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Report of the President

Tuairisc an Uachtarán

Megan Reilly

Key Points Since Previous Council (26th November):

Student seating

We have gotten agreement that the Print that Space will not become a Gift Shop, but will be redesigned as a student seating and chill zone; a big victory! We're pushing ahead with this to make sure that things start happening soon. Other than that we continue to represent on the University Social spaces group which has been set up with the intention of getting more social spaces across campus.

Éalú

I have been working away at this behind the scenes, I can't say too much at this point in time but expect some announcements soon!

Student partnership agreement

We met with University management before Christmas regarding the Partnership Agreement. There will be another meeting this month and we're hoping to get an agreement in place this semester that will codify the University's commitment to ensuring student engagement and will detail how it's going to work on the student issues of the day.

Levy

I have been doing a lot of investigation into the Levy, have met with the University on this and ensured the other sabbatical officers are briefed on it. I have brought a motion to council to support and strengthen the work that has been done to date by myself and the General Manager.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Meeting of the Irish Student Engagement Survey cabinet	Brought up the necessity for students to be informed on what has been done with the survey and let them know what work is in progress since their feedback. This has been followed through on
Parking management appeals committee	
Strategy Development group	The University are in the process of planning their strategy for 2025. My goal is that students are at the forefront of that
Chairlie protest	Assisted the Education officer at this protest for more seating
Access course talk	Gave a talk to access students and elected reps
SUCS License agreement	We are negotiating the License agreement for our commercial services with the University
Hosted USI Pink Training	Assisted USI across the weekend, welcomed 300+ students to the LGBT Conference on behalf of the Union.
Academic council	Spoke up for the need for one form for anyone making a complaint, as the current process is very confusing
Christmas holidays	22nd December - 10th January
Meeting regarding STACS Merger	We are merging with St. Angela's college sligo in September so we met with their SU to discuss logistics
Discipline committee	Was there in a supportive capacity to students at a discipline committee

Meeting with Arts convenor	To discuss plans for the semester
Meeting with international students officer	Regarding promotion of a survey
Regular meetings with sabbatical officers	At the start and end of each week
Team planning session	This was facilitated by Colm Jordan and helped us plan for the year ahead
Meeting with the Mayor	Regarding funding for a Mental Health campaign
Meeting with 1PlusEvents	Regarding Éalú
Meeting of Events and Entertainments committee	To discuss Éalú
Sat on Interview panel for Dean of Students	The new Dean will start in March and largely deal with the student experience
Meeting with the Dean of Engineering	To discuss issues with a staff member and the Science/Engineering merger
Christmas Tree lighting	Helped organise first annual Christmas Tree lighting. Passed my speaking slot to Torri, our Ethnic Minorities officer, who did a fabulous job!
Student complaints committee	SU representative
Meeting with the registrar re STACS	How the merger affects the SUs involved
Levy briefing with General Manager	Asked the General Manager to provide a levy briefing to the two sabbatical officers



Report of the Vice President / Education Officer

Oifigeach Oideachais

Eibhlín Seoighthe

Welcome back to what will be a great semester two, I am looking forward to seeing you all again at council. In my officer report for the first council is in order to update you on the work I had outlined for myself when you elected me.

Wifi:

It is still s**t and I have been working on this matter. There are improvements being made and I have continued to raise the issue with the appropriate people whenever I get a chance to.

Student Services:

The conversation about the lack of funding for student services has not gone away. Last semester the protest for seating and social spaces has seen more of a discussion, across various committees, around how we can best support our students going forward. Suggestions from the student body are welcome!

Clubs & Societies:

I have still to make progress on this and it is on my agenda for this semester. Will update you all on this in an upcoming meeting.

Health Services:

Prior to the Christmas break I made contact with the INMO and we are working towards developing a new model for students to give feedback anonymously while they are studying for their degree. More on this after the Nurses Protest.

Class Reps:

You guys are amazing and it is great to see you all back. We will be bringing back Class Reps of the Year awards this year, I will email you all about that before the next council. There is more news on the class reps front but that will be revealed at a later date!

SUSI:

No surprises here... SUSI is a nightmare. I have been making ground on getting something in place in order to make the grant application an easier process for us all. I am hoping to bring a motion to USI in April to get this a nationwide priority. Once again, input would be appreciated!

