



Comhairle na Mac Léinn VII Students' Union Council VII Officer Reports 2021/2022

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Report of the President

Tuarascail an Uachtarán

Róisín Nic Lochlainn

Details of Work Undertaken from the 15th of October 2021- 1st November 2021:

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- **Media Interviews** - spoke about student issues in the news (Galway Beo, RTÉ, newstalk, SIN etc)
- **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** - marked BCAM with 'spot the signs' hangers around campus
- **Walk & Talk** - SU walk & talk
- **Misleór Festival** - Attended events as part of Misleór Festival 2021
- **INMO Student Nurses & Midwives Protest** - organised an NUIGSU bus for INMO protest in Dublin
- **Active* Consent Module** - completing active* consent skills practice and promotion 10ECT postgrad module
- **International Day of Persons with Disabilities (UMT request)** - put a request to University Management to have the Quad lit up purple on 3rd Dec for IDPD
- **School of Business EDI Committee** - Nominated Sai to be the SU representative on the newly formed EDI committee for the School of Business
- **COP26 Demo Meeting** - Attended a planning meeting for an upcoming COP26 demo in Galway City on behalf of the Students' Union

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
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Consent Framework Implementation Working Group	Raised issues such as student bereavement policy on miscarriage, issues around mandatory consent and support policies for victims of stalking
Mincéirs Whiden Society	Met with the MWS to discuss naming a lecture hall after a Traveller, marking Traveller ethnicity day, event as part of Mental Health Week and a plaque in SULT/ÁnML to mark the first Traveller society in Ireland
Comhairle CML	Monthly SU Council
Student Success Strategy	Met with the Student Success Manager to review strategy
SU Events Planning – SULT	Met with SULT manager and SU staff to plan out what SU events will be taking place in SULT over the year
EC Policy Meeting	Met with previous SU Officers about extenuating circumstances policy
1-1 Mature Students' Officer	Met with Anita and planned upcoming weekly Mature Student drop in clinics, plans for SHAG week, plans for blood donation drives on campus & part time job fairs
1-1 Science/Engineering Convenor	Met with Sai, touched base on Women in Stem events (collab with WiSTEM soc), food sustainability scheme updates and more
Sustainability Working Group	Fortnightly meeting of the SU sustainability and environmental working group; beach clean ups, coca cola boycott, voter registration drives and more
Cruinniú faoi chúrsaí Ghaeilge in OÉG	Bhuail mé leis an stiúrthóir teanga nua faoi na pleananna atá againn don Ghaeilge in OÉG agus faoin gcaoi ar féidir linn oibriú le chéile; Caifé na Gaeilge, spásanna shóisialta srl
National Womens Council of Ireland – It Stops Now brainstorming	USI meeting with NWCI about how we can progress the 'It Stops Now' campaign this year
SUCS Ltd Board Meeting	Students' Union Commercial Services Board of Directors Meeting (Financial Updates from the CEO)

Cruinniú le Bloc TG4	Bhuail mé le BLOC TG4 faoi shraith nua faoi Oideachas Gnéis
Director of Buildings & Estates	Meeting with the new Director of Buildings & Estates
Feminist Society / Dean of Students	Meeting with FemSoc about our ongoing review of NUIG's Sexual Harassment Policy and follow up meetings with Dean of Students after submitting our reviews about how to go about it
1-1 Disability Rights Officer	Met with Niamh and discussed ongoing plans such as plans for International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Mental Health Guides & peer support groups,
BBC Gaeilge	Bhuail mé le BBC Gaeilge faoi shraith nua atá siad ag iarraidh orm a dhéanamh faoi Oideachas Gnéis san ollscoil, tiocfaidh siad go Gaillimh chun é a dhéanamh
Consent Plans on Campus	Met with Dr. Pádraig MacNeela from Active* Consent to discuss how we can work together to promote consent on campus. Mentioned Class Rep training, CÉIM training, Le Chéile weekend, SHAG week, Corrib Village workshops and surveys
UniCov Incentives Meeting	Met with UniCov to plan participant incentives
Weekly SU Exec	Weekly SU team updates
Údarás na hÓllscoile	Governing Authority meeting
Dean of Students/Director of Student Services/SU monthly meeting	
University of Sanctuary/Fáilte Refugees	
Events Crew	
Plean Teanga an Comhaltais	
1-1 Student Casework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Financial Aid - Accommodation - SUSI

