


# University of Limerick Students' Union Non-Sabbatical Officer Reports to Council

Academic Year	2016/2017
Date	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 – for 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct
	Week 8 Semester 1
Position:	Equal Opportunities Chairperson
Name:	Liam Gleeson
Profile Picture:	
<p><b>INTRODUCTION TO MY ROLE</b></p> <p>Hey! My name is Liam Gleeson. I am the Equal Opportunities Chairperson for this year! The role of the Equal Opportunities Interest Group is to ensure each student in UL is treated with respect and dignity, and has the same opportunities available to them, despite their race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, and everything in between. The Equal Opportunities Committee is comprised of 6 members- Ciara Kelleher (Equal Opportunities Councillor), Mary Ellen O'Keefe (Mature Student Councillor), James O'Connor (Disabilities Councillor), Aoife O'Brien (Home International Councillor), and Franceska Lütje (Visiting International Councillor).</p>	
<p><b>UPDATES SINCE LAST COUNCIL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting with minority groups from UL, to discuss issues being encountered, and events for Equality Week.</li> <li>- Attempting to organise SafeTalk training for UL students. (Thank you to Liz Gabbett for her help with this)</li> <li>- Currently in contact with the Counselling Department to discuss support services for students who are helping friends with mental health issues.</li> <li>- Mary-Ellen O'Keefe is looking into parking rates on campus. (some people are reportedly paying €12 per day to park on campus.)</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ciara Kelleher is travelling to NUIG with Welfare Officer and Out in UL, to gather more information on Gender Neutral Bathrooms. (TBC @ TOR)</li> <li>- Francesca is looking at the 'Buddy System' for International students. It seems Irish students are not willing to get involved in this initiative.</li> </ul>	
<b>MEETINGS ATTENDED</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exec Meetings- Weeks 7&amp;8 (Total: 3 Hours)</li> </ul>	<b>Hours put in since last week</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contact with counselling service (1 hour)</li> </ul>
<b>OTHER ACTIVITIES</b>	<p>The student enterprise fund is accelerating quite rapidly- Launch date is provisionally scheduled for the end of November. Dr Briga Hynes will meet with SU President Sarah Dunphy and myself in week 8 to discuss the progress of the project and put a plan in place for the launch.</p> <p>Time committed (in the past two weeks): 4 Hours</p>
<b>GIFTS RECEIVED</b>	N/A
<b>EXPENSES CLAIMED</b>	N/A
<b>PLANS FOR NEXT COUNCIL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Report back on meeting with marginalized groups in UL.</li> <li>- Ciara Kelleher to report back on meeting in NUIG.</li> <li>- Updates from contact with counselling service.</li> </ul>

Signed by the Officer:

Submitted on (date): 18/10/16

Verified by a member of the Executive/ Oversight Committee: