



University of Limerick Students' Union Sabbatical Officer Reports to Council

Academic Year	2017/2018
Date:	29/3/18
Position:	Academic Officer
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Profile Picture:	A small portrait of a young man with dark hair, wearing a dark sweater over a collared shirt, smiling.
Introduction To Report and Updates Since Last Council Hi everyone! I've a few quick updates for you. The student choice awards are fast approaching. https://ulsu.ie/newsroom/post/news/10789 Please get your nominations in before the close of nominations which is Friday the 6 th of April at 5 pm. If more nominations don't come in then we may have to cancel the student choice awards. UMass Boston student reps had their visit to Ireland and to UL in week 8. They had a fantastic time. We are still working together on a joint health and wellbeing innovative. More updates on this to follow. UMass found our elections fascinating and there are definitely areas where both of our institutes can improve moving into the future and hopefully this is the first year of many of the twinning project. Aimme, the PSU president, brought a proposal to the last academic council in relation to research students and the role of their supervisor. The proposal was centred on the fact that the majority of researches get adequate supervision from their supervisor but there are also a considerable amount of students who do not. For the students who do not there currently isn't a 'advocate' type of a roll where they can voice their concerns too about their supervisor. Long story short Aimee received a lot of support from members of academic council and the graduate studies department in UL are going to	

look into the matter and come back with a report. This is promising and could even develop into a system where **students doing an FYP who might have issues with their supervisor** can voice their opinions to a neutral person (advocate) and get their issue sorted. I'll keep you updated.

I'm still waiting for the VPAR to reinstate the **Academic Calendar Planning and Implementation Committee**. The vice president academic and registrar's title is being changed slightly to vice president academic and student engagement. A new person, Kerstin Mel, is actually in the first day of her role today. I will have to liaise with Kerstin in relation to ACPIIC and from this investigate the possibility of allowing 4th year students who sit a repeat examination to graduate with the rest of their class.

I am working on a proposal to bring to academic council in relation to the **manner in which examination results are displayed**. The next academic council is on the 16th of May. Updates to follow after that.

S.U. Finances

See budget presentation for council.

Budget Expenditure

See budget presentation for council.

Short Term Objectives and Update

- Set up committee to investigate the possibility of 4th year students who pass repeat exams graduating with the rest of their class. ✓✓
- Regarding the above; the committee that has been established is known as the Academic Calendar Planning and Implementation Committee. I now need to make a proposal to that committee based to investigate the possibility of 4th year students who pass repeat exams graduating with the rest of their class.
- Investigate if the results of components of a module can be shown alongside the final result of a module. I now have to bring a proposal to academic council on the 16th of May.
- Attend all meeting representing the student voice as best as possible + monitor emails vigilantly + make myself available for student appointments/visits.

Long Term Objectives and Update

- Amend the repeats/graduation process so 4th year students who fail an exam still have the possibility of graduating with the rest of their class.
- Ensure roll out of NStEP programme – assist class reps as best as possible + encourage buy in from university – increase student engagement
- For sabbatical officers to become more visible on campus – familiarity

Meetings Attended

Student Executive

Academic Regulations Committee

Academic Programme Regulations Committee

EHS Faculty Board

Met with INMO rep and student nurses and midwives

Met with Library Officials along with Jack and Roberta.

Met with UMass Student Reps

Met with Business Studies course director and BBS student reps

Academic Council

GIFTS RECEIVED (R.R.P of over €50)

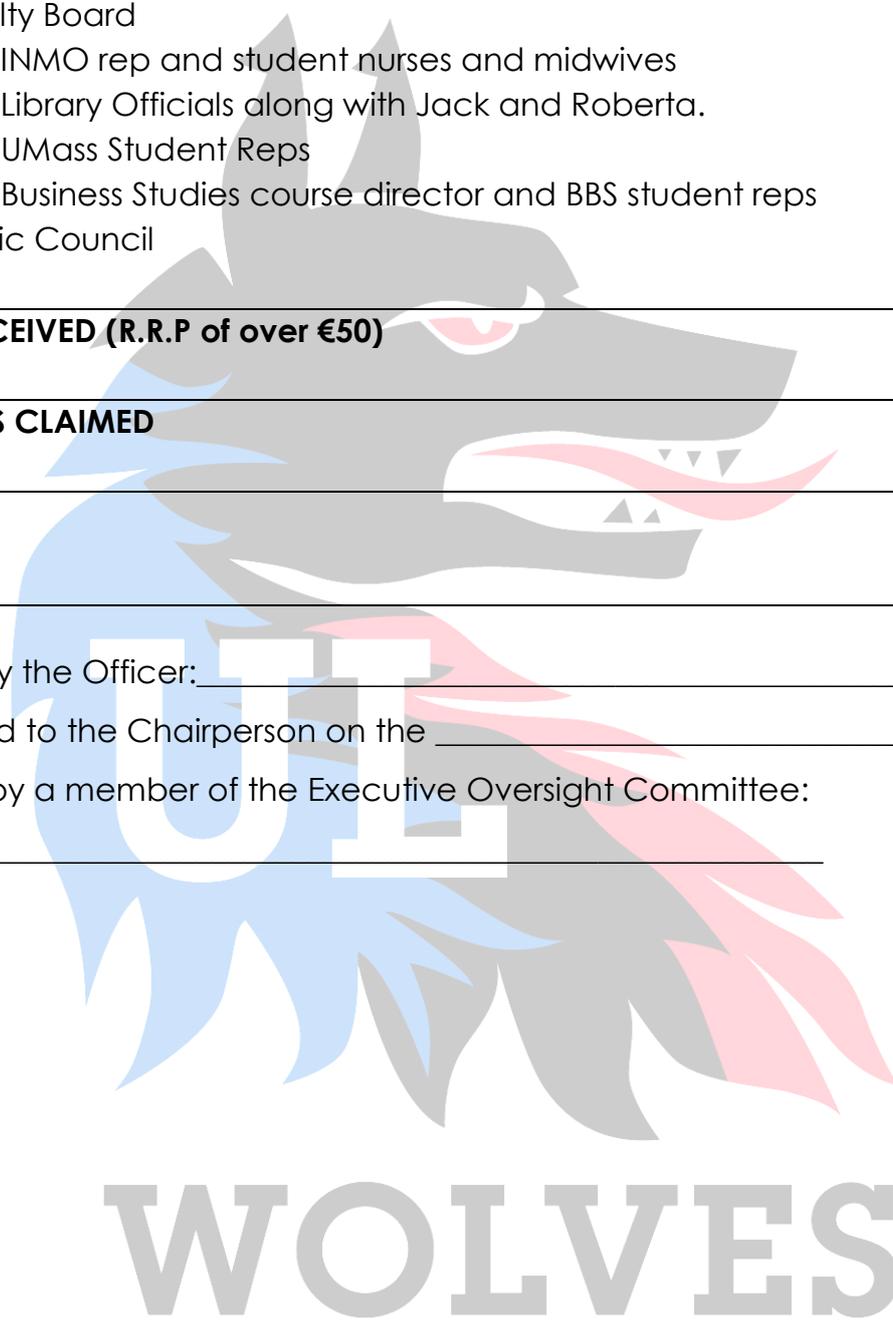
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EXPENSES CLAIMED**AOB**

Signed by the Officer: _____

Submitted to the Chairperson on the _____

Verified by a member of the Executive Oversight Committee:



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