

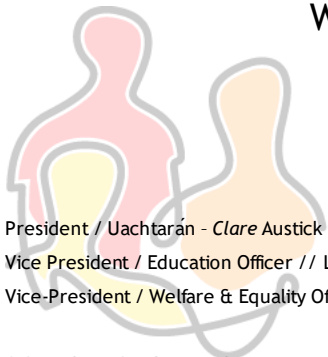


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Report of the President

Tuarascail an Uachtarán

Clare Austick

Details of Work Undertaken from the 1st of July to the 14th of October:

➤ USI Lobby Day

I attended the USI lobby day in June with other officers around the country where we lobbied TD's and senators, informing them of student issues and asking them to support the Budget document.

➤ USI 60th

I was invited to Michael D. Higgins garden party in Áras an Uachtarán for the Union of Students in Ireland 60th celebration.

➤ Two weeks of crossover

I shadowed my predecessor in the work she did leading up to the 1st July where I officially took up the role as President.

➤ Media

➤ Internal Union Training

Attended a full week of training

➤ Students' Union Training (SUT)

Attended USI's full week of Students' Union Training in Athlone

➤ Galway Pride 2019

The Students' Union put on a breakfast morning for Pride. Many students and officers from USI attended to march in the Galway 2020 Pride parade.

➤ Orientation Week

The three full time officers attended all the induction talks during orientation week. We also were present and spoke at the HEAR and DARE orientation.

➤ Shannon College of Hotel Management

The Students' Union went down to Shannon College for their orientation for the very first time. There we met with class reps and spoke about issues they face. We are hoping to strengthen and build on the relationship we have this year.

➤ Microwaves

I managed to get the microwaves near Smokey's Café repaired. I also spoke to the head of Commercial Services about a university wide plan around microwaves. Currently, there is nobody responsible for the maintenance and repair of microwaves on campus.

- Water stations
- University of Sanctuary
- Student-staff liaison committees
- Student Levy
- Reusable Cups
- Class Rep Training
- Break the Barriers
- Dresden European Capital of Culture
- Caifé na Gaeilge
- Sustainability Working Group

Meeting Title	Details
Meeting with part-time officers throughout summer months	Met with part-time officers to discuss their future plans and goals for the year ahead.
Masterplan for the year ahead	Met with Vice-President for Welfare & Equality and Vice-President for Education to plan for the year.
International Office	Formal introduction and spoke about our plans for the year.
Meeting of the Discipline Committee	Discussed procedures
Team bonding planning	Discussed logistics for team bonding.
Chaplaincy meeting	Formal introduction and spoke about our plans for the year.
Orientation video	Planned the structure of our orientation video.
Meeting with Director of Student Services	Formal introduction and spoke about our plans for the year.
Sabbatical officer meeting	Weekly updates and progress made.
Meeting with Riona	Discussed conferrings.
Meeting with students regarding clubs	Casework
Student Project Fund future arrangements	Discussion around the application process of the Student Project Fund.
Meeting with Tom from library	I brought forward the idea of having laptops available in the library that students could take out for a couple of hours a day. The library is on board with the idea and will be making a submission to the Student Project Fund.

Examination office	Formal introduction and spoke about our plans for the year.
Fees office	Formal introduction and spoke about our plans for the year.
Medical Director shortlisting	Shortlisting process of the Medical Director position.
Strategy Development Group	The University's Strategic Plan 2025.
Student Records Programme Project	Updates on progress made.
Student Levy (sabbats)	Met with Vice-President for Welfare & Equality and Vice-President for Education to discuss our future actions around the student levy.
Meeting with a student regarding Nun's Island	Proposal for Nun's Island.
Meeting with Padraig MacNeela	Consent classes and implementation process.
Board of Trustees	Attended the annual Board of Trustees meeting.
Campus pride flag raising	Attended the event.
Sabbatical meeting	Weekly updates and progress made.
Safe Amigos	Met with the developer of the Safe Amigos App.
Meeting with student	Casework.
Dean of Students	Formal introduction and spoke about our plans for the year.
Director of Student Services	Formal introduction and spoke about our plans for the year.

NSTEP	Discussed the future of the National Student Engagement Programme.
USI Presidents Day	All Presidents of different Union around Ireland met up for training and to discuss plans for the year ahead.
Orientation Communications	Discussed orientation week.
Sabbat meeting	Weekly updates and progress made.
Medical Director interview panel	Was on the interview panel for the Medical Director of the Student Health Unit.
Reusable Cups	Submitted a proposal to the Student Project Fund which was successful. We will be receiving 3000 reusable Keep Cups to hand out to students over the next few weeks.
New Information Hub	Discussed the opening of Hub Central.
Meeting with Editor of Sin	Discussed the student levy.
Céim Governance	Oversight group for Céim.
Disability Support Service	Attended their monthly staff meeting.
Welfare & Accommodation Office	Formal introduction and spoke about our plans for the year.
Environmental Officer	Met with a student to discuss the possible creation of an Environmental/Sustainability Officer on to the Executive Committee.
Meeting with student	Casework.
Meeting with Secretary of University	Formal introduction and spoke about our plans for the year.
Pink Training initial planning	Pink Training will be hosted in NUI Galway again this year. Pink Training is the largest LGBT+

	conference in Europe ran by the Union of Students in Ireland.
VP for Equality and Diversity	Formal introduction and spoke about our plans for the year.
Conferring Review Group	Discussed logistics around conferrings this year.
University of Sanctuary	NUI Galway is officially a designated University of Sanctuary.
Cope Galway	General meeting to discuss one of their campaigns.
Student Services lunch	Meeting with all the student services on campus.
Meeting with Mature Students Officer	Discussed the plans and goals ahead.
Failte Fest	Had a Students' Union presence.
Meeting with Head of Commercial Services	Formal introduction and spoke about our plans for the year. Addressed the issue of the microwaves on campus.
Executive Committee meeting	Weekly updates and progress made.
SU Outdoor Cinema	Orientation week event.
Voter Registration	Getting students to register to vote. There's an upcoming General Election next year.
Meeting with Director of Sports Unit	Formal introduction and spoke about our plans for the year. Issues within the Sports Unit were also addressed.
Societies Day	Had a presence on the day.
John and Michelle monthly meetings	Updates and progress made.

