

Date & Time: 25/07/2022 @ 6:30 pm

Location: SU Office Boardroom/Zoom

Attending: Tahsin (Clubs Captain), Tom (Arts Convenor), Imogen (Welfare), Sai (Uachtarán), Joe (Education), Vickie (Societies Chairperson), Greta (Postgraduate Research Officer), Benjamin (Mature Students), Anne Marie (Ethnic Minorities), Barry (Gaeilge Leas-Uachtarán), Malena (Environmental and Sustainability), Seanie (Gaeilge Páirt-aimseartha), Rain (Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences Convenor), Michaela (Disability Rights)

Apologies: Julia (International), Jack (Science and Engineering Convenor), Holly (Business and Law Convenor), Connor (Gender and LGBT+)

- Officer Introductions
 - Sai introduced himself as president,
 - Imogen is welfare,
 - Joe is Education,
 - Barry is Gaeilge – Leas-Uachtarán
 - Tom is Arts convener
 - Tahsin is sports
 - Vickie is socs chair
 - Seanie is Gaeilge Páirt-aimsirthe
 - Greta is post grad research, joining from Missouri in 40 degree heat
 - Anne Marie is ethnic minoritis, speaks Gaeilge.
 - Malena is environment, joining using windows 7
 - Rain is CoMNHs Conveaner
 - Michaela is disability Rights
- Officer Updates
 - Sai: Reading weak, partnership agreement, medialinn transforming into student space (microwaves, non commercial)
 - Imogen: Consultant psychiatrist starting 7th of September, event organisers meeting, working through case work
 - Joe:
 1. Hoodies or half zips for class reps, held vote to decide: Hoodies 7 – Half zip 6, hoodies decided.
 2. Exec training: wants to start training for part times, examples professionalism, administration, learning about SUSI, emotional intelligence training.
 - i. Greta: suggests legal training.
 - ii. Anne Marie suggests domestic violence training and disclosures, also suggests online working and polling members, fundraising training.
 - iii. Michaela was in contact with previous disability officer was given a lot of guidance on the roll, other people could ask previous officers for help with role, works 3 days prefers the training online and recorded.
 - iv. Malena suggests funding training, how to fund campaigns, examples of good campaign, knowing what capacity we can act, legal advice e.g. how to run protests, disclosure training, first aid and first responder.
 - v. Joe says to email if anyone has any ideas.

3. College councils: Thinking of running them the week before the SU Councils, asks what days?
 - i. Anne Marie suggests Tuesday , Wednesday.
 - ii. Joe says conveners should get in contact about those.
 - iii. Raimi chairing Post grad.
 4. Reading week: will be one in second semester, options presented were 11 weeks of teaching and using the middle week as reading week instead of teaching (12 weeks in the semester total) or adding an extra week at the end of the semester and having 12 weeks of teaching with one week in the middle being used for reading week (13 weeks in semester total):
 - i. Imogen: 11 weeks of teaching
 - ii. Greta: 11 weeks
 - iii. Tom: Summer quite long, case for 12 weeks, 11 weeks
 - iv. Tahsin: 12 weeks, doesn't want to shorten the time of teaching coming from medicine perspective.
 - v. Michaela: feels Lectures aren't able to fully finish the curriculum, doesn't want lecturers giving assignments during study week, 11 weeks cause wants less to stud
 - vi. Rain: Seconds tashin. The lecturers still test the content even if they don't cover it. Cutting down would be same amount of material just crammed, 12 weeks better
 - vii. Malena: Question: how would it affect academic calender and student accommodation?
Joe says, the student accommodation would be covered reading week would be week of february 13th.
Malena: Might cost students more money, 12 weeks, international standards.
 - viii. Tahsin: wants to add what rain said, if they want to shorten content then 11 weeks, but if not 12 weeks.
 - ix. Seanie: 12 weeks of teaching, asked questions about wheather adding getting results on time and when results would be issued.
 - x. Michaela: wanted to also aske about when results would be affected.
 - xi. Benjamin: doesn't want 11 weeks to replace a week of teaching, would be a mess if you shortened
 - xii. Vickie: does not want to shorten teaching time, 12 weeks
 - xiii. Joe: consensus is 12 weeks, talk to university of about not knock on effects,
 5. Hybrid capacity in the board room, should be coming in soon
- Barry: Staring up role, setting up framework, meeting with people in council and city to develop our the stragiest, talked about sthe strategies with the union and the city and the university. Interviews with students for Gaeilge accommodation. Missing 'n' in Áras na Gaeilge. Writing up policies and making sure policies are fulfilled. Wants to contact everyone.

