



Miontuairiscí (Minutes)
Comhairle Chomhaltas na Mac Léinn 26/2/2024
Time Begins: 18:04

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: *Vanessa Frimpong*, **Ethnic Minorities Officer**

18:08 *Officer Updates*

Dean Kenny, **Uachtarán**

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Rag Week
 - Seize The Awkward
 - Mural work ongoing
 - Carrying fail credit
 - Disposable cups reform
 - UMT - reduction of fees €100

Faye Ní Dhomhnaill, **Leas-Uachtarán Don Ghaeilge**

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Conradh
 - Seachtain na Gaeilge work

Raimey O'Boyle, **Vice-President for Education**

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Student survey work
 - Udaras Governing Authority meeting
 - Rag Week work
 - Skills passport work
 - SU surveys - started 2nd report
 - Academic integrity

Izzy Tiernan, **Vice-President for Welfare & Equality**

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - T-Fund launch

- Roderic O’Gorman talk
- #YesYes campaign work
- DrugCon
- Rag Week student safety watch
- Self-defence workshop

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

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Exec
 - Class council
 - School scheduling issues

Joey Andrews, **Convenor Of The College Of Science And Engineering**

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Kelly Moore meeting
 - Interview with Galway Bay FM

Vytaute Bujaviciute, **Convenor Of The College Of Business, Public Policy & Law**

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Casework
 - Mature students meeting

Katie Scrivener, **Convenor Of The College Of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences**

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Mentorship
 - Schwartz rounds

Chris Stewart, **Postgraduate Research Officer**

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Networking, social, meetings
 - 4 motions for USI congress
 - Standing meetings with HR regarding contracts

Fionn Sexton-Connolly, **Postgraduate Taught Officer**

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Rag week
 - King’s Inn meeting
 - High Court in postgrads
 - Buddy System
 - DrugCon

Mary Tynan, **Disability Rights Officer**

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Rag week

- EDI photoshoot
- Ongoing access issues

Molly Hickey, **Environmental Awareness and Sustainability Officer**

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Wasted Week
 - Climate topic with college
 - Recyclable runway work

Sava Beekman, **Gender and LGBT+ Rights Officer**

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - T-Space
 - T-Fund
 - Lesbian safe space set up

Julia Collins, **International Students Officer**

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Rag week
 - Freshers Fair

Rachel Concannon, **Societies Chairperson**

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - RAG week
 - Ongoing investigation regarding security - any issues please contact
 - Casework

Justin Kossel, **Clubs' Captain**

- Report taken as read, highlights
 - Passed motion at last comhairle
 - Attended accessibility for sports and spoke at panel
 - Sports Ball Work

Comhairle votes to accept Officer Reports at 18:24

18:27 General Updates

Dean Kenny talks on SU Updates

- Referendums for SU
- Upcoming elections
- March 8th referendum
- Rag week - €22,000 raised
- Survey - Student Voice survey next Monday
- Hubble price increase - get in contact
- Microwaves in IT department being removed

18:32 *Student Advisors*

- Reminder of service
- Expansion of services
- Why people go
- Contact details

18:38 *Library*

- New Library and Learning Commons
- Library history - 50 years old
- Advocacy to success
- Project Evolution
- New Building Alternative
- New location by Kingfisher
- Planned spaces - ground: welcome space, community engagement, expert support, individual study spaces, varied collaborative spaces, spaces for creativity, flexible teaching space, well-being space, collections, bookbot
- *Anastasia*, **Postgrad** - what's happening to Hardiman
 - James Hardiman will be handed over to Science & Engineering
- *Clarissa Fenton*, **Arts** - how accessible
 - 100% accessible, apart from collections space
- *Rachel Concannon*, **Societies Chairperson** - how many stories high, will there be individual rooms for final years
 - 4-6 stories higher, quieter as you go up, postgrad reading room, culture will evolve
- *Fionn Sexton Connolly*, **Postgrad Taught Officer** - will there be microwaves
 - In as a request, catering service to be on for longer
- *Faye Ní Dhomhnaill*, **Leas-Uachtarán Don Ghaeilge** - student:seat ratio improvement
 - Trinity is the best, we will be second best
- *Justin Kossel*, **Clubs' Captain** - Time extended?
 - Room up for extended hours, not sure yet
- *Daniel McGonigle*, **Postgrad** - capacity?
 - 2250 target, including collaborative seats
- *Fionn* - impact on construction for upcoming exams
 - No work over summer exams
- *Monica*, **Library** - focus groups on library services

19:01 *Motion - Climate Work*

- Izzy Tiernan explains motion
- To support students who are sex workers, Nordic Model is poor, National Women's Council support this, to take an anti-Nordic Model
- *Faye Ní Dhomhnaill*, **Leas-Uachtarán Don Ghaeilge** - supports, comes directly from sex workers
- **MOTION**: Passed and accepted

19:10 Motion - T-Fund

- Izzy Tiernan explains motion
- Mandates Welfare with Bród Soc to plan, implement and oversee a project to reinstate a sustainable T-Fund
- *Sava Beekman*, **Gender and LGBT+ Rights Officer** - supports, 'no-duh', looked through old emails (oldest from 2021), in works for so long, happy it's here, important to support trans students
- **MOTION:** Passed and accepted

19:17 AOB

Feedback on Reading Week - Raimey

- Did your college have a reading week in week 6 of this semester?
- If you didn't have a reading week, would you have preferred to have one?
- What did you use reading week for?
- Do you think reading weeks should become part of the academic calendar?
- Was the reading week useful? If it was, how so?
- What didn't you like about the reading week?
- Would you like to have a reading week even if it meant extending the academic calendar by a week?
- General comments on the topic of reading weeks

- Dean on referendum
- SU Elections
 - Socs and Clubs on different date
- Chris - more PGs needed