Student Services Head of Function	Meeting with all the heads of student services.
University of Sanctuary	Updates and planning for the designation ceremony.
Meeting with President	Raised student issues with the President.
National Council	Every 6 weeks the Union of Students in Ireland organise a National Council for officers to attend to talk about student issues.
Health Unit	Formal introduction and spoke about our plans for the year.
Pre-levy meeting	Planned our strategy for the meeting with the Bursar.
Student Levy	Had a meeting with the Bursar and John Gaffney to discuss the student levy.
Áras na Mac Léinn Fund	Discussed future management of the fund.
Executive Committee meeting	Weekly updates and progress made.
Fresher's Fair	Had a stand at the fair.
One Galway	Panel discussion around mental health planning.
Meeting with Sustainability Officer	Formal introduction and spoke about our plans for the year.
Strategy Development Group	University's Strategic Plan
Volunteering Fair	Students' Union presence at fair.
Irish National Digital Experience Survey	Met with the director of CELT and Vice-President for Education to talk about future proceedings.

Global Climate Strike	Attended in solidarity with the secondary schools.
CUSP general board meeting	Updates and progress around sustainability on campus.
Consent implementation	Updates and working progress on consent implementation and the sexual harassment policy.
Darcy USI	Met with USI's Sustainability Officer to talk about future plans.
Reusable shop	Met with the owners of the Reusable Shop in town.
Executive Committee - charities	Decided on the two chosen charities for the year.
Comedy hypnotist	Spoke to students about Break the Barriers campaign and welcomed the hypnotist.
SUCS	Met with the board of directors to discuss the licence agreement.
Dresden brief	Was briefed on the conference in Dresden that I was attending.
Pre Fianna-Fail	Met with other presidents to discuss what topics we were going to address.
Fianna Fail	Attended a meeting with other presidents from USI to talk to Fianna Fail spokespeople about student issues.
Library Laptop Loan	Update on progress made with the application to the Student Project Fund.
Student Project Fund	Updates and future plans.
OGHD	Discussed the future of the oversight group for honorary degrees.

Pre - all staff	Met with the other presenters to discuss the layout.
All staff address	Presented the two themes in the Strategy that came most strongly through by students (Open and Sustainable NUI Galway).
SU Council agenda	Met with the Council Chairperson and Vice-President for Education to discuss the Council agenda.
Standing and Strategic	Sub-committee of Údarás.
Executive Committee	Weekly updates and progress made.
Cumann Gaelach	Spoke about Caifé na Gaeilge and the protest organised.
Nun's Island Brian Saunders	Spoke about the master plan for Nun's Island.
Storm Lorenzo safety	Met with the Safety Officer to discuss safety statement around Storm Lorenzo.
University of Sanctuary	Updates and planning for the ceremony.
Media Training	Attended training in Dublin.
Executive Committee meeting	Weekly meeting.
RTE Budget panel	Spoke about the budget on RTE One.
Seas Suas	Welcomed all the participants and spoke about the work of the Union.
Met with the new elected part-time officers	Met with Convenor for the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies and Postgraduate Taught Officer to welcome them to the Union and discuss their plans for the year ahead.



Report of the Vice President / Education Officer
Tuarascail an Leas-Uachtarán / Oifigeach Oideachais
Cameron Keighron

Details of Work Undertaken from the 1st of July to the 14th of October:

- **USI Lobby Day**
Attended the USI lobby day to chat with TDs, aides and government officials about the priorities of students in Ireland today. This included calling for publicly funded education, better accommodation options, investment in transport and mental health supports.
- **One week of crossover**
Spent one week shadowing the previous VP Education to learn more about the role, my responsibilities and what my remit was. Included attending meetings around teaching and learning, reviewing minutes of previous meetings and learning about the committees I sit on.
- **Internal Union Training**
Undertook 3 days of training within the Union with both internal and external trainers including Will Priestly, Chris Newll, Jullian De Spáin and Brendan Smith. This covered topics from internal IT systems, activism, time management, conflict resolution and creativity.
- **Students' Union Training (SUT) & SUT+**
Attended a week long USI coordinated training in Athlone IT. This equipped me with skills and knowledge around my role as a full time officer. This was also my first introduction to National Council, which works similar to our SU council but for all USI affiliated member organisations. This was also a great opportunity to network with other officers around the country. At this meeting I was also elected onto the Campaigns Strategy Sub Group and the Cliste Cúlthurtha for USI.

In August I travelled to Jordanstown, Belfast to do top up training and a 1 day simulation with USI to ensure I could put the skills I had learned to practice.

➤ **Galway Pride 2019**

I helped to organise the NUI Galway based activities for Galway Pride including the raising of different flags across campus and a history event with the grand marshal Nuala Ward.

➤ **Orientation Week**

Throughout this week we spoke to over 2500 students who had just joined NUI Galway, informing them about what we do and who we are. Every single new student got a voter registration form to ensure they can be active citizens here. I also dealt with a lot of casework around this time in relation to changing courses, withdrawing and fees.

➤ **Shannon College of Hotel Management**

This year we went down to Shannon to take part in their orientation week, to ensure their students feel like they are a part of our Union. We spoke to around 100 students and ensure a process for them to elect class reps. I am working on forming strong links with this this year that can be built upon in coming years.

➤ **Student-staff liaison committees**

I have been working on ensuring that all colleges have SSLC to ensure that the student voice is central to all decisions that are made. I have met with the dean of students Michelle Millar to start this process, we have looked at drafting Terms of Reference for these. It has been submitted to the NUI Galway compact meaning it will have to be in place by next year at the latest.

➤ **Student Levy**

As a team we have been working on obtaining all information in relation to the levy to ensure we make an informed campaign going forward. We have met several members of senior management and requested a number of documents. We have a further meeting on October 11th which we hope to report back on at SU Council.

