



Meeting: Student Council Meeting Minutes
Date: Tuesday 11th of October 2016
Week: 6
Venue: Library Boardroom
Time: 18:00 pm

Apologies: Amy Mckenzie – PSU President, Rebecca Sarsfied – Education, Brendan McAuliffe Hickey – Nursing & Midwifery, Karen Goltz – IWA
Absent: Kelly Tyner - Law

1	Standing orders read out by Council Chairperson Council elected a deputy chairperson – Liam Gleeson – Equal Opps Chairperson	Joe
2	Minutes week 4 Sept 27th 2016. Amendments submitted by Oisin Taylor Blakely, Volunteering Rep prior the meeting. Proposed by – Declan Mills Seconded by – Oisin Taylor Blakely	Joe
3	Proposal to attend Student protest in Dublin 19th Oct USI and other colleges have issued an invitation to UL to attend a demonstration in Dublin next Wednesday 19 th of October to protest for an increase in Government Funding of Third Level Education. The demonstration is called 'Education Is'. Students from all over Ireland and other organisations will be present. We are organising a bus that will leave at 8am from the Library Drop-Off area. You can sign up at the ULSU Reception and pay a €5 refundable deposit. Proposed: Joe Kearney – PPA Dept Rep, Faculty Officer Seconded: Sean Hanley – Clinical Therapies Rep All in Favour	Sarah
4	Student Medical Centre – update 4 th Oct - ULSU Exec emailed SA Director Bernadette Walsh to raise concerns about the location of the Medical Centre reception area directly outside the counselling and chaplaincy meeting rooms. Students waiting to be seen by the medical centre receptionist must queue out on the narrow corridor. A counsellor bringing a student from the counselling waiting area must squeeze past the waiting students. This is unacceptable for our most vulnerable students. The students need their anonymity protected when taking the first steps getting help for anxiety and depression. ULSU Exec asked that SA director relocate the medical centre reception area back to the original location opposite the medical centre waiting room. 7 th Oct – UL medical centre and counselling service personnel met to discuss the queuing situation. The medical centre reception is to be reconfigured to allow students queue inside the reception area and therefore not block the corridor.	Sarah

	<p>ULSU Sabbats will monitor the situation and endeavour to make sure students attending counselling will be appropriately looked after.</p>	
5.1	<p>Student Centre Development</p> <p>The project has been split into 6 lots: architects, quantity surveyor, landscape architect, Consultants have been shortlisted to 8 for each lot. They are currently preparing their tender proposal that will be assessed in early Nov for awarding decision.</p>	Sarah/Martin
5.2	<p>Library Development</p> <p>Library construction is underway. Currently the building committee is making a decision on which robotic book sorting will be installed. There are 2 options. Dematic & Metalux.</p>	Sarah & Donal
6	<p>8th Amendment Workshop Update</p> <p>An email has been sent to all class reps inviting them to attend. The invite was extended to all council members.</p> <p>Chris Collins – UL Experience rep is liaising with the Politics and PA Dept lecturers to be the group chairpersons</p> <p>Joe Curtin – Council Chairperson is liaising with Law Dept Lecturer Eimear Spain to provide information on the constitution and legal cases that have taken place relating to article 40.3</p> <p>Work is ongoing.</p>	Chris Joe
7	<p>UGM agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1° Minutes 2° Matters arising from the minutes 3° Motions and Resolutions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) SU requested to install microwave in Health Science Building 4° Current Union finances <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) Proposed Budget for 2016-2017 5° Review of Sabbatical Officer's wages (Autumn Semester) <p>Propose to keep the current policy of minimum wage plus €1 for 44hrs per week for 53 weeks i.e. €9.15 + €1.00 - 44hrs per week, 53 weeks for term of office, €23669.80 gross wage per sabbat</p> 6° Constitution and Policy Review from Council (Autumn Semester) <p>ULSU Charity Week Policy</p> 7° Executive Officer's Reports and Questions 8° Item for discussion <p>Student Centre & Sport Facilities Update Library Building Update</p> 9° Any Other Business <p>Proposed: Declan Mills, PSU Rep Seconded: James Liston, Recreation Chairperson Unanimously passed</p> <p>All council strongly encourages to attend. Reminder email to be sent to class reps. Ai. Liz</p>	Joe
8	<p>Update from President</p> <p>Oisín Taylor Blakely raised the point that the presidents report was exactly the same</p>	Donal

