



NUIGSU Exec Meeting Agenda

Date: 28/10/20

Time: 5pm

Location: Zoom link

Agenda

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Minutes

Present: Pádraic, Kirsty, Seb, Aoife, Emma, Mairtín, Trish, Maeve

Apologies: Róisín, Michelle, Erin, Evan, Claire

Minutes:

Last week's approved by: Kirsty Moran

Seconded by: Emma Sweeney

Seb:

- ✓ Sent off multiple FOI requests

Aoife:

- ✓ Replying to many student emails.
- ✓ A lot of worries about accommodation, working with Róisín.
- ✓ Working on Xmas Exam Result Dates.

Kirsty:

- ✓ Attended Sports Unit Check-in yesterday.
- ✓ Attended SSI Student Commission Brainstorming yesterday.
- ✓ Attended Socialising Safely Forum today.
- ✓ NUIG Sport Online classes started. Yoga and boot-camps. Online free resource available to all students via zoom.
- ✓ Kingfisher issue not yet resolved awaiting meeting with Kingfisher staff and Michelle Miller.

Trish:

- ✓ Lots of progress a lot more to improve. Lots of student problems have been resolved.
- ✓ Reoccurring issue of students with an overload of work, some resolved but many not.
- ✓ Library situation, students going in with a mask on and taking it off in there, stewards don't know the protocol.
- ✓ Difficulties for those with Pa's on booking it says its booked out while no seats were actually taken.

- ✓ Students changing seats every 4hrs due to booking system. Not practical for those working hard.
- ✓ Requested meeting with John Cox.
- ✓ Bookings situation is ineffective.
- ✓ Contacted Anne Kelly for protocol.
- ✓ Distressing for students, those in poor situations not using it now.
- ✓ They have forgotten about those with disabilities when opening the library. Needs to be accommodating for PA's and disability wasn't done and is now being done as an afterthought.
- ✓ People's names down for the wrong seats. Stewards haven't been informed enough about the system.
- ✓ Lack of clarity 1 steward need to be in a room on your own, 1 steward with a doctor's note is fine.
- ✓ Sanitising has improved. Have changed small containers in a few areas to big containers in each area students are sitting.
- ✓ Currently organising restarting the disability clinic, Invitation to be part of the disability group with USI.
- ✓ Lots of emails and calls with students, lots of time meeting students in distress.

Erin response – Rooms across the campus not being used should be made as study spaces to be utilised for all students particularly those with medical issues.

- ✓ . When college opened staff won't come near the college.
- ✓ Not helping students who can't manage technology.
- ✓ Emailing Emma about issues with PA's.

Padraic's response - we have been promised 2 groups of 50 can student in the Bailey Allen, haven't received a straight answer from University/Buildings.

- ✓ Issues of getting a library seat. Students staying up until 00:00 to try get a seat. 3 days in advance is not effective. Would prefer to change the bookings opening at 12pm the day before so students aren't staying up all night and also more likely to not show up.
- ✓ Cancellation link is easily accessible. If you cancel does the seat come up free? Clarification on that from library staff. Emma contacting them.

Erin:

- ✓ Chairperson of committee of Irish looking for people to submit their input on Irish.
- ✓ Government disgrace. 3rd level language policy needed.
- ✓ Students get involved Gaeilge for All.
- ✓ Changing the college name. Bilingual college but NUI Galway is the name and the signs everywhere. Proposing OE Gaillimh with NUI Galway in small writing underneath.
- ✓ Impeding people's ability to get involved. Needs to be addressed.
- ✓ New grammar tool for schools not in Irish until 2023. Irish being treated as a second and not as a main.
- ✓ Officially more than a month since the last "monthly" meeting and not acceptable.

Padraic's response - Raise with marketing prior to Uduas. Erin why aren't advertising courses in Irish and those about Irish.

Seb's response – NUIGSU change to Irish version to start the push on that campaign.

Emma's response - Incorporate more Irish into social media posts and weekly roundups.

- ✓ meeting Cumann Gaeileach – cross community strategy.

Maeve:

- ✓ Library so many empty seats. People panicking and booking sessions at midnight and only going to a few.
- ✓ Booked in for a meeting with Societies to make plans for things going forward.
- ✓ Galway Pride have just elected a new committee.
- ✓ Looking for different resources for making plans.

Martin

- ✓ Graduations students not happy.
- ✓ Issues with library reiterated.
- ✓ Attended academic council yesterday.

Seb's Question – Academic Council

Padraic's response – code of conduct can only be changed with Academic Council Approval. We get SU officer sets on it along with some class reps. SU can add topics to the agenda if we wish by emailing before the due date. It is important we are in attendance for changes to the code of conduct.

Emma's response – big decisions made at academic council standing prior to academic council.

Seb's response – Respect is stated as a core value of the university while the pay issue of post grads remains.

Erin's response - other universities use basic Irish at the start of lectures – A chara, Dia dhuit, etc. Get people thinking and speaking, simple Irish words make such a difference.

Emma:

- ✓ All class reps have been informed, training Mon –Thurs, first academic council the following Monday.
- ✓ Lots of complaints regarding overworked, overwhelmed students.
- ✓ SUSI issues.
- ✓ Attended Academic council yesterday.
- ✓ Attended Uduras today.
- ✓ Student Socialising safely meeting today.
- ✓ Emails about graduation released today.
- ✓ N Light Programme – universities linked together, able study without travelling 4th Nov webinar for those interesting in learning more about that. Similar to Erasmus.

Padraic:

- ✓ Charity challenge organisation.
- ✓ Event crew meeting.

- ✓ Hump Day Hoolie 2.
- ✓ Fitness classes Monday.
- ✓ Events crew want to get a chef in to run classes for students.
- ✓ Commercial services meeting to keep them going.
- ✓ Sustainability – new advisory board.
- ✓ Yesterday academic council.
- ✓ Today – Uduras.
- ✓ Repeats plan – meeting UMT and need to gather big issues and solutions and bring them forward to them. Will discuss further next week and make a presentation. Meeting 17th December.
- ✓ Fitness class 1830 tonight.
- ✓ Work on promoting the positive while solving the negative.

Additional Points:

- ✓ Erin – final year class reps for Irish.
- ✓ Emma – commerce and Irish also doesn't have reps posting on social media.

Updates from Michelle delivered by Padraic -

- ✓ Mature students' clinic Tuesday –Thursday.
- ✓ No international officer currently so assisting until we get one.
- ✓ Final officer elections in November. Anyone who is interested to contact Joanna.

From message from Michelle Mitchell, which she wished to be included:

“SU Mature Students Officer report:

1. Continuation of engagement with mature students via email and phone.
2. Mature student clinic is now up and running twice-weekly Tuesdays and Thursdays and this has been uploaded to the newsletter sent out by Joanna.
3. As we still dont have an international officer, I have advised a group of international Masters students who stay at dunaras that I will be visiting there on Saturday for 2-hours if anybody has any questions, queries or issues. The idea is that I will sit in my car and a student will come to my car while keeping the mandatory distances in order for me to answer the questions that they might have. I have told them that if I don't have an answer I will go and find out for them and come back to them. As I have not been approached by students in corrib village or any of the other student accommodation, I will only work with those in dunaras. Obviously if there is a request I will make myself available for them as well. Until we are able to engage an international officer I will continue to do this.”