➤ **St Angela's Training**

Myself and the VP Welfare and Equality, Brandon Walsh, were asked by Lorraine Tansey (director of ALIVE) to give a lecture in diversity to the PG course in volunteer management in St angelas college. This was very informative and we used it as an opportunity to link in with the STACS SU president ahead of the merger.

➤ **Sign Language Classes**

I have started sign language classes this semester as a way to upskill myself in communication methods, this is to ensure that more students can feel comfortable engaging with us and our services.

➤ **Class Rep Training**

I reformed class rep training this year to be more interactive, and also include aspects of a world cafe on our priorities for the year. We had discussions around sustainability, the levy, the health unit and parking. This will form some of our core areas of work this coming year. To date we have elected just under 300 reps and hope to have this work completed by the end of October. We currently, as I know it, have the most PhD reps in all USI affiliated colleges.

➤ **Break the Barriers**

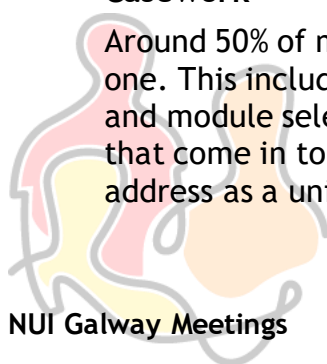
Worked alongside the team in doing lecture addresses, selling tickets and promotion of the campaign. I also helped feed into the campaign strategy. A lot of what was discussed during this campaign will feature going forward in our lobbying efforts within the college.

➤ **Exam Appeals**

Alot of my summer and september were taken up with Exam Appeals. I plan to put together a briefing document for the next education officer around this area. To date we have, as I know it, completed all exam appeals currently submitted.

➤ **Casework**

Around 50% of my time in the office, thus far, has been with students one on one. This included issues around fees, repeats, course choice, settling in and module selection. I hope to compile a report this year on common issues that come in to us, to see if there are any problem areas that we can address as a union.



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Meeting Title	Details
Masterplan for the year	Meeting with other sabbatical officers on our priorities for the year.
International Office	Discuss our relationship for the year and orientation plans.
Exam security Group	Discuss issues arising from breaches of exam regulations.
Team Bonding Planning	Plan our full team trip to Delphi
Chaplaincy	Discuss our relationship for the year and orientation plans.

Smart Consent Interview	Review of the programme to date.
Weekly exec meetings	Both with the full team and sabbat team to update and discuss any issues that arise.
USI VP BMW & AA	Meeting with Marie Lyons (BMW) and Kevin McStravock (AA) to discuss how they can support us for the year.
Exams Office	Discuss our relationship for the year
CBPPL	Discussions on inclusive learning and teaching programme.
Libary - John Cox	Discussed upgrades to Library and relationship for the year
Academic Skills Group	Discussion of academic skills wheel and T&L grant. Discussion around University strategy and ISSE results.
Post Board Changes WG	Discussion around exam appeals and changes to marks - central policy
Údaras Strategy Meeting	Workshop on the governing body contribution to the 2020 strategic plan.
PG Research - Emily	Meetings with Emily to ensure PGR rep representation this year.
Financial Aid Fund Review	Discussion to changes to FAF procedure this year
Orientation Video	Meeting to discuss plan and film video.
Student Digital Pathways	Workshop on student registration process
Student Projects Fund	Discuss new call and money allocated this far.
Counselling Unit	Discuss how we can support and work with each other throughout the year.

Campus Pride Flag Raising	Organised and arranged for the Pride flag to be raised outside the Quad.
Student Services Coffee	Meeting with the accommodation and welfare team to discuss how we can work together for the year.
Galway Pride	NUIGSU walked in Pride
PG working group	Skyped into USI PG working group in August to discuss the PG charter and issues specific to PG students
Exam Security Interviews	Interviewing students who had breached exam regulations.
ESG Review	Meeting to review all exam breaches
Zoom -Sharon Flynn	Discussion around the teaching and learning fund and digital skills survey/strategy.
Hub Central Meeting	Meeting with relevant services on the creation of Hub Central.
Complaints appeals meeting	Meeting on the appeal of a complaint outcome.
FAF Committee Meeting	Signing off on the complete FAF process for 2019/2020
DSS team Meeting	Meeting with the Disability team to discuss how we can work together all year.
Pink Training Meeting	Skype meeting with USI to discuss the arrangements for Pink Training.
Ann Scott	Meeting with the VP for equality and diversity for how we can work together this year.
DARE Orientation	Spoke at the Disability orientation talks for incoming students

Parents Talks	Spoke at the parents evening for incoming students.
ATS Mentoring	Became a mentor for the Attract, Succeed, Transition Programme.
Chaplains BBQ	Attended the chaplaincy BBQ.
National Forum Funding	Attended meetings to design, write and prepare an application for 120k for UDL.
Health Unit	Met with the Health Unit's new medical director.
ISSE Results Briefing	Discussion around ISSE results and plan for next year.
Freshers Fair	Set up and attended the freshers fair with voter reg and welfare crew sign ups.
EDI Showcase	Attended EDI showcase to discuss the inclusive learning and teaching project.
Index survey	HAD a meeting on the roll out for the Irish National Digital Skills Survey on October 14th.
Global Climate Strike	Led 300 students with the sabbatical team to the national climate strike protest.
Reusable Shop	Attended explorative meeting on having the reusable shop on campus for students and staff.
NUIGSU Charities	Attended meeting to decide our charities for the year.
Comedy Hypnotist	Attended and volunteered at the comedy hypnotist event.
Index Meeting	Discussed promotion of Survey
SPF	Discussed the final details of new SPF call.

