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President of Comhaltas na Mac Léinn Ollscoil na Gaillimhe

24th October to 14th November 2022

Please put your meeting details in the table provided and everything else here in bullet points.

- **Students' Union Funding Proposal**
- **Cost of living measures**
- **SU Charity Cup**
- **Christmas Day & SU Council Promotion**
- **Accommodation Bursary**
- **Voter Registration Drive**
- **Helped with Wasted Week**
- **USI National Council**
- **Vending Machines for Period Products and Condoms**
- **By-Elections for Postgraduate Research Officer and Gender and LGBT+ Rights Officer**
- **Údarás Meeting (Governing Authority)**
- **SU Townhall**
- **Race Equality Townhall**
- **Shannon College Visit**

Meeting / Cruinniú	Details / Sonraí
Race Equality Committee meeting	Next Steps & Survey
Library Commons Committee Meeting	Next Steps & Funding
Wasted Week	Planning Meeting
Flirt FM	Annual Review
Coffee with SU	Planning Meeting
University Management Team Meeting	Hybrid Learning, SU Funding, University Funding Allocations

Chaplaincy Meeting	Collaborations for the year
Multi-Faith Week Planning meeting	Planning Meeting
SU Charity Cup Briefing Session	Planning Meeting
Student Digital Pathways	Planning Meeting
RIGRAM System meeting	Requesting a review of University Funding Allocations
Respect Charter Meeting	Planning Meeting
Údarás na hOllscoile	Regular Governing Authority Meeting
Meeting with Societies Chairperson	Planning Meeting
Meeting with Environmental & Sustainability Officer	Planning Meeting
Meeting with the President	Support for the year ahead
Meeting with the Bursar	SU Funding
Meeting with VP for Research	SU Funding
Christmas Day Planning Meeting	Planning Meeting
Meeting with VP for Internationalisation (University)	SU Funding
SU Brainstorm Session	Planning Meeting
Meeting with VP for EDI	SU Funding
ENLIGHT Project Meeting	Planning Meeting



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- **Important note:**
 - It's been 3 weeks since our last council and I had annual leave for one of those weeks.
- **Seachtain Ghaelach**
 - Seachtain Ghaelach will be starting on the 14th of November until the 18th. Loads of events happening and all info available at <https://su.nuigalway.ie/seachtain-gaelach/>.
- **Oireachtas na Samhna**
 - Attended Oireachtas na Samhna during my annual leave and gathered loads of information and ideas for different events and campaigns we could do throughout the year. Such as information on language rights, language plans, jobs, learning Irish and much more.
- **An Coiste Gaeilge**
 - Tá an Coiste Gaeilge anois ag bualadh agus i mbun oibre. Tá pleananna curtha le chéile againn don bhliain.
- **Feachtas na bhFáinne**
 - Bhuail mé leis an Oifigeach Gaeilge agus Cathaoirleach na Cuallachta I Coláiste na hOllscoile, Corcaigh le feachtas náisiúnta d'fháinní óir a phlé. The plan is to do a nation wide campaign around the Fáinne amongst students.

Meeting / Cruinniú	Details / Sonraí
Cruinniú Seachtainiúil	Cruinniú seachtainiúil le foireann an chomhaltais go léir
Griangraf le buaiteoirí	Ghlacamar griangraf le buaiteoirí comórtais a bhí i Sult
SU Council Breifing	Meeting before Council to brief on what the agenda items were and discussion
SU and Jane Ennis	Regular meeting with Jane Ennis with any questions or feedback

TradSoc	Met with TradSoc to discuss plans for Seachtain Ghaelach and discussing collab
Áras na Gaeilge	Cruinniú in Áras na Gaeilge maidir leis na háiseanna atáimid in ann úsáid
Údarás na hOllscoile	Attended my first meeting of Údarás na hOllscoile
Townhall	Attended the first SU Townhall where we gathered feedback
Brainstorm session	Start of the weekly brainstorming sessions with the Exec team
Weekly meeting with president	End of week meeting with SU President to discuss current status and feedback
SU and Jane Ennis	Regular meeting with Jane Ennis with any questions or feedback
Cruinniú leis an Oifigeach na Gaeilge	Cruinniú leis an Oifigeach na Gaeilge sa Chomhaltas le pleananna a phlé
Race and Equality video	Recorded and Race and Equality video for survey being conducted
Bike workshop	Attended the bike workshop organised by the Sustainability and Environmental Officer during Wasted Week
Mac Léinn ar thaithí oibre	Bhuail mé le mac léinn atá ar thaithí oibre atá ag tabhairt cabhair le rudaí
Cruinniú leis an gCumann Gaelach	Bhuail mé leis an gCumann Gaelach le cursaí Seachtain Ghaelach a phlé
An Coiste Gaeilge	Bhuail an Coiste Gaeilge le chéile le pleananna bliana a chuir le chéile agus le haiseolas a fháil
Christmas Day meeting	Meeting about Christmas Day to discuss plans and collaborations
Meeting with Sustainability and Environmental Officer	Met with the Sustainability and Environmental Officer to discuss plans and ideas
Waste week quiz	Helped with the Waste Week Quiz held on the Concourse organised by the Sustainability and Environmental Officer
Second year student	Met with a second year journalism student to help with a project