That is all from me. If you have any questions do not be afraid to ask su.education@nuigalway.ie



Report of the Vice-President / Welfare and Equality Officer

Oifigeach Leasa agus Comhionannais

Clare Austick

Key Points Since Previous Council (26th November):

Welcome back everyone! Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and are excited and eager to dig back in to Semester 2. (Let's achieve great things this year!!).

Pink Training

We hosted the largest LGBT+ conference held in Europe the last weekend in November. Over 300 students attended the event across the country.

Mental Health Mondays

Carried out and finished the 9 week campaign. A decision was made to carry the campaign forward in Semester 2 to encourage more student engagement across campus. Last semester's campaign consisted of a collaborative online awareness campaign with GMIT Students' Union and Please Talk addressing different areas around mental health. A physical presence was ensured on campus every week in the Concourse and the Engineering building. This semester we are hoping to have clearer messaging and more of an engaging campaign including short lecture addresses etc (moving away from the online style we had previously). I'm always open to new suggestions, you can get involved at any stage!

Exam Destress

The Education Officer and myself ran an exam destress campaign in the lead up to exams. We distributed free fruit and water bottles and had a room booked out for students to relax in.

Sexual Harassment Working Group

Currently working on an improved sexual harassment policy with university management.

UL Students Against Direct Provision - National Campaign

Attended a meeting to plan a national campaign on ending the Direct Provision system. The next meeting will be convened in the next 4 weeks.

Clothes Bank

Introduced the clothes bank initiative before the Christmas break. Students were able to make donations of items of clothing. These clothes were then made available for any students to students. Any surplus items at the end were donated to charity. It was successful and I'm hoping to continue it on in semester 2 with a possibility of becoming an annual practice in the Union.

Food Bank

Met with Gareth who is the CEO of SUCS (Students' Union Commercial Services). He was very much in favour of introducing a food bank initiative whereby any surplus food from our commercial services are given to students who may be struggling financially. It's still in working progress as guidelines etc have to be written up.

Upcoming Campaigns/Themed weeks

- Mental Health week (week 3) - 28th-31st January
- SHAG week (week 5) - 11th-14th February
- Mental Health Monday's
- University of Sanctuary Campaign - Sanctuary Runners

If you have any ideas or would like me to run a particular event let me know!

Consent (oh mah gawd finally!)

Minister Mary Mitchell O'Connor launched a 4 year Active Consent Programme in NUI Galway funded by Lifes2good Foundation in partnership with Galway University Foundation and NUI Galway. The programme will be led by the SMART Consent team from the School of Psychology.

University of Sanctuary Campaign

We are hoping to send in our application to be designated a University of Sanctuary this February (which marks a year since the official launch of the campaign) We are also planning an event as part of Mental Health week and are teaming up with the organisers of the annual Jigsaw marathon held in March/April (Sanctuary Runners) to encourage friendship between students, asylum seekers and the wider community through exercise.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
EDIC/EDICC joint session	Planning session on what we are hoping to achieve in the area of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion
Meeting with student	Casework
AHEAD conference	Training on how to best support students with disabilities
Mental Health Monday's	Weekly campaign
Meeting with Tonya LGBT+ Ally programme	
Meeting with GIGSOC	Pink Training prep
Meeting with student	Casework
Meeting with GIGSOC	Pink Training prep
University of Sanctuary Campaign	Updates and plans going forward
Meeting with student	Casework
Meeting with student	Casework
Meeting with student	Casework
Meeting with Aidan, University of Sanctuary Coordinator	Updates and plans going forward
Chairlie protest	Protest to increase social spaces on campus
Access students talk	Myself and Megan elected Class Reps in the Access course, introduced them to the Union and asked for feedback of things to improve
USI Pink Training	LGBT+ Conference which we hosted
Disciplinary referral	
Study week distress campaign	
Student housing meeting	Had a meeting chaired by the Director for Student Services and the managers of each residential student accommodation to discuss any