Academic Council Standing	Subcommittee of Údaras. Discussed the approval of PhDs and University Strategy
Runaí Farewell	Attended the farewell for the runaí.
Emergency USI campaigns strategy meeting	Discussion around the plan of action for alternative to Break the Barriers
Academic Planning Resource Committee	Discussion around moving the remit of this group to other committees as per Údaras review suggestion.
Advertees	Deciding final design of class rep hoodies
Graduate Studies board	Attended graduate studies board meeting discussing PG related issues including isse results and scholarship awards.
Convernor for arts	Discussion around his role and class rep elections
Library Meeting	Discussion around the provision of quiet spaces in the library.
Academic Skills Group	Discussion around library redevelopment and skills updates.



Report of the Vice President / Welfare & Equality Officer

Tuarascail an Leas-Uachtarán /an Oifigeach Leasa agus Comhionannais

Brandon Walsh

Details of Work Undertaken from the 1st of July to the 14th of October:

➤ Internal Union Training

Attended training organised by the President and General Manager around different aspects of being an officer such as Activism, Campaigning and Exploring boundaries as well as planning out our year.

➤ Students' Union Training (SUT)

Attended SUT in Athlone that was organised by USI. There were many great workshops and Training on things like drugs and alcohol, boundaries, student finances and public speaking. This was also a fantastic networking opportunity as we got to spend a week with all of the other Sabbatical officers in the other unions around Ireland.

➤ Orientation Video Shooting

Spent a day shooting the orientation video with Derek. This was very fun but also tiring as some of us were better at learning lines than others.

➤ Students' Union Training Plus (SUT+)

Attended the USI top-up training in Belfast, hosted by UUSU. Here we had a 3 hour simulation where we experienced a year as a sabbatical officer in those few hours. This was a very enjoyable but difficult experience as it was super intense but it was very beneficial.

➤ Galway Pride 2019

Held a breakfast morning for Galway Pride 2019 and then lead the Student Block of the Parade out to the starting point at City Hall. We marched and chanted through the wind and rain and it was such an incredible experience, even though I did lose my voice for a week due to all the chanting and screaming in the rain.

➤ Casework Training

Attended Casework training organised by USI and Hosted by TU Dublin City Campus. Here we explored how to handle casework and when and where to

establish boundaries. This was a very interesting and beneficial training session and I found it beneficial even though I couldn't speak after pride.

- Consent Facilitator Training

Was trained as a consent facilitator by Siobhan O'Higgins and Pdraig MacNeela.

- Orientation Week

Attended all of the College specific talks and spoke about my role, voter reg and upcoming events as well as running the online competition for students to win prizes throughout the day. I also attended Parent orientation talks, DARE Access Orientation talks, Mature Students Orientation talks, International Students Orientation talks and Shannon College of Hotel Management Orientation talks.

- Failte Fest

Held events such as SU Picnic and Meet your SU Officers where we gave out freebies and talked about the union.

- Water stations audit

The SU President and myself walked all around campus to do an audit of where all of the water coolers are and what types of coolers they are also. The SU President then began the process of getting on to Management and trying to get more coolers and update some of them as well.

- Outdoor Cinema

Helped set up for the event and ensured that everyone had something to sit on etc and gave out popcorn. This year we made a conscious effort to make the event more sustainable as in previous years we would have just given out bin bags for people to sit on which is not very eco friendly. So this year I went around and collected cardboard boxes from various services on campus. Once the movie was over we made sure to leave no waste behind and recycled everything appropriately.

- Societies Day

We had a stand at the fair where we gave out sweets, condoms, pads and tampons as well as did signups for Welfare Crew and told people about Class Reps and the Union in general.

- Freshers Fair

We had a stand at the fair where we gave out sweets, condoms, pads and tampons as well as did signups for Welfare Crew and told people about Class Reps and the Union in general.

- Volunteering Fair

We had a stand at the fair where we gave out sweets, condoms, pads and tampons as well as did signups for Welfare Crew and told people about Class Reps and the Union in general.

- Global Climate Strike

I reached out to the Environmental Society and the Art Society to organise a collaborative event where we made placards and signs to use for the strike. This event was a huge success and that was all down to the amazing work and supervision of the Art Society which were such a huge help and did so much for the

event! On the day of the Strike we lead about 200-250 students from campus to Eyre Square chanting on the way. There were a huge number of people in attendance and the atmosphere was amazing! I would like to commend Fridays For Future for organising a great rally. I would also like to thank both EnviroSoc and ArtSoc for all of their help and support as we would not have been able to do it without them!

➤ **Class Rep Training**

Attended the very well organised Class Rep Training and helped by facilitating different working groups to get feedback from the Students on topics like The Health Unit. There was a great number of Reps there and the training itself was very engaging and well thought out, so I would like to commend the VP Education Officer and a fab job!

➤ **Break the Barriers**

We all did a lot of work around the National Demo in the last few weeks, between postering, lecture shout-outs, photoshoots and selling tickets. It was very sad that it was cancelled due to unsafe weather conditions but we did a lot just by raising awareness about all of the barriers to education and ensuring the students that these issues are at the forefront of all that we do. In particular with the housing crisis and how that is severely affecting the student population here in Galway. We were also heavily supported by our national union and had at least one if not two officers down each week to help out, which was much appreciated and we are very grateful for all of the help and support!

➤ **Caifé na Gaeilge**

Attended the fantastic protest Organised by Cumann Gaelach. I would like to commend them on their ingenious chants, their fantastic speeches and their immense passion about the language. This was a very well attended protest and even had coverage from TG4.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
Meeting with the Sabbatical team	Discussing the masterplan of the year.
Meeting with International Office	Introductions and discussing international students issues.
Exam Security Group	Discussing appeals.
Meeting with Chaplaincy and Seas Suas	Introductions and discussing Student Death Protocol.

Exams Office	Meeting to discuss Exams and Admissions issues
Casework	Meeting with student
Student Digital Pathways	Workshop on student registration process for the new registration software
Health Unit	Meeting with deputy Medical Director re: complaints procedure
Casework	Meeting with Student
Meeting with SMART Consent and Corrib Village	To discuss consent workshops for September and January.
Meeting with USI BMW Regional Officer and VP Academic Affairs	Discussing local issues and plans for the year.
Financial Aid Fund Review	Meeting to discuss to FAF for the Academic Year 2019-2020
Student Project Fund meeting	Meeting with Dean of Students to discuss SPF.
Meeting with General Manager	Meeting with GM with regards the Student Levy.
Meeting with Student Services	RE: Themed weeks and Orientation week planning session.
Student Digital Pathways	Workshop on Admission Process for the new registration software
Meeting With Chaplaincy	Student Death Protocol
Meeting with Tonya Watts	Discussing equality issues and Child Care facilities audit
Meeting with Counselling Service	Introductions and Discussing the plans for the year.

