparation for SHAG week, casework with students and assisting with class rep registration issues. Did serious damage to my toe on Friday and got some genuine sympathy from Torri and Brandon, which made a nice change.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Executive Committee Meetings	Discussed a variety of issues and upcoming events

Arts Council	Discussed a range of issues affecting students as well as events and programmes
Meeting with SU President	Discussing casework

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Report of the Convenor of the College of Science

Tionólaí Choláiste na hEolaíochta

Scott Green

Key Points Since Council (15th October):

Meetings:

This month has been one for meetings I've attended **executive committee meetings**, the meeting of **academic council** (and brief prep and debrief meetings for same) and I chaired **Science council**. I was also at attendance for the **disability forum** (chaired by the Disability rights officer, Muireann did a great job!). I was also at the revival meeting for the events and entertainment committee. Finally, I also had a **meeting with the Dean** (after writing of report but before council).

Using the auld computer box

I've been busy **designing posters for upcoming protests** and **emailing lecturers** trying to fix issues brought to me through science council, email and in person respectively.

Interviews

I interviewed the ethnic minorities officer, the education officer and the welfare officer on the radio in an unofficial capacity (you're in good hands) on FlirtFM.

Athena Swan

I've been in touch with my two most recent predecessors (Sean Guinan and Christopher Mc Brearty) about gender balance among science reps during their two years. I also had a brief conversation with the LGBT+ and gender rights officer about gender balance among science reps and a meeting with them and the convenor of the college of engineering and informatics (mentioned below)

Casework

There has also been casework that I've been handling.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Meeting with the President	Discussed casework and the best way to handle it going forward
Meeting with the President and the Vice President for Education	Discussed upcoming protests, poster designs and the best way to engage students and get a meeting with the college
Meeting with SU Council Chairperson (Multiple)	Discussed the first SU council and what worked, potential ideas for this council
Meeting with Convenor of the College of Engineering and IT	Discussed the running of college councils and the potential of tea/coffee mornings
Meeting with Convenor of the College of Engineering and IT and the LGBT+ and Gender Rights Officer	Discussed Athena Swan and the gender balance of class reps within the respective colleges
Meeting with the Dean of Science	Will discuss issues brought to me via students, timetabling, lab safety and the upcoming merger.
Meeting with the Education officer, the postgraduate officers and the other college convenors	Meeting happened after writing but before council.

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Liezel Ravenscroft

Key Points Since Council (15th October):

Executive Committee Meeting(s)

On the 22nd of October, we had an executive committee meeting where we approved minutes of previous meetings and discussed agenda points. I brought up a concern that a student had expressed to me that only females wear caps at graduation. This will be followed up.

Mental Health Monday(s)

On the 22nd of October, myself and other members of the executive committee helped hand out fruit, water, and condoms to students.

Health Science Council

Health Science Council was held on 23rd October 2018. We went through the duties of a class rep and how they can best fulfill them. Issues brought up include lecturers assuming that material has been covered when it hasn't, vaccination costs, lack of microwaves on the north campus and how to improve communication between courses.

Academic Council:

Attended the first Academic Council with other members of the SU Exec. Academic issues were discussed. The members of the executive committee on Academic Council met up afterwards to discuss issues raised during the meeting.

Vaccination Costs:

It was mentioned at the Health Science Council that some students do not have to pay for their vaccinations while others do. I have been looking into this and will be sending out a survey to class reps next week in order to see what the details are with each course.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Health Science Council	Discussed student issues
Academic Council	Discussed academic issues
Executive Committee Meetings	Discussed relevant issues
Events Meetings	Discussed charity events for the future

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Clodagh McGivern

Key Points Since Council (15th October):

Meetings

- I chaired the Law/Business meeting. At this we discussed what was brought up at the SU council and I was informed of issues in regard to students in Law/Business.
- I attended executive meetings with the students' union exec.
- I attended academic council with the other members on the students' union.

Athena Swan

- I was contacted by Alex the LGBT+ and Gender Rights Officer about Athena Swan. I contacted Dr. Shivaun Quinlivan to further discuss the gender balance in the College of Law, Business and Public Policy.

Law/Business Meeting

- At the Law/Business meeting a Class Rep made it aware that a student was having issues when trying to access repeat examination results. I asked for the students email and contacted them to explain the situation. I then helped them access his results.
- Another issue that was brought up was that students in BIS were having difficulties in accessing computers with their accounts in the Cairns Building. I got in contact with Eibhlín the Education Officer and she advised me on who they should contact. I sent out a general email to the class reps and told them to tell students having difficulties on who to contact to fix the issue. The students individually needed to get in contact themselves to fix the issues.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Meeting with a Student	Discussed the student issues and advised him on meeting Dr. Charles O'Mahony. I contacted Charles and set up a time that the student would be able to meet him.

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Tionólaí Choláiste na hInnealtóireachta agus na Faisnéisíochta

Roshan George

Key Points Since Council (15th October):

- Attended weekly meetings with the Exec Committee.
- Attended and chaired the CoEI council.
- Attended the Academic Council.
- Followed up on all casework, including the microwave issue in the Engineering Building.
- Discussed Athena Swan Project and gender ratios within the college.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Meeting with Convenor of the College of Science	Discussed the running of college councils and the potential of tea/coffee mornings.
Meeting with Convenor of the College of Science and the LGBT+ and Gender Rights Officer	Discussed Athena Swan and the gender balance of class reps within the respective colleges.