	issues that have arisen and logistics from the semester
Christmas tree lighting	The President of the University held a Christmas tree lighting celebration
Societies Forum	Attended the Societies Forum organised by the Socs Chairperson, spoke about my role and upcoming campaigns societies can get involved with
Meeting with student	Casework
Constitutional review	Met with some of the officers to discuss this further
AGM Health Unit Board of Directors	
Meeting with Aidan and Mike Heskin	Sanctuary runners
Food Bank Initiative with Gareth	Discussion around introducing a food bank initiative on campus
Student Partnership Agreement	
Planning Session with Megan and Eibhlin	
Sabbat meeting	
Sexual Harassment working group	Plans going forward and conversation around any progression made
Strategic Plan for 2025 of NUI Galway	Brainstormed a session with various University staff to come up with the values of the University for the 2025 Strategic Plan
Sabbat meeting	
Consent LAUNCH	
Mental Health Services interview DCU	Spoke about the mental health services on campus
Student levy	Had a meeting with the General Manager who updated us on the current situation
Meeting with Aidan	University of Sanctuary Campaign planning

UL Direct Provision	Collaboration between unions across ireland
Meeting with student	casework
Meeting with student	Casework
Events and Campaigns meeting	Ealu festival
Discipline Committee hearing	
Meeting with student	Casework
Meeting with student	Caswork
SIN interiew on Consent	Answered questions on the Smart Consent programme
Meeting with Aidan	Sanctuary Runners update
Welfare Crew meeting	Planning of the upcoming themed weeks
Discipline Committee hearing	

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Irish Language Officer

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Key Points Since Previous Council (26th November):

Class Representatives

I have elected some class representatives and hope to elect more in the new semester.

Pink Training

I attended Pink Training which was held at NUI Galway. It allowed me to attend workshops and meet new people.

I witnessed our SU President fight on behalf of Drogheda during the course of this weekend. I also participated in some pranks that took place in the Students' Union workplace. The Convenor of the College of Science, Scott or *Snot* Green, wishes he was cool enough to participate in these pranks.

Condom Packing

I packed condoms with other members of the executive committee.

USI's Campaign for Gaeltacht Fees

The Gaeltacht fee is an important issue that faces student teachers. USI are calling for the reinstatement of the Gaeltacht Fee Grant.

Student teachers are expected to pay up to €1500 in order to go on placement in the Gaeltacht (which is compulsory), on top of their fees.

This campaign was discussed during the meeting of 'An Coiste Cultúrtha'.

On the 13th of December, we stood in solidarity with student teachers.

Scéim Teanga na Gaillimhe

I am currently in contact with a member of the Scéim Teanga working group in NUI Galway. He is a research assistant who wishes to conduct interviews with organizations that work through Irish. He says that students are a central part of their research. I'm still waiting on more information but please contact me if you're interested in participating in this research.

Exam Destress

I volunteered for a few hours at the exam destress event that was organized for study week.

Student Sit-down Protest

I attended the student sit-down protest and represented the students of NUI Galway in regards of the lack of seating available on campus. Here, we presented John Gill with the surveys filled by students.

Executive Committee Meeting

I attended the first executive committee meeting of Semester 2 on the 16th of January, 2019. We discussed plans and agenda points.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Coiste Cultúrtha Meeting on the 21st of January, 2019	Unfortunately, I wasn't able to Skype into this meeting due to my horrible timetable! I will, however, receive the minutes of this meeting. So, if anyone is interested, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Report of the Mature Students' Officer

Oifigeach na Mac Léinn Lánfhásta

Chuka Paul Oguekwe

Key Points Since Previous Council (26th November):

Part-Time Training

Attended Part-time officers training organised by USI for all Part-time officers

Case work

Exam preparation skills with mature students and study plans

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Report of the Postgraduate Taught Officer

Oifigeach na nIarchéimithe i mbun Teagasctha

Cameron Keighron

Key Points Since Previous Council (26th November):

Pink Training

I attended the annual USI Pink Training Weekend at the end of November. This is the largest LGBT+ workshop weekend in Europe with over 300 students coming together to attend various workshops and trainings. On the weekend I provided two workshops on breaking down stereotypes and medical transitioning. Along with this, I provided tech support in the area of workshop set up and support.

Seating Protest

Along with a number of other union officers including both the education officer and the convenor of the college of science, I took part in a seating protest in the Arts Millenium building to highlight the lack of adequate seating on campus.

Christmas Lighting

I attended the first Christmas tree lighting on campus in December where our Ethnic Minorities officer gave a wonderful speech.