	- Disability Support
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Report of the Vice President / Education Officer
Tuarascail an Leas-Uachtarán / Oifigeach Oideachais
Clodagh McGivern

Details of Work Undertaken from the 15th of October 2021- 1st November 2021:

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- **INMO Student Nurses & Midwives Protest** - attending an INMO protest in Dublin which has a bus was organised by NUIGSU.
- **Active* Consent Module** - completing active* consent skills practice and promotion 10ECT postgrad module.
- **Walktober** - Monthly Charity event to raise money for SU Charities
- **Hygiene Bank** - Donate hygiene products to help people who face hygiene poverty.
- **Food Bank** - Located in SU office for students to collect food if needed.
- **Walk & Talk** - Walk around campus with other students as a way of getting to know new people.
- **Instagram Q & A** - went live for students to ask any questions they had that they wanted answered.
- **Events Crew** - organising events on campus for students
- **Class Reps** - Organised elected class reps for groups that did not have a nominee through YourSpace

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
EAC	Exam Appeals Committee – hearing appeals that were sent in from students in relation to exam results from repeats
Teaching & Learning Committee	Matters that relate to policy and practice and teaching and learning in the University
Comhairle Comhaltas na Mac Léinn	SU Council with the executive committee and the class representatives
CMLOÉG Cruinniú Seachtainiúil	The weekly executive committee meeting
Student Success Strategy	Met with the Student Success Manager to review strategy
Education and Students Committee Meeting	With staff from the College of Science & Engineering
New Extenuating Circumstances - Extensions Policy	The three full time exec members met with previous officer who would have been in the position when the policy was passed.
Consent Implementation Plan	Met with Pádraig from Active* Consent to discuss plans on implementing consent classes on campus
Events Meeting	Semester 2 event planning
Mature Students Conference	A mature students conference and discussion panel that was organised by USI
UniCov	Plans for local implementation of the UniCov project in NUIG
Meeting / Student Services	Meeting with the Dean of Students, Disability Support Services and the Students Union
Student Digital Pathways Briefing	Briefing about the plans of the Student Digital Pathways
Student Digital Pathways Video	Video in relation to the Student Digital Pathways
OER	Open Educational Resources

USI Academic Affairs Meetings	Meeting with other sabbatical officers from USI and USI Academic Affairs Officer, Megan O'Connor
Follow up meetings from Comhairle Comhaltas na Mac Léinn	- Met with the Executive Committee members who were chairing these meetings and introduced myself to and got to meet the class reps
	- Business, Public Policy and Law Meeting
	- Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences Meeting
	- Science & Engineering Meeting
	- Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies Meeting
	- Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge
	- Adult & Continuing Education
Feminist Soc	Invitation extended from our SU President Róisín to meet with FemSoc about our ongoing review of NUIG's Sexual Harassment Policy
Údarás na hOllscoile	Attended Údarás (University Governing Authority) in person with Róisín (SU President).
Exam Supports	Meeting to create a survey asking students what supports they want for exams
Exam Support Workshops	Plan to organise workshops to help students prepare for their semester 1 exams
Casework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complaints - Course Withdrawal - Leave of Absences - Fees - SUSI - General Queries - Extensions



Report of the Vice President / Welfare & Equality Officer
Tuarascail an Leas-Uachtarán / an Oifigeach Leasa agus Comhionannais
Cora Clarke

Details of Work Undertaken from the 15th of October 2021- 1st November 2021:

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NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details



Report of the Irish Language Officer

Tuairisc an Oifigigh Gaeilge

Éimear Nig Oireachtaigh

Details of Work Undertaken from the 15th of October 2021- 1st November 2021:

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- Chuaigh mé chuig bigil ar son feasachta breithe anabáí.
- Lean an ciorcal comhrá ar aghaidh sa Mhol in Áras na Mac Léinn.
- Chuaigh mé chuig ócáid an Chumainn Ghaelaigh, chun bualadh le mic léinn atá suim acu sa Ghaeilge agus éisteacht lena bhfadhbanna.
- D’eagraigh mé na duaiseanna a bhí le tabhairt amach mar chuid de Ghaelseachtain.
- Scríobh mé alt mar chuid de shrath comhdhálacha atá á n-eagrú ag Conradh na Gaeilge darb ainm ‘an fáth gur ceart pobal na Gaeilge páirt a ghlacadh i bplé maidir le hÉirinn Aontaithe’. Tá mise mar chuid den leath nárbh as Tuaisceart Éireann, agus tá triúir eile ag glacadh páirt as an Tuaisceart.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
Coiste Gaeilge 18ú DF	Ag fáil aiseolais maidir le Gaelseachtain, ag plé seirbhísí
Comhairle	An chéad Chomhairle
Cruinniú an Chumainn Ghaelaigh	Chun Gaeilge 24 a phleanáil
Cruinniú le Julian de Spáinn	Thug sé cabhair dom tosú leis an bplean teanga don Chomhaltas
CGU an Chumainn Ghaelaigh	Chun roinnt róil a líonadh