Cruinniú bóird Raidió Rí Rá	Cruinniú bóird stiúrtha Raidió Rí Rá le uasdhádaíthe a fháil
Final Year Project	Met with a final year student to help them with their final year project
Mac Léinn ar thaithí oibre	Bhuail mé le mac léinn atá ar thaithí oibre atá ag tabhairt cabhair le rudaí
Seoladh Seachtain Ghaelach	Thosaíomar seoladh do sheachtain Ghaelach ar line agus na meáin shóisialta
Brainstorm Session	Weekly brainstorming sessions with the Exec team about communications
Feachtas na bhFáinne	Bhuail mé leis an Oifigeach Gaeilge agus Cathaoirleach na Cuallachta I Coláiste na hOllscoile, Corcaigh le feachtas náisiúnta d'fháinní óir a phlé
Comhairle na gColáistí	Comhairle d'ionadaithe ranga trí Ghaeilge agus bhí fáilte roimh aon choláiste



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- **Class Rep Elections:** Final elections took place amongst first years. There are now over 500 class reps
- **USI National Council:** attended this 2 day USI event hosted in NCI Dublin
- **Shannon College Trip:** visited Shannon College with University representatives and meet staff, students and alumni
- **Education Forum:** I organised the Education Forum. There was a low turnout but very good discussion was had on blended/ hybrid learning
- **Christmas Day:** Held plan and promote Student Christmas Day

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Dean of Postgraduate Studies	Talked about vacant Postgraduate Research Officer position, contract changes for postgraduates.
PGWA (Postgraduate Workers' Alliance)	Meet Galway Representative of PGWA about contract changes
Dean of Students Award	Developing the Dean of Students Award
Postgraduate Orientation	Presented at the Postgraduate Orientation
Town Hall	Discussed SU website and Comhairle
Brainstorming Session	Executive Brainstorming
Christmas Market Collab with Ideas Lab	Planning Christmas market and petting zoo with IdeasLab
Meet with Environmental and Sustainability Officer	Meet three times and talked about the Christmas Market, Sustainability aspects of hybrid learning and wasted week.
Alive Awards	Meet with Alive to discuss recognition of Class Reps as part of the Alive programme.

College of Science and Engineering Education & Students Committee Meeting	Meeting of representatives from the different schools within the college and Vice Dean for teaching and learning.
Enlight	Discussed Teaching and Learning conference in Gottingen and opportunities for the Students' Union to get more involved in the project.
Working Group on Carry Failed Credits	Discussed the criteria for carrying credits next year
Student Success Manger	Had 2 meeting with the Student Success Manger
Vice Dean of Teaching and Learning from the College of Science and Engineering	Had a meeting about Open Educational Resources
University Management Team	Talked about group/ loud study rooms, affordable accommodation, blended learning, open educational resources, timetable and exam release dates and assignment mapping.
Learning Commons	Discussed plans for new library building.
College of Business Public Policy and Law Convener	We discussed the organisation of the College Council
College of Science and Engineering Convener	We discussed the organisation of the College Council
College of Medicine Nursing and Health Sciences Convener	We discussed the organisation of the College Council
College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies Convener	We discussed the organisation of the College Council
Postgraduate Research Officer	We discussed the organisation of the Postgraduate Council
Christmas Day Planning Meeting	Meet with Socsbox about plans for Student Christmas Day
Executive Committee Meeting	Attended 2 executive committee meetings
Attended Financial Aid Steering group	Discussed allocation of funds
Student Digital Pathways	Board Meeting



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- **Hallows Event – 27th October, 2022**
 - Worked with Students Union and Societies with the event from 7pm to 2am.
 - Helped promote the event and sell tickets.

- **Club of the Month and Athlete of the Month Award Scheme Confirmation – 1st November, 2022**
 - Met with the director of sport – Mike Heskin and finalised the two new award schemes within University of Galway Sport.
 - 1 week prior to this meeting, I have emailed all the clubs with the new award schemes to know their feedbacks, no negatory feedbacks received.
 - Discussed on Bank of Ireland potentially being our sponsor for these award schemes.
 - Discussed on when to select the first batch of awardees. Tentative date: 22nd November 2022.