Post Grad Council

Our second postgrad council took place on December 4th. The focus for now is on a PG Taught survey to launch on Monday January 21st.

Student Projects Fund

Attended a meeting on December 11th for the Inclusive Learning and Teaching project where we discussed the next phases of our project.

Constitutional Review

I attended an preliminary meeting with some of the Union officers to look at the NUI Galway Students' Union constitution looking towards updating it.

Academic Council

Attended academic council on December 5th.

Case Work

Consulted with Students on various issues relating to course-work and exams

Smart Consent

Attended the launch of the next 4 years of the Smart Consent programme on January 11th where it was announced that the programme has been awarded sustainable funding for the next 4 years

Executive Meeting

Attended executive meeting on Wednesday January 16th

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Met with the Education Officer and PG Research Officer - December 6th	Discussed a strategy for PhD Class Reps
Social Spaces Meeting - December 13th	Discussed adequate solutions to seating on campus
PGR Meeting - January 15th	Set up meeting with the PGR rep and education officer to talk to PhD students interested in becoming a class rep.

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Report of the Postgraduate Research Officer

Oifigeach na nIarchéimithe i mbun Taighde

Jibran Abbasi

Key Points Since Previous Council (26th November):

First key point of your work e.g. executive meeting:

Paragraph explaining your work in this area. Etc. Lobbied the council, Crisis campout etc.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Meeting with the President (NUIG or NUIGSU)	Discussed student issues

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Report of the Societies Chairperson

Cathaoirleach na gCumann

Brandon Walsh

Key Points Since Previous Council (26th November):

Pink Training 2018:

I helped to pack condom packs and TomPacks for the 300 attendees. I helped to decorate Aras Na MacLeinn by building a balloon arch. And i was also asked to facilitate an ice breaker session with a group of students. I also coordinated tech set up in the various rooms they were using.

Charity Christmas Day & Tree Lighting

I volunteered and shook donation buckets for the two SU charities. I was also present for the lighting of NUI Galway's Christmas tree lighting, and we took a nice photo with the President, NUIG Students' Union officers and staff.

Seating Protest

Along with a number of other union officers including both the education officer and the convenor of the college of science, I took part in a seating protest in the Arts Millenium building to highlight the lack of adequate seating on campus.

Constitutional Review

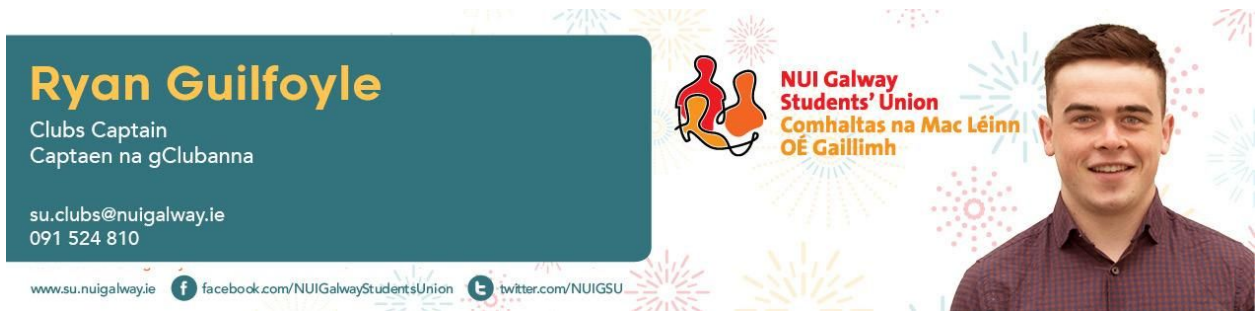
I attended an preliminary meeting with some of the Union officers to look at the NUI Galway Students' Union constitution looking towards updating it.

Executive Committee Meeting:

Attended exec meeting with the other officer on the committee.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Social Spaces Meeting	Discussed issues of seating and other social spaces on campus.
Meeting with Student	Casework.
Exec Meeting	Met with the exec to discuss various issues.