Cruinniú le hOifigeach Gaeilge na hollscoile	Thosaigh sí a post an tseachtain seo, bhuail sé liom agus le hUachtaráin na Mac Léinn go mbeidh a fhios aici céard iad na spriocanna atá againn don bhliain.
Cruinniú le hUachtaráin na Mac Léinn	Forbairt a dhéanamh ar phlean teanga an Chomhaltais



Report of the Societies Chairperson
Tuarascail an Cathaoirleach na gCumann
Ethan Wilkinson

Details of Work Undertaken from the 15th of October 2021- 1st November 2021:

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NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details



Report of the Clubs' Captain
Tuarascail an Captaen na gClubanna
Kirsty Moran

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NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details



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
Faye Ní Dhomhnaill

Details of Work Undertaken from the 15th of October 2021- 1st November 2021:
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- **Began Planning Safe Sesh Campaign**

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
Attended CMLOEG Exec Meeting	
Attended Arts Rep Meetings	



Report of the Convenor of the College of Science and Engineering
 Tuarascáil an Tionólaí Choláiste na hEolaíochta agus na hInnealtóireachta
 Sai Gujulla

Details of Work Undertaken from the 15th of October 2021- 1st November 2021:

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- Spoke with the Auditor of the WiSTEM Society regarding the possibility of collaborating in organising Women in STEM events.
- Had a follow up discussion with the Academic Writing Centre regarding the plagiarism workshops.
- Had 1-1 meetings with several students and Class Reps regarding issues in their course.
- Pushed for recordings to be made available for different modules in the College of Science.
- Spoke with the Chief Technical Officer regarding microwaves being made available in the Alice Perry Engineering Building and in the Arts/Science Concourse.
- Looked into the possibility of having relaxation spaces on campus for students.
- Uploaded Weekly Updates for students on social media.
- Addressed issues/suggestions received through the Issues/Suggestions box.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
1 – 1 Meetings	Had meetings with Class Reps and Students regarding issues in their course.
Microwaves & Seating	Had a meeting with the Chief Technical Officer regarding microwaves and seating on campus.
Weekly SU Exec Meeting	Attended the Weekly Exec Meeting
1 – 1 Meeting with SU President	Met with Róisín the SU President regarding Women in STEM events, the food sustainability scheme etc.

Recordings for Lectures	Met with different lecturers in the College of Science regarding recordings not being available for certain modules.
Overlapping Assignments	Met with different lecturers in the School of Engineering regarding the overlapping of assignments.
Comhairle CML	Monthly SU Council
Casework	



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

Details of Work Undertaken from the 15th of October 2021- 1st November 2021:

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- Secured seat on School of Medicine Undergraduate Curriculum Review Board
- Promoted CMNHS Instagram hoodie giveaway
- Worked with students on continuous assessment exam scheduling and in-person lectures.
- Shared information to students about the INMO protest on student nurses and midwives pay.
- Contacted Office of the Registrar and Deputy President regarding renaming of CMNHS lecture halls.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
SU Weekly Exec	Attend the SU Exec weekly meetings
1-1 Meetings with Students	Met with a number of students regarding accommodation issues
SU Council	Attended the first SU council
CMNHS Council	Convened the first meeting of the CMNHS council and discussed various issues with class reps which I followed up on after the meeting



Report of the Convenor of the College of Business, Public Policy & Law
 Tuarascail an Tionólaí Choláiste an Ghnó, an Bheairis Phoiblí agus an Dlí
Krystian Bachan

Details of Work Undertaken from the 15th of October 2021- 1st November 2021:

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- Working on open book exams for Law modules that do not require to have an exam outside of the university e.g., Non FE1s exams

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
SU Weekly Exec	Attended the weekly Exec meetings

