



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes 23.03.2020

Present (online via MS Teams): Clare Austick (She/Her) President, Cameron Keighron (They/Them) VP Education, Brandon Walsh (He/Him) VP Welfare & Equality, Pádraic Toomey (He/Him) Clubs' Captain, Scott Green (Them/Them) Council Chairperson, Alex Coughlan (They/Them) Disability Rights' Officer, Martin Smyth (He/Him) Convenor for the College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies, Kenny Cooke (He/Him) Convenor for the College of Science, Oissine Moore (He/Him) Societies Chairperson, Sachi Sinha (She/Her) Convenor for the College of Engineering and Informatics, Erin Mac An tSaoir (He/Him) Oifigeach na Gaeilge

1. Previous Minutes

Proposed by Kenny and seconded by Martin.

2. Updates

University Closure

The closure of the university has been extended to the 19th of April as directed by the Government.

Accommodation

Students have been asked to return home if they have the option to do so. Those who cannot return home will be supported and accommodated in on-campus student accommodation. Those students who have gone home will get their money back for the period they are not living in the rooms.

Nurses

Student nurses on placement will be paid. It's a positive step in the right direction. Beginning of a campaign to get placements paid all year round and not just under these unprecedented circumstances.

Exams and Assignments

Online learning has officially commenced this week. The University are trying to be as flexible as possible with assessments and planning for upcoming exams. They will likely take the form of essays, timed exams through Blackboard, MCQ's and presentations. Students with disabilities, caring responsibilities and those without a laptop or poor internet connection have been taken into consideration. If any issues arise students should email

their lecturers. Autumn exams will not be capped. Students will also be allowed to carry up to 10 credits over into the following semester.

Student care teams

Progress is being made on the setting up of student care teams in collaboration with the Chaplaincy and Counselling Service.

Clubs Ball

Clubs Ball has been postponed. Tickets will be refunded as soon as possible. More information to follow.

3. A.O.B

- A FAQ will be put together by the University
- Social Media – Everyone can put up posts if they want to maintain communication and engagement with students.
- Congress, Crossover ceremony, SU Council will be postponed. Unsure what the structure/format these events will take place but are looking at different options.
- Freeze the Four - 4% rent increase in on campus student accommodation continues. Coronavirus takes priority and helping individual students who email us with different issues. Noted that on April 22nd next Údarás is meeting, should have an update then.

Next meeting: Monday 30th March at 6pm via MS Teams.