Report of the Clubs Captain

Captaen na gClubanna

Ryan Guilfoyle

Key Points Since Previous Council (26th November):

Presidents Cup:

Helped organise the presidents cup event (Treasure Hunt) which takes place on January 23rd

Surf Club Funding:

Helped to get the surfs club funding released over christmas before their trip abroad

Promo Video:

In the process of organising the release of a promo video for sports in NUI Galway which will incorporate a campaign to hopefully increase the amount of students participating in sport

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Meeting with the Kathy Hynes	General meeting to discuss plans ahead
International Students Orientation Day	Delivered a talk to the 450 new international students about sport on campus
Met with Lisa Doran (Online Marketing Office NUI Galway)	Discussed plans for the promo video and campaign
Sports Scholarship Awards	Represented the SU at the sports scholarship awards

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Report of the Students' Union Council Chairperson

Cathaoirleach na Comhairle do Chomhaltas na Mac Léinn

Sabrina Vaughan

Key Points Since Previous Council (26th November):

Pink Training

I attended Pink Training as a delegate which was held at NUI Galway. It allowed me to attend workshops (such as, supporting those coming out/ transitioning, the history of LGBTQ+ and so many more). I was also able to meet so many new people from colleges and institutions around Ireland. I also went through the rapid testing for HIV (it was very rapid- if you have any queries about the workings of the test, let me know). I took part in many pranks, just ask Megan about her Officer Poster in her office..

Council IV

Met with Megan, (President NUIGSU) and Eibhlin, (VP for Education) regarding the agenda and speakers for council. Liaised with speakers and officers on timing and run-through of council. Circulating information to class reps, be it upcoming events before council, officer reports, items for discussion and minutes from last council.

Council Feedback Forum

From meeting with Megan (President) and Eibhlin (VP for Education), we have decided it might be best to send out a survey to class reps and students, closer to the last council. That way we could ensure the best feedback to help move forward.

SafeTALK in NUI Galway

As NUI Galway Students' Union facilitated ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) in the past, I have been incontact with relevant people from the HSE, the chaplaincy and Megan (SU President), on organizing SafeTALK (suicide alertness for everyone) events on campus. SafeTALK is a half day workshop (6 - 10 pm in most cases), whereas ASIST is a two day (9- 5 workshop), that not a lot of students can avail of. I would love to see if we could facilitate SafeTALK workshops as part of our Life Skills opportunities, through the SU. More updates to follow in the New Year.

Secret Santa

I organised and coordinated with the executive regarding the secret santa. Every officer took part, and I think it went very well. I got Daniel Mc Fadden, our International Students Officer.

Charity Christmas Day & Tree Lighting

I volunteered and shook donation buckets for the two SU charities. I was also present for the lighting of NUI Galway's Christmas tree lighting, and we took a nice photo with the President, NUIG Students' Union officers and staff.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Meeting with Megan (SU President), Clare (VP for Welfare & Equality), Eibhlin (VP for Education) and several Part time officers 7.12.18	Discussed the current Constitution of the Students' Union. Discussion regarding the different sections, officer duties, clarification etc.
Met with Students	Those interested in the role of SU Council Chairperson.
Met with Megan (SU President) and Eibhlin (VP for Education).	Agenda for council in January, running of council and feedback.
Executive meeting	Attended first exec meeting of 2019. Spoke about upcoming council, the agenda, officer reports and council slides. Other matters arose.
Executive meeting/ Council Runthrough	Ran Through the agenda of council in detail with the executive. Timed each minute to give people a good idea of how long certain items were allocated.

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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 Previous Council (26th November):

Pink Training:

Volunteered at Pink Training. Unfortunately, I was only able to help out for one day due to work and other commitments. It seemed like a fantastic and rewarding weekend and I greatly enjoyed what I was part of.

Meeting with Michelle O'Dowd:

Discussed several sustainability initiatives that are ongoing in the University or could be introduced in the near future. We also discussed the possibility of setting up a sustainability working group that would operate alongside CUSP on smaller, more immediate projects as well as the feasibility of a Deposit and Return Scheme.

College Board Meeting:

Discussed restructuring of schools within the College of Arts. Ensured a guarantee from the Dean that students will be included in the process, most likely through the SSLC. Also ensured guarantee of measures being taken to prevent another data breach.

Academic Council:

Various issues were discussed, including Academic affairs, as well as other issues such as the new sexual harassment policy.

Other:

Had meetings with both Megan and Clare about various issues and initiatives. Had an impromptu meeting with Alex, our Gender and LGBT Officer, about a potential event later in the semester. Attended the seating protest in the Quad organised by our Education Officer and Science Convenor. Attended the

launch of the new SMART Consent Programme. We had our Secret Santa and Liezel got me the best presents ever.

