



Miontuairiscí (Minutes)

Comhairle Chomhaltas na Mac Léinn 23/10/2023

Time Begins: 18:09

18:00 Introduction to Comhairle

The following member(s) of the Executive were absent: *Adrian Wisdom*, **Mature Students' Officer**

The following member(s) sent apologies: *Katie Scrivener*, **Convenor of The College of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences**; *Vanessa Frimpong*, **Ethnic Minorities Officer**

18:13 Officer Updates

Dean Kenny, Uachtarán

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Attended USI pre-budget protest in Dublin
 - Attended USI President's Day
 - Academic Council - raised many concerns with students
 - Shannon College - raised concerns about funding issue with Cameron
 - Events Crew
 - Pints with the President starting tonight
 - Met with Mairead Farrell of Sinn Féin, raised issues about budget and bus issues for students
 - If anyone has issues with buses going outside of city centre (Moycullen, Oughterard, Tuam etc.) please email Dean

Faye Ní Dhomhnaill, Leas-Uachtarán Don Ghaeilge

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - G-Spot Campaign started (poster stolen! ;()
 - Planning Gael Seachtain
 - Coiste Gaeilge started
 - Governing Authority introduction
 - Training Day for Irish officers & societies
 - Meetings with Bláithín (USI Gaeilge)
 - Planning Harryween with Raimey

Raimey O'Boyle, Vice President for Education

- Report taken as read, highlights

- Postgrad Research Officer class rep elections open
- Harryween + Hallows planning
- Enlight conference, any questions get in touch
- Class rep hoodies now available in SU Office

Izzy Tiernan, Vice-President for Welfare & Equality

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Went to Enlight conference in Bratislava
 - Palestine Statement - we support Palestine, we **condone** Hamas' actions
 - Video with HSE Roadshow
 - Mental Health Week, thanks Welfare Crew, went very well
 - Sexual Assault + Harrassment 2 day attendance training
 - Sensory room, issue with access, working with DSS

Ruairi O'Boyle, Convenor Of The College Of Arts, Social Sciences & Celtic Studies

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Meeting with Raimsey to discuss class rep issues
 - Weekly Exec meetings + last Comhairle
 - Academic Integrity + Academic Council
 - Study Space governing

Cameron Rose, Convenor Of The College Of Business, Public Policy & Law

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Academic Council
 - Ongoing issue with Shannon (refer to Dean's report)
 - EDI Campaign
 - Any suggestions, email Cameron

Joey Andrews, Convenor Of The College Of Science And Engineering

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Academic Council

Mary Tynan, Disability Rights Officer

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Spoke at Academic Integrity event
 - Hosted EGM for Disability Soc
 - Interview with Flirt FM

Molly Hickey, Environmental Awareness and Sustainability Officer

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Collab with Vegan Soc on potluck
 - Climate Crew meeting this Wednesday
 - Enlight conference
 - Climate strike

Sava Beekman, Gender and LGBT+ Rights Officer

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Attended and assisted with Diversity Week
 - Helped with Mental Health Week
 - Hosted 2 T-Spaces (transgender safe spaces) with Bród Soc

Julia Collins, International Students Officer

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Enlight conference
 - Helped with Mental Health Week
 - Attended Palestine discussion last Friday

Chris Stewart, Postgraduate Research Officer

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Post grad Research class rep elections
 - Attended Academic Integrity conference
 - Attended Palestine discussion last Friday
 - Selected to go to the ESU Board Meeting in Estonia
 - PWO protest
 - Survey for PHDs to fill out
 - Casework - lot of issues with visa processes at the moment

Fionn Sexton-Connolly, Postgraduate Taught Officer

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Postgrad coffee morning
 - Postgrad quiz
 - Postgrad council
 - Postgrad nights out
 - Attended climate strike
 - Worked on motion (later in comhairle)

Rachel Concannon, Societies Chairperson

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Attended Palestine protest
 - Briefly attended and supported PWO protest
 - Raise and Give meeting
 - Completed Evacuation Training
 - USCG meeting

Justin Kossel, Clubs' Captain

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Sports Unit meeting
 - Sports Ball planning

- Charities Cup prep
- Kingfisher storage planning
- Exec meetings

Comhairle votes to accept Officer Reports at 18:37

18:38 *Presentation from Enlight*

- Pamela Devins speaks, information on English
 - Courses - week long, small Erasmus grant
- Izzy speaks on Student Network Committee

18:51 *General Updates*

Dean Kenny talks on SU Updates

- Harryween
- Hallows
- Palestine discussion on Thursday
- HEA Survey closing
- Pink Training next month
- Free fee course withdrawal - October 31st
- Gael Seachtain
- Exam timetable - November 9th
- Final SUSI application - November 2nd

19:00 *Academic Council*

Dean Kenny explains Academic Council, 4 reps for each college

***No applicants for The College of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences, if interested please email Raimey**

ARTS

- Chloe, Fiona, Moses, Peter & Rachel Speak
- **ELECTED: Moses Mulindwa**

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

- Dhruv & Luke speak
- **ELECTED: Luke Black**

BUSINESS, PUBLIC POLICY AND LAW

- Aman, Jason, Sachin & Shaurya speak
- **ELECTED: Jason Conroy**

19:20 *Motion - PG Protest*

- Chris Stewart & Fionn Sexton-Connolly explain motion
 - Below minimum wage pay

- No worker's rights
 - No recognition
 - Wants to protest at the next Postgrads Open Day on November 7th
- No one speaks against
 - *Moses Mulindwa*, **MA Public Policy**: supports, important Postgrads get best conditions and better support
 - *Joey Andrews*, **Convenor of Science & Engineering**: supports, undergrads need to be informed of this for the future if they go on to do a postgrad
 - *Fionn Sexton-Connolly*, **Postgrad Taught Officer**: working with Chris & PHDs closely, postgrads need to be supported, they are the backbone of the university, people need to know about the conditions
 - **MOTION**: Passed unanimously

19:40 AOB

Assessment - Raimey

- Asks for the main form of assessments - have they changed?
- Have lecturers mentioned AI - in what way?
- Asks if attendees have used AI - how have they used it

Raise & Give - Dean

- Asks for events for Raise & Give
- Asks for bands/djs/acts
- Any other ideas

USI - Bryan O'Mahony, VP Education

- Introduces himself
- Representation, campaigns, national events
- General USI Updates

20:07 *End of Comhairle*