SU Council	Attended the SU Council
Class Rep Meeting	Chaired the first class rep meeting for BPPL where we discussed issues in the schools of Law and Business, as well as other issues outside of the faculty.
1-1 with the School Manager for Business	Surrounding the issue of needing adjustments given the cyberattack which has affected students
1-1 with Students	Regarding issues and suggestions



Report of the Postgraduate Taught Officer

Tuarascail an Oifigeach na nIarchéimithe i mbun Teagasctha

Martin Mac Gabhann

Details of Work Undertaken from the 15th of October 2021- 1st November 2021:

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NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details



Report of the Postgraduate Research Officer
 Tuarascail an Oifigeach na nIarchéimithe i mbun Taighde
 Shane O'Connell

Details of Work Undertaken from the 15th of October 2021- 1st November 2021:

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NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
- Postgraduate council	Forum for disseminating and receiving postgraduate affair updates between SU and relevant class reps
- Exec meeting	

- Casework	Discussed strategies for addressing PhD stipend increase inequality across locally funded college scholarships Discussed possible stipend delays due to cyber attack



Report of the Mature Students' Officer
Tuarascail an Oifigeach na Mac Léinn Lánfhásta
Anita O'Halloran

Details of Work Undertaken from the 15th of October 2021- 1st November 2021:

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- **Attended Mature Students drop-in clinic**

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
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1 – 1 with SU President	Met with Roisin in relation to Mature Student drop-in clinics, plans for Domestic abuse awareness during SHAG week, plans for blood donation drives on campus
SU Council meeting	Attended the first SU council meeting
SU exec meeting	Attended the weekly meeting



Report of the International Students Officer
Tuarascail an Oifigeach na Mac Léinn Idirnáisiúnta
Matthew Connolly

Details of Work Undertaken from the 15th of October 2021- 1st November 2021:

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- Submitted an article to SIN student newspaper (SU Says) encouraging NUI Galway administration to offer a group health insurance scheme for international students

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
Council	Attended first CMLOÉG council meeting
Exec committee	Attended weekly exec committee meeting

Student case work

Official complaint procedure



Report of the Gender and LGBT+ Rights Officer

Tuarascail an Oifigeach um Chearta Inscne agus LADT+

Orlaith Nic Cába

Details of Work Undertaken from the 15th of October 2021- 1st November 2021:

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- Email correspondence with the offices of both Minister Roderic O’Gorman and Minister Heather Humphreys on the recognition of non-binary people.
- Writing of motions on the boycotting of The Irish Times and amendments to the previously passed “Opposing Fascism, Extremism and all Forms of Discrimination”

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
Case Work	Talking with students wondering how to ask their lecturers to add their pronouns to their email signatures.



Report of the Disability Rights Officer

Tuarascail an Oifigeach um Chearta Michumais

Niamh McGrath

Details of Work Undertaken from the 15th of October 2021- 1st November 2021:

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- Spoke about JAM card and importance of it at Disability Awareness talk for Library staff.
- Had my weekly Disability Rights Clinic.
- Attended SU Council.
- Continued researching for my Accessibility Journal.
- Began project guide on post-suicide.
- Planning for 3RD of Dec - International Day of Disabilities.

NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
Attended Health and Wellness Meeting	Different ideas and concepts that could benefit students in terms of events
Attended with a meeting with FilmSoc and DSS	To talk about creation of a video for JAM card.
Had weekly exec meeting	Received Officer Updates.
Met with Cora – welfare Officer	To discuss the concept of a post-suicide guide for those having experienced suicidal thoughts or are recovering from a suicide attempt.
Met with Roisin - President	Updated on various projects working on.

Met with DSS	Updates on DSS and various supports.
Casework	



Report of the Ethnic Minorities Officer
 Tuarascail an Oifigeach um Eitheach Mionlach
 Anne Marie Ward

Details of Work Undertaken from the 15th of October 2021- 1st November 2021:

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NUI Galway Meetings

Meeting Title	Details
Minciers Misling back to Education Research committee	Attended this meeting and gave some feedback and guidance around the wording and layout of the survey around Traveller participation in post primary and Third level Education.
MWS	Met with MWS with Roisin to discuss naming a lecture Hall after a member of the Travelling

	community. We discussed the possibility of having a plaque placed on the university walls with the Auditors of the society on it.
SU weekly Exec	Attended the SU Exec weekly meetings