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to the coming semester!

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Meeting with the Michelle O'Dowd	Discussed sustainability initiatives and the feasibility of a D&R Scheme
College Board Meeting	Discussed restructuring of Schools
Academic Council	Multiple issues arising in the University were discussed
Meeting with Clare, VP for Welfare & Equality	Discussed issues arising for students in the College of Arts
Meeting with Megan, SU President	Discussed plans for the year ahead

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Report of the Convenor of the College of Science

Tionólaí Choláiste na hEolaíochta

Scott Green

Key Points Since Previous Council (26th November):

Pink Training

It's been a long while since last council but I've got all the details you need. Firstly I was in attendance for the weekend of Pink Training but I didn't participate in any pranks because I'm a responsible representative, I also very briefly helped Cameron with some tech support during same.

Everything in between

I was in attendance and spoke at our sitting protest which culminated in the presentation of our previously distributed surveys being presented to John Gill's office.

I also attended a meeting of the Academic council on the 5th of the December.

I was present for the lighting of NUIGs' Christmas tree and also the SUs pet farm where myself, the Convenor of the College of Arts and the LGBT Rights office discussed the new pet farm and also rabbits.

I also stood in solidarity with student teachers on December 13th.

I took part in the Secret Santa exchange.

Casework

I have also had some minor casework talking to students about exam results, deferring, timetable clashes and more.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Constitutional review meeting	Some of the executive met to examine and suggest amendments to the constitution.
Meeting with LGBT rights officer and Dr Niall Madden	Meeting to talk about the Athena Swan project.

Meeting with Education Officer	Discussed Science table clashes
Exec meeting	Discussed plans for semester and other agenda points

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Report of the Convenor of the College of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences

Tionólaí Choláiste an Leighis, an Altranais & na nEolaíochtaí Sláinte

Liesel Ravenscroft

Key Points Since Previous Council (26th November):

Charity Bakesale

Baked some excellent goods for the charity bake sale.

Elected Academy Class Reps

As medical students swap placements over Christmas, new academy representatives were elected to represent students in Sligo, Castlebar, Letterkenny and Ballinasloe.

INMO Strike

In relation to the strike, I have been in contact with Megan and read up about what will happen and how students will be affected.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Meeting with the President (NUIG or NUIGSU)	Discussed student issues

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Report of the Convenor of the College of Business, Public Policy & Law

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Officers report from the 12.11.18- 26.11.18 is included in this period, as it was not included in the previous one.

Key Points Since Previous Council (12th November):

Emails:

I got in contact with relevant people to resolve any issues or queries such as lecturers and other students.

In world at large:

On 19/November/18 I walked around campus with “This is not consent” pinned to my bag with a pair of underwear similar to the one used in the Cork rape trial. I did this as I was disappointed, I missed the protest outside the courthouse and wanted to host my own personal protest for the mistreatment of rape victims and the rape myths that are present in society today. After being a consent ambassador at the beginning of the year I felt this was necessary to show that what people wear doesn't equal consent. #ThisIsNotConsent.

NUI Galway Meetings

Met with a student	When I met the student, there were inquiring their options for next year. I told them about placement and Erasmus and gave the emails of the lecturers who organise these.
Hosted Law/Business meeting	At these we talked about what was brought up at council and discussed issues that students in the law/business meetings were having.

Key Points Since Previous Council (26th November):

Hello and welcome back to college for Semester 2! I hope you all had an amazing christmas and wishing everyone a happy and prosperous new year for 2019!

Attended the 'Christmas Jumper' night

It was a great night and it was lovely to see everyone in their christmas jumpers that night. All the support from other students was fantastic for the chosen charities that all the proceeds went towards.

Student Sit Down Protest

I attended the protest outside the quad where we lobbied for more funding into seating around the campus. Here we chanted and played a game of "Musical Chair" with the students that attended the protest and with Charlie the chair to highlight how difficult it can be for students to find seating around campus.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Academic Council	I attended Academic Council with other members of the Students Union.
Meeting with Student	To answer queries
Had a Phone Call with a Student over the break	To discuss an issue
Got in contact with Clare (VP Welfare)	About the issue above

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Report of the Convenor of the College of Engineering & Informatics

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Roshan George

Key Points Since Previous Council (26th November):

- 1) Talked with students regarding issues.
- 2) Planned events for Semester 2 in the engineering building.
- 3) Met with welfare and equality officer to discuss issues concerning students.