Part Timers:

- Anne Marie: discussed with Sai about cost of living, how can we as the students help students, bring national charity to set up pop up shops, met with charity to set up these shops for various events across the year. Working with national charity for the blind, link in with student of the university who is blind.
 1. Greta: Would love to assist with Anne Maire with NCBI initiative. Updating the graduate website with some information for revenue.
 2. Malena: Would like to work with Anne Marie on sustainability
 3. Michaela: Remembers the NUW clothes swap was run by one of the students, have an app, might help in some way
 4. Anne Marie: Will look into that, drive where people would donate clothing. NCBI save 2.5 million kgs of clothing going to landfill.
- Greta: Will be a representative on steering committee for Athena Swan, making sure NUIG is in line with those initiative.
- Malena: Trying to join all CUSP groups, part of main group on sustainability. Important for SU to be more involved in environment. Looking into vegan options on campus. Various groups looking for volunteers, wants to set up program for people to volunteer. Working on sustainability policy for the Students Union, No student's union policy anywhere else in the country or in USI. Green employers' day, talk to careers office about that. Eco breaks, society competition, plastic bottles to be used as building material, art competition for Eco breaks. other officers. Goal to put piece of art on every corner.
- Michaela: Hospital in Galway has the dots on the floor, dotted system implemented around campus.
- Sai: ON the foot-pathing committee, will bring it up
- Malena; Sustainability working group, integrate the working group into the form
Vote: All voted in favour, passed.
- Tashin: Met with director mr mike,
 1. prominent issue was lack of attendance and lack of committee, people only came up when they wanted money, proposal of club governance, submitting reports on running of club, e.g. committee members and budget having to be submitted to governance committee before term starts, three strike system, first strike 5% funding withdrawal,.
 2. Setting up SCAG to help run clubs, membership will be: 2 extreme sport, 2 indoor, 2 outdoor, 2 team, 2 scholarships. Take it more seriously, will help clubs captain, more transparency on decision making.
 3. Working on rebranding, what types of jerseys clubs want.
 4. Setting up new club: UG get active, be new club to get an introductory session of each sport for first semester, second semester wants plans for some type of competition, basic level. Wanted to help international students, make sports for all.
- Seanie: looked into to previous policy and see what needs to be implemented, e.g. living wage policy for all student workers.

- Vikkie: Met with head of socsbox, discussed events, looking for members of USCG. Met with previous officer, talked them about inclusivity week, SU would run that.

- Orientation

- Joe: Post grad research orientation video done last week,
 1. Organising orientation for international and post grads:
 - i. Malena: When would that be?
 - ii. Joe: 15th of august – end of august.
 - iii. Malena: very busy for start, keeping it close to start of semester.
 - iv. Greta: agrees with Malena on timing near start of semester, struggled to find accommodation, raising concern about emergency tax to make sure people are aware of the that information and what tax they are paying .
 - v. Micheala: wonderful idea, Asked question about recording lectures.
 - vi. Sai: will get to that in A.O.B
 - vii. Rain: Good idea to get to know people, international students could easily get overwhelmed with a lot of things happing, things not to extravagant.
 - viii. Malena: Intro Galway session, a tour of Galway to get to know the city, talks about walking the wrong way to Aldi as an example
 - ix. Benjamin: Echo sentiments, many concerns are administration, low pressure engagement information about how to find help etc.
 - x. Michaela: Highlight tutorials that library give, help a lot
 - xi. Sai: Anything else?
 - xii. Joe: has document prepared of events, will share after the meeting, throw Ideas into the documents
 2. Imogen: Rioghna from student services taking the lead on festivals, campus wide thing, asked for ideas on workshops and events that could be run.
 - i. Sai: Making sure dates don't conflict, making sure there are less online.
 3. Joe: International undergraduate, international office want event ideas, asking for suggestions.
 4. Benjamin: Any plans for re-orientation?
 - i. Sai: Fáilte fest on September 7th, Socs and Clubs have 2 days. Walking tours. Colleges are doing deans welcome

- Finance Committee Election

- Sai: Governing committee of the SU, looking into budget, (format)
- Listed out the candidates.

Finance Committee Candidates:

- Tom Forde
 - Looking into the accounts of the previous year, saw fall-throughs of areas of lockers, push for increase in CÉIM funding looking at what can be done with funding if SU pulls out of USI, surplus last year was much tighter. Tightening expenditure.
- Joe Mee
 - Last year there weren't 2 members from exec, looked up constitution and found that there was supposed to be 2 members so got 2 members from exec to be elected this year, looked at accounts and found 867 thousand resting in account for reserves, increase money for part timers, proposed €100 per month for part timers, looking into living wage for employees.
- Imogen O'Flaherty Falconer
 - Wants to have a welfare perspective. Important to have voice on committee to look at it from there.
- Vickie Popoola
 - Experience with societies, good at budgeting, important that students have money for projects.

Questions: None asked.

Vote:

- Joe 7
- Imogen 6
- Tom 5
- Vickie 3

Joe and Imogen are elected

- Suggestions/AOB
 - Recordings of lectures:
 1. Joe: Met with president, to make sure that recordings are available for DSS students.
 - i. Michaela: That's wonderful
- Other agenda items:
 - Partnership agreement and equality officer being pushed to next meeting, next Tuesday.

Ended at 8:12pm