Pride Flag Raising at the Quad	Ceremonial raising of the Pride Flag
Meeting with Welfare and Accommodation Office	Discussing Introductions, roles and current issues
Meeting RE: Purple Flag	Meeting with Tourism Officer to discuss Student Contribution.
Meeting RE: Hub Central	Met with Careers Office and other Students Services offices to discuss plans for the opening
Financial Aid Fund Committee Meeting	Meeting to approve suggested changes to the FAF process.
DSS Team Meeting	Met with the Disability Support Services Team to discuss processes for the year ahead.
Voter Reg Planning Session	Planning Voter Registration strategy for the year.
Pink Training phone call with USI VP Equality and Citizenship	Discussing the POA for PT 2019
Meeting with VP Equality Diversity and Inclusion - Ann Scott	Discussing plans for the year and Consent implementation Working Group
University of Sanctuary Steering Committee	Discussing official designation of UoS status and Scholarship procedures
Meeting with Siobhan O'Higgins	Discussing Consent Workshops
Parents Orientation Talks	Spoke to parents about the role of the union and each sabbatical officers individual role
College Orientation Talks	Spoke to all the First years in each of the different colleges
Student Service Orientation Talks	Spoke about the role of the Union and how we work closely with Student Services to help students

DARE Access Students Orientation Talks	Spoke about the role of the Union to the DARE Access Students
Siobhan O'Higgins	Discussing Consent Workshops
International Students Orientation Talk	Spoke to 1200 International Students about the role of the SU
Casework	Meeting with Student
Shannon College of Hotel Management Orientation talks	Went and spoke to First years in Shannon College about the Union and how we can help them.
Meeting RE: Mindful Way	Discussing mindfulness workshops and promotion and possible rebranding
Post Grad Orientation	Gave Campus tour to Post Grad Class with PG Research Officer.
Executive Committee Meeting	Meeting with Exec Committee
Casework	Meeting with Student
Mature Student Orientation	Met with Mature Students to discuss the Union and what we can do for them.
Monthly Meeting with Dean of Students and Head of Student Services	Discussing various issues arising.
Casework	Meeting with Students
National Council	Attended working groups and did prep for Break the Barriers and also sat in on national council where we discussed the agenda items.
Meeting with new Director of the Health Unit	Discussing various issues affecting students and POA for the year and Complaints Procedure
Meeting with PG Research Officer	Discussing Student Issue.

Meeting RE: Student Levy	Met with the Bursar and Chief Financial Operator to discuss levy.
Safety Working Group	Discussing agenda items, Health and Safety incidents and Health and Safety Officer Report
ONE Galway meeting	Meeting to discuss Mental Health Event and Free Training opportunities
Meeting with Sustainability Officer	Meeting to discuss plans for sustainability events and POA for making the campus more sustainable
Casework	Meeting with Student
Meeting RE: Autism Friendly Campus	Meeting with Student and Disability Rights Officer to discuss POA to make our campus Autism Friendly.
EDICC Meeting	Committee met to discuss agenda items and changes to working groups and sub committees.
Consent Implementation Framework meeting	Formerly the Sexual Assault and Sexual Violence framework working group. Discussing various relevant policies and their implementation and also the enactment of the Consent Framework.
Meeting with Student Services and eco shop "The Filling Station"	Met to discuss possibility of having the eco shop on campus once a month and what we can do to encourage students to be more sustainable.
Casework	Meeting with student
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Well-being Week planning	Met with Counselling Services and Director of Student Services to plan out the week
VegSoc STAND Collab event	I was asked to speak at this event about what the union is doing to promote sustainability and what initiatives we plan on putting in place.

Meeting with SULT	Booking Dates for Events next semester.
Casework	Meeting with student
University of Sanctuary	Sub Committee Meeting
Charity Selection Meeting	Met with Exec Committee to select this years Charities
SPF Discussion	Meeting with Dean of Students and Director of Student Services to finalise dates for SPF Round 2
SIN Interview	Meeting with Editor to discuss plans for mental health week.
Fundraising meeting	Met with students to discuss Mental Health initiative and Fundraiser for Counselling Services
Executive Committee Meeting	Met with Exec Committee to discuss agenda Items
Casework	Meeting with Student
Casework	Meeting with Student
Monthly Meeting with Dean of Students and Head of Student Services	Discussing various issues arising.



Tuarascail an Oifigeach na Gaeilge
Report of the Irish Language Officer

Erin Mac An tSaoir

Officer did not submit a report prior to the deadline and so will present their Officer Report at Council on the 14th of October.



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Report of the Societies Chairperson
 Tuarascail an Cathaoirleach na gCumann
Oissine Moore

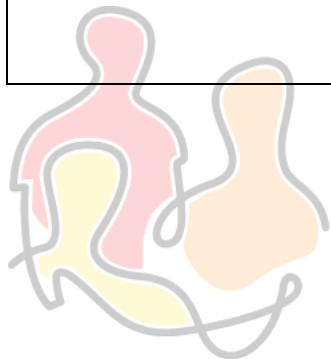
Details of Work Undertaken from the 1st of July to the 14th of October:

- Assisted people who wanted to start up new societies and talked them through the procedure
- Had a SU social media takeover to promote Socs Day 1
- Helped societies organise their table for Socs Day 1
- Met with Anime and Manga Soc to discuss storage
- Assisted with volunteer fair in the Bailey Allen
- Attended society training and assisted Socs Officer facilitate Conflict Resolution workshop
- Promoted 'Break The Barriers' demonstration to all societies
- Attended the Big BICS Weekender where I attended Workshops and focus groups as well as networked with other Colleges
- Promoted Agóid ar son Caife na Gaeilge to all societies on campus
- Assisted with a social media take over to promote Agóid ar son Caife na Gaeilge
- Attended Agóid ar son Caife na Gaeilge Protest
- Helped Alex with World Mental Health Day video