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Report of the International Students Officer

Oifigeach na Mac Léinn Idirnáisiúnta

Daniel McFadden

Key Points Since Previous Council (26th November):

- 1) Talked with other Intl' Student Officers on getting a survey together about the needs, supports, and experiences of Intl' Students
- 2) Review of documentation and information sent out to International students before arrival & upon acceptance to NUIG
- 3) Case work with individual students
- 4) Wrote to Intl' Office to make sure that Thanksgiving celebrations next year include Canadians (Americans aren't the only ones to celebrate it!)

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
NUIGSU President, Megan Reilly	Discussed the needs of intl' students in regards to immigration
SID	Asked again about their policy of languages on Proof of Registration (they didn't respond to my last email)

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Report of the Gender and LGBT+ Rights Officer

Oifigeach um Chearta Inscne agus LADT+

Alex Coughlan

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Key Points Since Previous Council (12th November):

Athena Swan:

Followed up on progress in the College of Arts, and the College of Science. Currently in contact with the Vice Dean's for Equality and Diversity.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
EDICC (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Campus Committee)	Attended with VP for Welfare and Equality, equality and diversity issues discussed over course of the meeting

Key Points Since Previous Council (26th November):

University Ally Program

Discussed progress with the program and expected launch before the Christmas break. Discussed contents of the pack, and how staff visibility should look on campus, and program uptake.

Student Partnership Agreement

Met with the President to review initial data collected at council, and outlined key areas highlighted by class reps that need improvement within the University. Outlined this and our reasoning behind a SPA at a meeting with management, and discussed progress of this, and what all parties would hope to gain from this agreement.

Pink Training

Attended USI Pink Training as a volunteer and speaker.

Athena Swan

Athena Swan process has begun in the School of Psychology. Met with an undergrad student who is part of the student representation before initial meeting to brief. Attended first meeting of the Self Assessment Team (SAT).

Met with the Vice Dean for Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion in the College of Science with Convenor for the College, Scott Green

LGBT Staff Network

Attended the LGBT Staff Network AGM. Spoke about my role, and LGBT issues within the University.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Office of the Vice President for Equality and Diversity; with President and VP Welfare and Equality	Discussed launch of the University Ally Program
Academic Council	
Met with President	Discussed Student Partnership Agreement, and upcoming meeting with University management
Meeting with Scott, Convenor for College of Science, and Vice Dean of Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion, College of Science	Athena Sean process and EDI in the College of Science
Student re: School of Psychology Athena Swan	Met with a student to brief before beginning Athena Swan process
LGBT Staff Network AGM	Attended and discussed my role within the union and LGBT issues within the University
School of Psychology Athena Swan Self Assessment Team (SAT)	Beginning of Athena Swan process within the School of Psychology
Meeting of President, VP Welfare and Equality, VP Education with University management	Discussed Student Partnership Agreements, timeline of events, and initial commitment
Meeting with Rian, Convenor for College of Arts	Discussed event for later in the semester

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Report of the Disability Rights Officer

Oifigeach um Chearta Míchumais

Muireann O' Sullivan

Key Points Since Previous Council (26th November):

- Event for young people with MS
- Pink Training
- Planning for possible Disability Rights week

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Speaking from the Margins: Event on housing rights 26/11/18	Spoke at this event in my capacity as a disabled student and the marginalisation I face in accessing suitable accommodation. Organised by GARN
Event for young people with MS 29 November 2018	Organised this with the welfare officer. Livestream of an event in Dublin hosted by MS Ireland, Organised the design of a graphic for an event.
Pink Training	Loads of fun. Volunteered but also got to attend a few workshops.
Executive Meeting 16/01	

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Oifigeach um Eithneach Mionlach

Victoria Chihumura

Key Points Since Previous Council (26th November):

First key point of your work e.g. executive meeting:

Paragraph explaining your work in this area. Etc. Lobbied the council, Crisis campout etc.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting/ Event	Details
Meeting with the President (NUIG or NUIGSU)	Discussed student issues