



**Meeting:** Student Council Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September

**Week:** 4

**Venue:** JSwift B1023

**Time:** 18:00

**Apologies:** Ciaran O'Sullivan, Sociology Rep.

Ronan Buckley, Home International Councillor

Emily Jean O'Connell, Community Councillor

A quick introduction from newly appointed Chairperson Eileen Condon who welcomed UL President Dr. Fitzgerald, ULSU General Manager Martin Ryan, and also extended a warm welcome to the new Student Council.

This was followed by a brief introduction from Jack Shelly SU President, Roberta Harrington SU Welfare Officer and Conor Hussey SU Academic Officer and fellow members of Student Executive; Claire O'Brien (Equal Opps); Nicole Ryan (Recreation) and Maoiliosa Lydon (Experience).

The council was then addressed by UL President, Dr. Des Fitzgerald who covered such topics as:

- His first 4 months...
- Volunteer hours (22,000 hours in 2016)
- Student Engagement is an area of focus with the change in the UL VP title to Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Engagement
- There is a future role in development for supporting International Students
- Healthy Campus remains a focus with Ruth Maher currently reviewing what is available on campus
- In process of looking at how to become a Health Promotion University by reviewing the following areas on our campus
  - Sexual and Mental Health
  - Nutrition
  - Assessing need for a Health Promotion Officer
  - Green Campus
- Gender Neutral Bathrooms approved by UL Exec in Wk. 3
- Investment made in Wi-Fi with rollout plan starting in main building
- Developing a smoke free campus and explaining that over 1000 Universities in the states have successfully rolled this out. Trinity and UCC to follow us on this initiative.
- This is voluntary and will not be enforced. The initiative is to promote healthy choices on campus and to support all students and staff to give up smoking. The vendors on campus have agreed to no longer sell tobacco and the University will be delegating non-smoking areas which will be communicated all students and staff through the communications department in the coming weeks.

Dr. Fitzgerald finished by asking if there were any questions to which the following queries were posed by individual Council members

Q1. Will the use of e-cigarettes be permitted on campus as they are used as a tool to give up smoking?

A1. Dr.Fitzgerald confirmed that e-cigarettes contain nicotine and therefore treated in the same way as cigarettes.

Q2. What is the time frame for rollout of a smoke free campus?

A2. January 2018 there will be clear designated areas

- Dr. Fitzgerald also discussed new plans to develop the campus further by extending to the city i.e. Law and Architecture but this is still only in planning /development phase. Dr. Fitzgerald said we need to be proactive in our planning as the numbers of students are increasing and we are already experiencing challenges around parking and exiting the campus and would look into creating a bus corridor to the city, is currently reviewing security on the cycle path and looking into isolation on campus i.e. North Campus.

No	Items	Responsible for AI
<b>Matters Arising</b>		
1	<p><b>ULSU Budget 2017</b>  Proposer: Kenneth Conlon (Modern Languages Rep)  Seconder: Kathryn Adams (History Rep)  No-one abstained</p> <p>Martin Ryan asked for an item to be put on the next agenda.  Do we want to continue having a paper version of an Focal?</p> <p>Martin was asked what the ULSU Strategic Plan was?  He confirmed a summary of the plan will be provided for the next council meeting to aid in Councils understanding of the objectives and progress in the last 12 months.</p>	<p>Gillian/Liz to include on next agenda.</p> <p>Martin Ryan</p>
2	<p><b>ULSU Advisory Committee – Approval of External members Daire Cronin and Michael Gallagher.</b>  Proposer: Nicole Ryan (Recreation)  Seconder: Elizabeth Small (Accounting &amp; Finance)  No-one abstained</p>	
3	<p><b>Approval of Calendar for the coming year</b>  Proposer: Stephen Mullins (Activities Councillor)  Seconder: Shannon Lowe (Student Services Councillor)  No-one abstained</p>	

4	<p><b>Update from Executive.</b></p> <p>Each sabbatical officer updated the council on projects/areas they have been working on since their appointment.</p> <p><b>SU President:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Centre</li> <li>• UL App</li> <li>• Weekly Workshops</li> <li>• Wi-Fi</li> <li>• Accommodation</li> </ul> <p><b>SU Academic:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> year repeats</li> <li>• NSTEP</li> <li>• Closing the loop</li> </ul> <p><b>SU Welfare:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drugs Awareness Campaign</li> <li>• Mental Health Week (events)</li> <li>• Student Death Protocol</li> <li>• Pride Day in conjunction with Northern Trust and Out in UL</li> <li>• UMASS Twinning Project</li> <li>• Student Engagement</li> <li>• Health and Wellbeing</li> <li>• STI Clinics</li> <li>• Gender Neutral Bathrooms</li> </ul>	
5	<p><b>USI March - #Educational 4<sup>th</sup> October. Should ULSU attend</b></p> <p>Contact Mary I &amp; UCD to see if they are attending</p> <p>All council agreed to hold a protest on UL Campus on the 4<sup>th</sup></p> <p>Information will be sent out to confirm details</p>	<p>Jack Shelley</p> <p>Jack Shelley</p>
6	<p><b>Election of Faculty Reps</b></p> <p>Kathryn Adams - AHSS</p> <p>Tariq ElMasri – S&amp;E</p> <p>Emma O’Meara - KBS</p> <p>Kathryn Adams appointed to role of Faculty Officer on Exec</p>	

7	<p><b>Electoral Referendum Board – Council Members</b></p> <p><i>ERB members</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conor Hussey (Academic)</li> <li>• Nicole Ryan (Recreation)</li> <li>• Leo McKenna (Clubs and Societies)</li> </ul> <p>Liz confirmed there was a vacant position.</p> <p>Hustings between Ciaran O’Donovan, Croistoir Hasty and Kenneth Conlon. A vote took place and Kenneth Conlon won and was appointed as 4<sup>th</sup> member to the ERB.</p>	
8	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><i>Questions from the Council SU President:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When will library extension be completed? March 2018</li> <li>2. Any update on student parking? No update</li> <li>3. Can we get an email to notify when events are held on campus as?</li> <li>4. Do students get notified around noise pollution in library? ITD have sent out an email and their website alternative rooms available.</li> </ol> <p>Jack pointed out he had not received any complaints but will circulate an email with all the above information</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Queries re shortage of printers was addressed as Chairperson Eilish Condon informed the floor that all labs have printing facilities.</li> <li>6. Sulis not user friendly on phone browser</li> </ol> <p>Tariq ElMasri (School of Engineering) suggested Adare to Survive for Council “bonding” initiative.</p> <p>Liz Gabbett announced NStep training starting with the S&amp;E Faculty in WK5</p>	<p>Jack to enquire and revert</p> <p>Jack to enquire and revert</p> <p>Jack</p> <p>Jack to discuss with app developer.</p>

**Duration: 90 minutes**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October @ 6pm**