	as week 4. DDM Liz Gabbett apologised as it was probably her mistake in uploading the wrong file.	
8	<p><i>UL President Update</i></p> <p>Working on Launch of UL Student Entrepreneur Competition with Liam Gleeson and Briga Hynes of KBS for November</p> <p>Submitting and article for Campus.ie</p> <p>Process for selection of new President of UL- completed- successful outcome – Prof Desmond Fitzgerald, formerly UCD. Taking office 1st May.</p> <p>Fresher’s Week – emailed Bus Éireann issue regarding no services on campus</p> <p>Attending all meeting making sure students are the focus and the priority- ongoing always!</p>	Joe Sarah
8.1	<p>Pink Training.</p> <p>Out in UL President, Sean Lynch, asked Sarah to see if UL students could get access to USI Pink Training.</p> <p>Members of Council who had some background info on Pink Training gave their opinion. After some discussion Sarah will do research into options of ULSU running LGBTQ training in Limerick or cost for a couple of students to attend USI Pink Training this year.</p>	
8	<p>ULSU Academic</p> <p>Working on whether parchments should state the students grade awarded or not?</p> <p>Have set up a meeting with Edmond Magner regarding serious concerns for general entry courses in Sci&Eng and other faculties and the impact on students not getting their course of choice going into 2nd yr.</p> <p>Similar concerns exist for AHSS and the new Joint Arts programme between UL and MI</p>	Donal
9	<p>ULSU Welfare</p> <p>Campaigns:</p> <p>Week 6 - Shag week</p> <p>Week – Equality week / working with the feminist society</p> <p>Week – De-stress week / working with Donal</p> <hr/> <p>Shag Week is underway. Sex quiz on Tues, PORN party Wednesday, Consent survey throughout week</p> <hr/> <p>HIV clinic Out in UL</p>	Caolan
11	<p>PSU Update</p> <p>AGM Meeting will be held week 7?</p>	DECLAN
12	<p>UL Experience</p> <p>8th Amendment Workshop – see above</p> <p>North campus – microwaves, price of food, opening hours</p> <p>OctoberFest- non- alcoholic events for students who don’t drink as well as the ones who would rather not drink. Suggested building to host these events-</p> <p>Millstream Sober events – student services councillor Siobhan Byrne – Monday</p>	Chris

	<p>17th & 24th 8pm in the Millstream</p> <p>Student Survey</p> <p>Co-op survey – Joe Brown</p> <p>UL Experience Facebook group– live, please add</p>	
13	<p>Recreation</p> <p>Committee complete – <i>Praise the lord.</i></p> <p>UL’s strongest student challenge.</p> <p>Possible political debate involving Young Parties on campus.</p> <p>Charity Week event.</p> <p>Re-define the roles of the Recreation Committee.</p>	James
14	<p>UL Equal Opps</p> <p>Facebook Page set up for committee</p> <p>Equality Week- Have a meeting with advisors from minority groups in UL (out in UL, Fem Soc etc.) organised for week 8 in ULSU</p> <p>Discussion and implementation of events for Equality Week</p> <p>Gender Neutral Bathrooms- Equal Opportunities Councillor and Disability Councillor getting involved with this.</p> <p>Working on Launch of Entrepreneur Competition with SU president Sarah Dunphy and Briga Hynes of KBS for November</p>	Liam
15	<p>C&S – setting up appraisal meetings for C&S</p>	Seamus
16	<p>Faculty Officer</p> <p>Joe Kearney proposed to meet with each faculty Department Reps at separate meetings to find out what is going on and what support they need. Started with KBS after the Council meeting.</p> <p>KBS Faculty meeting is taking place on Wed afternoon. Donal, Sean and Joe plan to attend.</p>	Joe
17	<p>Students Union Operational Budget 2016-2017</p> <p>Presented by Martin Ryan.</p> <p>Proposed: Oisin Taylor Blakely, Volunteering Rep</p> <p>Secoded: Liam Gleeson, Equal Opps Chairperson</p> <p>Budget passed unanimously</p>	Martin
18	<p>Electoral Referendum Board Council Member –</p> <p>Tariq El Masri, School of Engineering Rep - nominated. No objection raise</p> <p>Executive Oversight</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ryan Jennings 2. Sean Fitzgerald 3. Christian Tan 4. Oisin Taylor Blakely 5. Siobhan Byrne <p>On reserve - Ben Dunne</p>	Liz
19	<p>Department Reps – updates</p> <p>Tariq El Masri, School of Engineering Rep – preparing a proposal on changing how Maths is taught to engineering students. Engineer Maths lecturers for engineering students. More Tutorials are needed as they are far more effective.</p>	

	<p>Elizabeth Small – Accounting and Finance KBS Rep Currently provides peer support to students struggling with accountancy. Wants to see a formal learning support centre for students.</p> <p>Joe Kearney – Politics & Public Admin 4th yr issue with lack of notes for a particular course. Joe, Padraic Conneally and Donal to meet with Niall Robinson on Monday 17th at 10am to discuss.</p>	
	<p>Brussels The trip was a success but not for the Brexit discussion. It was very beneficial to meet with other students' union sabbats and share information.</p>	<p>Sarah Caolan</p>