- **Attended Sports Show at FLIRTFM – 3rd November, 2022**
 - Spoke about mental health and how sports can help
 - Spoke about SU Charity Cup and how it was started
 - Spoke about some the future events and how to make sports more accessible to everyone

- **Interviewed High Performance Lead – Feargal O Callaghan regarding Plant Based Diet in Sports – 4th November, 2022**
 - Discussed on what is an ideal diet and some plant based diet options for athletes
 - Discussed how the university will support if there is a vegan/vegetarian high performance athlete.
 - Discussed on potentially introducing vegan protein shake for athletes at a subsidized price point

- **Complaint received regarding beginners basketball training – met with development officer Mike Murray – 4th November, 2022**
 - One of the students complaint about inadequate training space during the beginners basketball session at Thursdays 9:00pm to 10:30pm due to over 40 people attending.
 - The student pointed out how a lot of them can't get the chance to play and also spoke about potential injuries happening due to crowded hall.

- Addressed these issues with the development officer – Mike Murray, and he accepted to increase time slot for beginners sessions. Additional time slot now allocated – Thursday 7pm to 9pm in order to minimise the overcrowding.

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Meeting with Table Tennis Club and Golf Society	For the first time – Societies and Clubs are collaborating and launching Table Tennis Championship. This event is open for all.
Meeting with Pool and Snooker	Discussed on launching Pool Championship in collaboration with Students Union. I have proposed the committee members to pay 2 EURO/player to SU for Charities, the committee members happily agreed. In return, SU will promote the event and support with handing out Certificates of Participation.
Meeting with SU President – Sai	Discussed on mascot referendum and to finish voting before Christmas so that we can target New Years and semester two to introduce the mascot to all our returning students. Worked on making event plan for SU Charity Cup Finals at President’s Lawn. Worked on SU Charity Cup awards (certificates, trophy and medals).
Meeting with Cricket Ireland Women’s Development Officer	Discussed our interest in introducing women’s cricket trainings at University of Galway. Further discussed on how Cricket Ireland can help us to formulate Women’s Cricket Team. Spoke about some of the challenges associated with women’s cricket and potential ways to overcome it.
Meeting with Cricket Committee	Discussed on various equipment and facility issues. Spoke about potentially introducing On campus outdoor cricket training – asked the committee to submit expenditure list of outdoor net/mat/other equipment. Took their opinion on starting women’s cricket team, everyone is interested. Spoke about coaching staff. Addresses some internal complications within the club members and committee members.
Meeting with Pool Committee	Discussed about equipment refurbishment such as good set of balls and cues. Discussed about relocating Pool and Snooker Club, as the current

	<p>space in the hub is not ideal for trainings. Committee proposed to me for purchasing new tables or renting tables. Furthermore, Committee wants to host Intervarsity or Interfaculty Pool Championship next semester at Bailey Allen Hall.</p>
<p>Meeting with Muay Thai Committee</p>	<p>Met with the treasurer of the club. They were having budget dispatch complications, addressed this with sports unit. It is solved.</p>



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- Attended **Weekly UGSU Executive Meetings**
- Assisted with **Hallows Setup**
- Attended **SU Townhall**
- Organised and ran **Arts Class Rep Council**
- Followed up with Casework

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Arts Council	Discussed Arts + Non Academic Issues
SU Education	Class Rep Council + Student issues
Weekly SU Executive	Attended executive and contributed/updated on progress



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- Forwarded student queries to relevant areas of the college
- Attended regular meetings with each school
- Held College Council
- Drafted planning proposal for new law building
- Lecture shoutouts

Meeting / Cruinniú	Week	Details / Sonraí
Vice President of Education		Planning Meeting
Dean Martin Hogg		Biweekly discussion to report back information within the school
President of the Student Union		Planning Meeting
College Council		Meeting with class reps and other students of the college to discuss current issues at a local level



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

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- Engaging in the PRECISE-5 Study by the School of Medicine

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SU Executive Meetings	Attended weekly meetings. Inquired on student requests.
Comhairle	Hosted College Council. Attended the last SU Council.
Meeting with Evan O'Flaherty	Succession of Student Schwart Rounds Advisory Panel from Convenor of 2020-21
Meeting with Officer Julia	Further discussion on project implementation.
Meetings with School of Medicine Administrator Pauline Mahon	Discussed on handover of lockers and administrative work.
Student Meetings	Class rep scouting and promotions. Advised on student queries. Provided aid and guidance to class reps.
School of Medicine Forum	Attended forum on actions taken from previous motion.

Glacaim go bhfuil mo thuairisc léite, agus fáiltím roimh aon cheist.