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
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Meeting with the SU President	Discussed my plans for the future in my role.
USCG (University Society Coordination Group) Meetings	Attended 3 USCG meetings discussing society statuses, Socs Day 1, constitutional amendment reviews, society training, and planning Society Awards
Meeting Socs Officer	Proposed to Socs Officer a system to improve the structure of how storage is allocated to societies
Meeting with Aimeé Ní Chunnáigh, Auditor of An Cumann Galeach	Discuss the societies plan for their protest 'Agóid ar son Caife na Gaeilge' and received the information to promote it to all societies
Executive Committee Meetings	Attended these to update the executive committee on work I was doing and issues that may have come up. I also addressed the Accommodation service and for it to be looked into and also funding for STI screenings.



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Report of the Clubs' Captain

Tuarascail an Captaen na gClubanna

Pádraic Toomey

Details of Work Undertaken from the 1st of July to the 14th of October:

- Spoke at the international orientation day then followed it by taking questions at the sports desk.
- Hosted a Clubs' Forum on the day before Clubs' Day to give a chance to all Captains/committee members to ask questions and see what the current state of the sports unit and how issues are currently being dealt with.
- Helped organise Clubs' Day then visited every desk to sit down with each club individually to get feedback and see what they need.
- Helped with the SU treasure hunt & the meet your officers event in Sult.
- Worked with Riona from societies to offer training to clubs too for their committees.
- Organised with Kathy Hynes to facilitate "Bystander" training for 2 committee members in each club.
- Hosted a second Clubs' forum which had a guest speaker of Lorraine Tansey from the Alive award.
- Started the organising of Clubs' Ball (previously known Sports' Ball), which is now completely student led and not by the sports department.
- Helped Sachi (convenor of engineering) with electing class reps.
- Actively engaging with Shannon campus to get students into clubs that travel off campus and to get others matches to play.
- Arranged meetings with various hotels to host Clubs' Ball.
- Organised a talk on resistive training and importance of nutrition.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
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Meeting with the SU President	Planned for the year ahead and what I was hoping to achieve.
Chris Newell (General Manager of the SU)	Worked with Chris to discuss sports and how they are run etc.
Met with Kingfisher Management and Mike Heskin (Director of Sport)	Discussed the building, changing of the booking system for outdoor sports and the unit.
Met with Michelle Millar (Dean of Students)	Conversed about clubs and to make them better for all students.
Kathy Hynes (Clubs' Officer)	Looked at Sports' Ball from previous years, organised "Bystander" training, and other issues concerning clubs.
Green Flag Committee	Discussed the green flag and how to maintain it while improving on aspects of it. Represented the union at the meeting.
Chris Newell & Joanna Brophy	Worked through the issues of Clubs' ball will have and what we need to look at when organising it.
Ellen Kelly (Sports unit)	Received costs and problems that occurred from Sports' balls. Looked at what venues worked and why.
Michael Heskin (Director Of Sport)	Met with on several instances to discuss GMIT students, Handball's student project fund, financing for the year and arranged for Mike to attend the next Clubs' forum to let clubs know about the GMIT students & financing for the year.
GMIT Meeting	Sports unit and myself met with GMIT management and Sports' Officer to discuss the future of GMIT students in NUI Galway.
Financing meeting for Clubs	Planned for Wednesday evening.

Galway Bay hotel with Chris Newell	Planned for Friday.
Meeting with Mike Heskin	Planned for Friday.



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Report of the SU Council Chairperson

Tuarascail an Cathaoirleach na Comhairle do Chomhaltas na Mac Léinn

Scott Green

Details of Work Undertaken from the 1st of July to the 14th of October:

- Attended NStEP (national student engagement programmer) training and brief and am now a registered NStEP trainer.
- Attended Full-Time Officer Training and partook in workshops that centered around activism, campaigning, conflict resolution and problem solving to name a few.
- Worked as a guide and “student success quiz ambassador” during Orientation Week.
- Was present for and participated in both the Treasure Hunt and Meet your officers events during Orientation Week.
- Helped setup the SU Outdoor Cinema.
- Have been working in Hub Central as an information point.
- Designed officer reports, prepared agenda for this council, created outlook group for council documents.
- Helped out with the “Break the Barriers” protest promotion, giving class shout-outs, mentioning it to peers and recording a video with Michelle Byrne (USI Deputy President and Vice-President for Campaigns).
- Designed two Signs for the Climate Strike on September 20th.
- Attended the part time officer Induction.
- Participated in the USI Break the Barriers Preparation and Information Session.
- Attended Mayo Pride.
- Helped organise and attended Galway Pride.
- Talked to prospective Union Candidates who had questions about the by-election, campaigning, and the Union in general.
- Helped with Class Rep Elections when it was required.
- Attended and helped facilitate Class Rep Training.
- Attended Galway Community Pride AGM.
- Attended the by-election count.

- Attended the BIG BICS weekender which is a series of workshops and policy creation sessions for the national governing body of college societies.
- Helped get another student representative on the current College of Science Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity committee.
- Helped out with voter reg, welfare group sign up, handed out diaries, and answered general questions about the Union during the Volunteering Fair.
- Wrote a brief summary of my time as a Consent Ambassador for Brandon (Vice-President for Welfare and Equality) so the new ambassadors had an account of the programme.
- Met with students who wished to put through a motion this council, had conversations with Chris Newell (General Manager) about potential motions that could be coming from students and also spoke with Cameron (Vice-President for Education) and Clare (President) about a Brexit stance motion.
- Attended the Cumann na Gaelach protest about the closing of Caife na Gaeilge.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
Meeting with the SU President	Discussed our respective plans for the year and what we wanted to see accomplished.
Executive meetings	Raised and discussed various issues such as buskers bye laws, forums, Officer reports, Hot water availability, Break the Barriers, GCCN and charities to name a few.
Meeting with Joanna Brophy, SU President Clare, and SU Education Officer Cameron	Meeting to discuss future plans for council and gave preferences for potential locations for the coming year.
Meeting with SU President Clare and SU Education Officer Cameron	A meeting to discuss the agenda for the first council, some potential speakers, the motions that could be coming up, new layouts etc
Meeting with SU Education Officer	Finalised Council layout and agenda, discussed current class rep situation.
USCG (University Society Coordination Group) Meetings.	Discussed Socs' Day, new societies, constitutional changes and other society issues.