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Report of the International Students Officer

Oifigeach na Mac Léinn Idirnáisiúnta

Daniel McFadden

Key Points Since Council (15th October):

- Discussed with SID on making multiple languages available for students printing Proof of Registration -- a typical need for visiting students for their home educational institution/government
- Nominated students for STAND Global issues course
- Attended Executive Council meetings

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Report of the Gender and LGBT+ Rights Officer

Oifigeach um Chearta Inscne agus LADT+

Alex Coughlan

Key Points Since Council (15th October):

Vice President of Equality and Diversity

15.10.18 - Met with rep from the office. Discussed developments within the University. Covered updates on the Gender Identity and Expression Policy, Ally Program, and Athena Swan gender equality progress, and student engagement within these areas. Attended launch of Equality and Diversity Annual Report, Gender Identity and Expression Policy, and Ally Program.

Athena Swan

Following meeting in this regard, progress is being made on ensuring student representation in this process. I contacted the convenors and postgrad reps on student engagement in this process, and how best to proceed. Convenors and I are currently following up in school to check progress and engagement.

Galway Hospitality Group.

I attend meetings of the GHG on behalf of NUIGSU. We are a group committed to raising issues and improving the work lives of people in the hospitality industry in Galway. This group is comprised of stakeholders across Galway such as SIPTU and One Galway.

18.10.18 - Meeting with Mike Taft, SIPTU analyst on making Galway a good jobs city and strategy

30.10.18 - Meeting of whole group, plans moving forward

Seanad Voter Registration

18.10.18 - As part of USI's Get Reg'd campaign, I met with USI's Irish Officer, and we set up and ran a voter registration stand outside conferring's so NUIG grads could get their Seanad vote

Inclusive Learning Initiative

19.10.18 - I participated as a student contributor in the Inclusive Learning Initiative

Class Rep Gender Balance

I am currently looking at the gender balance of our class reps. I have met with some Convenors on this. We are currently researching if these ratios are in line with the gender balance within relevant courses.

Sex Work Motion

Wrote the motion on Sex Work for council in collaboration with FemSoc.

Attended Executive Council meetings

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Office of the VP for Equality and Diversity	Discussed Gender Identity and Expression Policy, Ally Program, and Athena Swan gender equality progress, and student engagement within these areas
Galway Hospitality Group	Planning work for this group going forward
Convenor for Colleges of Science, Engineering	Class rep gender balance

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Report of the Disability Rights Officer

Oifigeach um Chearta Michumais

Muireann O' Sullivan

Key Points Since Council (15th October):

- **Disability Forum**

I chaired the first of (hopefully) many disability forums on the 30th October with help from the president and welfare & equality officer. I

- Developed concepts for a poster to advertise the forum.
- Meet with the President before the forum to run through my ideas.
- Successfully chaired a forum that gave a mandate to fight on some specific issues.

- **Welfare Crew & Mental Health Mondays**

Volunteered in packing condoms, tampons and pads, and at the mental health Monday stands. Ate the free fruit.

Volunteered at SHAG week sex toy bingo

- **Help with developing research projects**

Students from a wide variety of disciplines both inside and outside NUIG emailed me with their research proposals regarding the experiences of disabled students on campus.

- **Meetings with individual disabled students**

Meetings were generally for one of two things- offering advice on a specific challenge or a discussion about how I and the union could help with specific instances of discrimination they were facing.

- **Attended launch of Equality and Diversity Annual Report**

26/10 4-6pm

Launch of the report which reflected on the university's commitment and actions on reducing inequality on campus for both students and staff. The EDI will have a working group on disability this year which I will sit on.

NUI Galway Meetings and Events

Meeting/ Event	Details
Various dates-Meetings with students.	
22/10 & 29/10-Executive meetings	
23/10-Meeting with committee members of IMPACTE society.	Discussed plans for the year and future collaborations. IMPACTE (- Inclusion & Motivation for Promoting Access to Community Transformation & Engagement) - a student society with similar aims to the disability rights officer.
26/10- launch of EDI report	
30/10- Disability Rights Forum	

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Oifigeach um Eithneach Mionlach

Victoria Chihumura

Key Points Since Council (15th October):

Executive committee weekly meetings

On the 22nd of October, we have an executive committee meeting and discussed the agenda and approved the minutes of the last two executive meetings

Mental health Mondays

On Monday the 22nd of October I set up the table for mental health Monday with the societies chairperson, the Irish language officer.

On Monday the 4th of November helped set up and run a table for mental health Mondays with the socs chairperson, the welfare and equality officer and some members of the welfare crew

Cultural trade fair

I organized the cultural trade fair with some cultural societies and the societies chairperson

Welfare crew

I attended the weekly welfare crew meetings and packed condoms

Shag week

I worked along with the Gender and LGBT+ Rights officer, ran a week-long contraception campaign on snapchat and Facebook

Direct provision campaigns

Working along the president and welfare and equality officer to work on the mandate that NUIGSU have against direct provision

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Meeting with the President (NUIG or NUIGSU)	Discussed my upcoming campaigns
EDI Annual report launch	Attended the launch
Meeting with VP for welfare and equality	Discussed upcoming campaigns and SHAG week