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- **Class reps** - Continued to assign and sort reps for various classes within Science and Engineering.
- **Science and Engineering college council** – Ran two college council meetings with the class reps to discuss various issues including communication, resources, representation and academic supports.
- **Film night** – Wednesday the 9th November had a screening of Interstellar for science and engineering students in the O Flaherty theatre.

Meeting / Cruinniú	Details / Sonraí
Science and Engineering college council 19 th October	First college council to talk with the new class reps about academic supports, online lectures and variety of other topics.
SU brainstorming 20 th October	Casual meeting with the SU to brainstorm ideas related to communication.
Internationalisation committee for Science and Engineering - Thursday 20 th October	Attended the Internationalisation committee for Science and Engineering to discuss how to appeal and advertise to international students.
SU townhall meeting – 26 th October	First townhall meeting, an open discussion with the SU
SU executive meeting – 7 th November	Attended the weekly executive meeting.
Science and Engineering college council - 9 th November	Ran the second college council meeting, discussed upcoming events, exam supports and communication.



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Chaired PG Council	Discussed student issues, pg contracts and mental supports on campus
Brought findings from pg council to exec and welfare officer	
Promoted quiz night	Collab with postgrad soc
Promoted council	Via social media and email
Hosted quiz night	
Aided student queries	Hybrid learning issues and event queries
Aided staff	Recruiting students to take part in the student survey
Signed petition	Regarding phd and postgrad contracts
Helped set up for Hallows event	
Planned and hosted pg council 2	
Attended USI pg working group	Discussion on phd placements in Ireland and barriers to them, development of a PG charter, and state supports for pg courses
Contacted USI PG rep Distributed pg charter to class reps to add suggestions and review it	Regarding pg state supports for taught programmers

Active on social media	Sharing SU events, news, updates and society x club updates
Planning movie night collab with postgrad soc	



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- **Helping to set up for Hallows**
- **Set up Discord and WhatsApp groups for societies**
- **Attended SU Townhall**

Meeting / Cruinniú	Details / Sonraí
Societies Forum	Discussed feedback on Hallows, what could be improved for Christmas Day and other issues they had
Riona and Socsbox	Regular meetings with Riona and Socsbox about society issues and solutions Planning and briefing meetings for Hallows and Christmas Day
African Caribbean Society	Met auditor and vice-auditor to discuss plans for the year
Weekly Exec Meetings	Attended weekly SU executive meetings



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- **Wasted Week**
- **Sustainable Careers Statement**
- **CUSP Working groups**

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Wasted Week	Planned events for the week, organised prizes, met with organisers, put up posters, attended events and cleanup. Put together social media posts with Climate crew for Food security and anti fast fashion. Organised giving out 150 compostable bins to students and fixed over 80 bikes. Upcycle workshops, education on vape disposal and recycling practices. Q and A with Galway city council.
Meeting with Careers	Make career fairs more sustainable and highlight that students want sustainability in future jobs
CUSP working group	Attended research and learning group
Idiaf conference	Attended Irish food conference in University of Galway
Gaeilge x nature event	Helped Barry plan event and find speaker
Interview	Gave interview to Many Irish Journalist students to introduce sustainability to their articles.
Climate crew meetings	Organised Meetup for wasted week volunteers.
Student pantry	Helped Joe -VP education with Progress



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Julia Egan, International Students Officer

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- **Currently working with SU and the international office to plan events to be held over winter break for international students who will be staying in Galway including movie nights and a holiday party**
- **Awaiting response on meeting with Tabea Baum, administrator for the Buddy Programme at University of Limerick, to discuss the structure of their programme and explore how a similar concept could be put in place at University of Galway.**

Meeting / Cruinniú	Details / Sonraí
Louise Kelly, International Student Officer	Discussed possible event ideas for international students in November and December
One-on-one with Student	Communicated with student about academic concerns



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Due to personal health problems, missed the last Comhairle and have had a reduced engagement this month with projects.

- **Casework** – emails and texts from students, as well as face to face meetings, regarding SUSI, mature student's pathway, parking, accommodation, childcare etc. When required consulted with or referred cases on to Union VPs or relevant University Support Services Staff. Regular attendance of weekly exec meetings.

In the interest of brevity, I have excluded meetings with students as most of them concerned the aforementioned issues and would take an excessive time to list.

Meeting / Cruinniú	Details / Sonraí
Kathleen Hartigan, MSO	General Weekly Meeting.
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- **Freastal air cruinniú halla an bhaile**
- **Freastal air Hallows**

Meeting / Cruinniú	Details / Sonraí
Crinniu leis an Leas Uachtarán	Ag socrú Seachtain Gaelach
An Coiste Gaeilge	Ceád crinniu don bhliain