Report of the Convenor of the College of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies
 Tuarascail an Tionólaí Choláiste na nDán, na nEolaíochtaí Sóisialta & an Léinn Cheiltigh
Mairtin Mac Gabhann

Details of Work Undertaken from the 26th of September (Date of Election) to the 14th of October:

- As a newly elected member to the committee I have still finding my bearings with the role.
- Election of class representatives for the Academic Year 2019/2020

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
Meeting with the SU Education Officer	Discussed role and Class Reps
Exec Meeting	Discussed relevant union activities



Report of the Convenor of the College of Science

Tuarascail an Tionólaí Choláiste na hEolaíochta

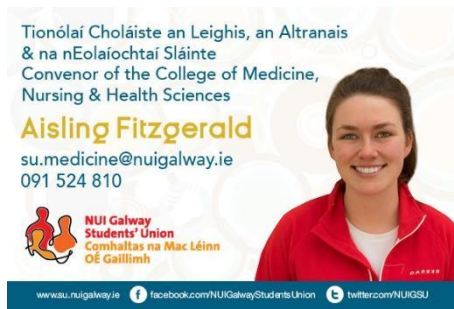
Kenny Cooke

Details of Work Undertaken from the 1st of July to the 14th of October:

- I was present on Campus throughout Orientation Week and attended many events such as the SU Picnic which encouraged engagement between the New First Years and the Students' Union. (For this I helped in the erection of a medium sized tent, and it was quite windy at the time.)
- I facilitated a lot of Class Rep elections and was Pleasantly Surprised at the number of Students, particularly those in First Year who were so eager to engage with the SU. (I had to rush from one end of the Concourse to the other, and I am not by any means nimble or Athletic)
- I liaised with Lecturers who had facilitated elections of their own to ensure that all Class Reps were included and all Students were adequately represented.
- Sporadic Casework where Students voiced their concerns to me directly. (su.science@nuigalway.ie)

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
Weekly SU Executive Committee Meetings	Various Issues were Discussed as well as Plans made for Events, etc.



Report of the Convenor of the College of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences
 Tuarascail an Tionólaí Choláiste an Leighis, an Altranais & na nEolaíochtaí Sláinte
Aisling Fitzgerald

Details of Work Undertaken from the 1st of July to the 14th of October:

- Elected Class Reps
- Class Rep Training emails sent out
- Helped out at student union stand during freshers fair
- Helped out at the Failte fest
- Helped out at the open day friday 4th october
- attending academic council october 16th

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
Executive meetings	Attended weekly meetings with the SU executive committee
Case work:	<p>Emailed module co-ordinator in medicine to try establish clearer outlines for students going on placement, specifically in terms of group arrangements to the academies</p> <p>Asked Brandon to include the hospital library in the welfare team route as student's felt like they were being missed.</p>



Report of the Convenor of the College of Business, Public Policy & Law
 Tuarascail an Tionólaí Choláiste an Ghnó, an Bhearaís Phoiblí agus an Dlí
Clodagh McGivern

Details of Work Undertaken from the 1st of July to the 14th of October:

- Break the Barriers Promo
- Elected Class Reps
- Class Rep Training
- Packed condoms
- Voter registration
- Helped out at the SU stand at fairs

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
Executive meetings	attended weekly meetings with the student union executive team
Casework	Met with a student



Report of the Convenor of the College of Engineering & Informatics
 Tuarascail an Tionólaí Choláiste na hInnealtóireachta agus na Faisnéisíochta
Sachi Sinha

Details of Work Undertaken from the 1st of July to the 14th of October:

- Elected class representatives for the current academic year.
- Addressed an issue regarding clash of subjects and module options being faced by a postgraduate biomedical engineering student.
- Facilitated and helped in the class representative training.
- Contacted professors regarding the Break the Barriers campaign and if they could postpone any tests that were due on 3rd October, Thursday. The protest was itself cancelled due to bad weather.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
Weekly Meetings with SU Executive Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Informed the committee regarding the PCs in the IT building being slow - Discussed the strategy for electing class representatives.



Report of the Postgraduate Taught Officer

Tuarascail an Oifigeach na nIarchéimithe i mbun Teagasctha

Dheeraj Gudluru

Details of Work Undertaken from the 26th of September (Date of Election) to the 14th of October:



NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
Meeting with the VP / Welfare and Equality Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed workings of the union.
Meeting with Education Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed access program viability for a prospective mature student.
Weekly Meetings with SU Executive Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed role and workings of union. Enquired about GNIB fee and its necessity. Got in touch with Postgraduate Research Officer to stay in the loop of discussions about GNIB with USI/ICOS.



Report of the Postgraduate Research Officer

Tuarascail an Oifigeach na nIarchéimithe i mbun Taighde

Emily Tock

Details of Work Undertaken from the 1st of July to the 14th of October:

- SU July Training w/b July 1
- Attendance at PGR Soc to introduce self as new SU PGR rep
- Calendar input of meetings...
- Presentations at postgraduate orientations
- SU Pride march
- Liaising with USI re postgrad charter initiative presentation to NUIG Grad Studies Board
- Liaising with USI/ICOS re GNIB/INIS burdens on non-EU students; reached out to NUIG VP for International for meeting regarding this issue
- Meet your SU officers night
- Case work
- Table sitting for SU at beginning of semester fairs
- SU Exec committee meetings

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
Meeting with the SU Education officer	Cameron and I met regarding election of more postgrad officers, discussing who to contact, design of posters, action plan.
Meeting with SU President	Get to know you and priorities meeting.

