



Comhaltas na Mac Léinn,  
Ollscoil na Gaillimhe  

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University of Galway  
Students' Union

### **Comhairle Comhaltas na Mac Léinn 5 Minutes**

**Date:** 24/02/2025

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Venue:** O'Flaherty Theatre, Zoom

**Bridin Quinn:** Presented on University Skills Passport project and asked for help developing and promoting service.

**Sonya Naumova (1BA Gov):** How do I get my class rep badge? Register as class rep and do training.

**Jane Ennis:** Attended Comhairle to promote Student Voice Survey

#### **Officer Reports**

**Vytaute Bujaviciute (Convenor for the College of Business, Public Policy & Law):**

Accepted

**Faye Ní Dhomhnaill (Uachtarán):** Report given

**Rachel Concannon (4BA Soc & Pol):** Why are there no minutes? Faye's fault, all minutes will be in next meeting pack.

**Izzy Tiernan (2BA English):** What are you doing to support BDS? Working alongside Palestinian Solidarity Society, doing so to platform them and not to split the attention, but to support where we can.

**Julianne Ní Mhullaoidh (Leasuachtarán don Ghaeilge):** Report given.

**Ruán Ó'Ceilleacháir (1BSc Marine Science):** Cad é an scéal le Caifé na Gaeilge? Is ionad féin-seirbhís anois é.

**Tom Forde (Vice President/Education Officer):** Accepted

**Jean O'Boyle (Convenor for the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies):**

Accepted

**Chloe Anderson (Vice President/Welfare & Equality Officer):** Gave report.

**Izzy Tiernan (2BA English):** What are you doing to support Palestinian Solidarity Society? Offering resources and our platform and collaborating on protests.

**Paschal Walsh (Convenor for the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences):**

Accepted

**Ella Hogan (Convenor for the College of Science and Engineering):** Accepted

**Peter O'Neill (Environmental & Sustainability Officer):** Accepted

**Raisul Sourav (Ethnic Minorities Officer):** Accepted

**Kayla Hayes (Gender and LGBT Rights Officer):** Accepted.  
**Namus Cader (International Student Officer):** Accepted  
**L. Saige Alloway (Mature Students' Officer):** Accepted  
**Daniel McGonigle (Postgraduate Taught Officer):** Accepted  
**Tom Keal (Clubs Captain):** Accepted  
**Muhammad Murtuza Hussain (Societies Chair):** Gave verbal welcome due to recent election.  
**Aifric Nevin (2BA Global Media):** Any information about Socs Ball? Email should be coming out shortly.

**Michelle Clifford (Disability Rights Officer), Sachin Yadav (Postgraduate Research Officer):** Sent apologies.

All reports accepted.

**USI:** Report given by President Chris Clifford and Deputy President/ VP Academic Affairs Bryan O'Mahony. Report Accepted.

**Sean McDermott:** Is reform happening for SUSI and Mature Students? VP Academic Affairs is working to enact reform and better clarity.

**ESU:** Report given by Vice President Arno Schrooyen.

**Ruán Ó'Ceilleacháir:** Israel is in ESU Membership which is disappointing. How are Palestinian Students being supported and can Israel be removed from membership? Scholars at Risk fund available for Palestinian Students, as well as motion passed regarding Safeguarding of Academic Freedom for Palestinians. They are trying to lobby EU also. Israel cannot be suspended by ESU Committee, the members would have to suspend them.

**Motion Re: Free Vote at Comhdháil**

**Proposer: Faye Ní Dhomhnaill (Uachtarán)**

**Izzy Tiernan (2BA English):** Against motion. Outlines how all students pay towards USI/AMLÉ.

**Chloe Anderson (VP Welfare and Equality):** For motion. Allows for better engagement with democratic process.

**Rachen Concannon (4BA Soc & Pol):** Point of Information: Wasn't a similar motion passed before. We have looked for most updated motion, memory serves similar motion was repealed.

**Jean O'Boyle:** For motion. Could a survey be done to outline student wants for USI elections?

**Izzy Tiernan (2BA English) 9D – Refer motion back to specifically made working group**

**Faye Ní Dhomhnaill (Uachtarán) – Against 9D**

**9D Fails**

**Daniel McGonigle (Postgraduate Taught Officer):** For motion, allows for people who actually want to engage to attend.

**No Speakers Against**

**Peter O'Neill (Environmental & Sustainability Officer):** For motion. Democratically elected representatives are there to represent.

**No Speakers Against**

**Aoife Lawson (Creative Writing):** For motion. Appears to be doing good work.

**Rachel Langan (3BA Archaeology): 9B**

**Faye Ní Dhomhnaill (Uachtarán):** Vote down 9B, I will work on motion and bring it back to Comhairle, but motion needs to be passed in line with USI/AMLÉ timelines.

**9B Falls**

**Motion Passes.**

**Motion Re: Supporting the Save Pálás Campaign**

**Proposer: Kayla Gurriel (Student)**

**Kayla Hayes (Gender and LGBT Rights Officer): 9A.**

**9A Passes**

**Motion Passes**

**AOB**

**Emily Rooney (1BA Human Rights):** What disability resources are available on campus? Neurodivergent Society run NDTea on the last Friday of each month.

**Tom Forde:** Accommodation Report launching in Leinster House soon.

**Beatriz Langowski (4BA English & Creative Writing):** When will Graduation dates be confirmed? Faye emailed Conferings asking for clarification and they indicated no date change so it's safe to assume August date range.

**Aoife Lawton (1BA English & Creative Writing):** Could shop have more vegetarian options? Faye has meeting with SUCS Board that week, will raise there.

**End**