<p>USI meeting re postgrad issues</p>	<p>Linked into Dublin meeting re USI postgrad initiatives for 2019/2020 academic year and draft of postgrad charter.</p>
<p>Meetings with Health and Welfare officer</p>	<p>Meetings for individual case work issues</p>
<p>Meeting with International office/Fees/Biochem faculty</p>	<p>Meeting for individual case work</p>
<p>Meeting with new Open Scholarship Librarian</p>	<p>Meeting with Hardy Schwamm regarding getting his initiative for an Open Science Consortium message to postgrad researchers/students.</p>
<p>Meeting with head of Grad Studies Lucy Byrnes and Sebastian Bieremaa</p>	<p>Meeting to discuss upcoming Grad Studies Board, ISSE survey, and other postgrad issues.</p>
<p>Graduate Studies Board Meeting</p>	<p>Presented my priorities to Grad Studies Board meeting: USI charter, more postgrad reps, GNIB/INIS burdens on non-EU students, Open Scholarship initiative, work/breakrooms for postgraduate teachers.</p>
<p>Meeting with SU Education Officer</p>	<p>Cameron and I met re upcoming SU postgrad meeting.</p>



Report of the Mature Students' Officer
 Tuarascail an Oifigeach na Mac Léinn Lánfhásta
Chuka Paul Oguekwe

Details of Work Undertaken from the 1st of July to the 14th of October:

- Spoke at Adult learning Orientation day
- Fresher fair
- meet your SU Officers
- assisted in electing class reps in the Adult learning program

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
Meeting with the SU President	Discussed plans for the coming year, and ways of improving the work of the union.
Executive Committee	Attended SU executive committee meetings
Case work	<p>received and responded to email from coordinator of NUIG Adult learning centre</p> <p>emailed the VP Education with regards to the electing of class rep in the Adult learning program</p>



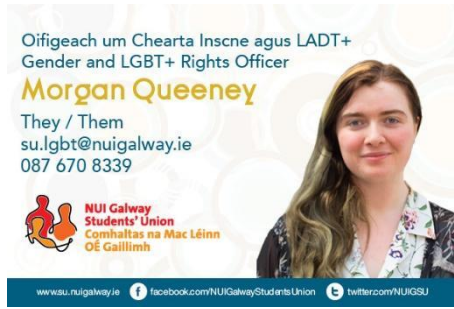
Report of the International Students Officer
 Tuarascail an Oifigeach na Mac Léinn Idirnáisiúnta
 Avery Fenton

Details of Work Undertaken from the 1st of July to the 14th of October:

- Plans for outreach
- Exec meetings
- Lots of emails
- Met members from societies and organizations
- Looked into sustainable alternatives to some plastics on campus
- Started and nearly finished a pamphlet of post-arrival information on GNIB card application, PPS number application, and part-time work for international students

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
Meeting with Louise Kelly	Discussed needs of international students and collaborated on ideas to meet said needs
Met with welfare officer	Discussed goals and ideas for the year
Met with Fiona Bateman	Talked about some potential case work for a student in her course and discussed the possibility of working with said student on a pilot project for Chinese student inclusion and integration on campus.



Report of the Gender and LGBT+ Rights Officer
Tuarascail an Oifigeach um Chearta Inscne agus LADT+
Morgan Queeney

Officer did not submit a report prior to the deadline and so will present their Officer Report at Council on the 14th of October.



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Report of the Disability Rights Officer

Tuarascail an Oifigeach um Chearta Michumais

Alex Coughlan

Points of Discussion

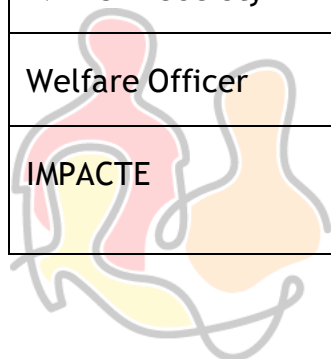
1. *Accessibility Forum*
2. *Accessible NUIG/Semester Plan*
3. *Council Motion*

Details of Work Undertaken from the 1st of July to the 14th of October:

- Class Rep Elections - I assisted the convenors with class rep elections when needed
- Semester Planning - planning of events and work for the semester
- Case Work
- Galway Buskers - assisted Council Chairperson in sourcing information
- Noel Grealish - sourced information re: racist comments for statement
- AHEAD 2020 - contact with IMPACTE about their call for submissions
- Disability Audit - met with Welfare and Equality Officer to discuss proceeding
- Orientation/Freshers - helped with Union events where possible
- Exec Meetings
- Union Training - attended days of training in July as part of incoming team
- Library Plans - waiting on plans to rectify accessibility issues as part of the upcoming redevelopment with the Education Officer and University
- Break the Barriers Promo
- Designed Signs for Climate Strike
- Class Rep Training - facilitated sessions as part of the event
- USI BTB Prep Session - attended session by BMW Officer and Academic Affairs
- Mayo Pride - attended Mayo Pride Parade
- Galway Pride - attended Galway Pride events
- Wrote Motion for Council
- The T Fund - preliminary meetings with GiGSoc to discuss how to help students to avail of this funding
- World Mental Health Day - recorded video with volunteers to mark the day

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
DSS Team Meeting	To discuss the year ahead and collaboration
Accessibility Forum	Discussion on accessibility issues across campus, will be meeting regularly throughout the year
Autism Friendly Campus	Meeting with a student to discuss the possibility of working towards being credited as an autism friendly campus
IMPACTE Society	Met to plan themed week
Welfare Officer	To discuss plans for the year
IMPACTE	Met before the start of the semester to set goals for the year



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Report of the Ethnic Minorities Officer

Tuarascail an Oifigeach um Eithneach Mionlach

Victoria Chihumura

Officer did not submit a report prior to the deadline and so will present their Officer Report at Council on the 14th of October.



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