



UNIVERSITY of LIMERICK STUDENTS' UNION

Minutes

	Meeting : ULSU Student Council Date : 21 st November Venue : J Swift B1023 Time : 6pm		
	Apologies: Aaron; Shannon; Barnabé; Jack, Bob, Conor, Martin, Gillian		
	Standing orders and minutes week 10, 7th October, 2017 Proposer : Amy Secunder: Jay		3min
	Matters Arising	Action Item	
1	Election of EHS Faculty Rep. Cian Quirke is elected as EHS Faculty Rep.		
1.2	Library There are 98 new seats in the Library. Council members and class reps attended a meeting today to see samples of the new Library furniture. Plans to have an extra floor on top of the building. Building is expected to open in March 2018. Students advised to email Liz if they would like to arrange to see samples of new furniture before the end of the week		
2	Update from Executive Reports Claire O Brien updated Council on C&S & Disability. The template letter to be ready for recruitment drive semester 2.		

	<p>AICUR – All Ireland Conference of Undergraduate Research (AICUR) Semester 2, Week 10 – 5th April in KBS</p> <p>Kathryn informed Council about the conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research to be presented in either 5 or 10 minute slots. • Informal setting <p>The Faculty Members that will attend are;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eoin Deveraux (Sociology) 2. John Heneghan (Accounting & Finance) 3. Diarmuid Scully (AHSS). <p>Roberto Mazza; Mairead Breathnach; Carmen Cooling</p> <p>Council suggested using Facebook & Snapchat to generate student interest.</p>	
3	<p>ULSU Quality Review Proposal – Vote</p> <p>Proposer : Kathryn</p> <p>Seconder: Ciarán</p> <p>Vote in Favour - passed unanimously</p>	

4	<p>Update from UL NStEP Working Group</p> <p>NStEP Training has gone very well. Positive feedback. First Working Group meeting took place on Monday. Focussing on setting up Policy & Procedures for Faculty meetings. Gap Analysis suggested by Quality Unit.</p> <p>The members listened and were interested in what the student Reps were saying.</p> <p>Present:</p> <p>Pat Phelan – VPA & Student Engagement - Chairperson David Fleming - AHSS Assistant Dean Ross Anderson – Associate Registrar Jennifer McMahon – EHS Assistant Dean Fiona Farr – T&L Head David Tanner – Sci & Eng Assistant Dean Kim O’Mahony – Quality Unit Emma O’Meara – KBS Faculty Rep – Student Eilish Condon – Midwifery Class rep and EHS Faculty Rep (Deputising) – Student Kevin Finn – Biology Dept Rep – Sci&Eng Rep (Deputising) – Student Kathryn Adams – AHSS Faculty Rep – Student Deirdre Murphy – Student Engagement Retention Officer Liz Gabbett – ULSU Democracy Development Manager</p> <p>Dept. Reps work for the SU. Senior Reps on the Ground represent the Class Reps. They also liaise with HOD’s, who in turn liaise with Faculty Deans. When Reps are invited to attend meetings they should attend. Programme is built on partnership & trust.</p> <p>HEA is funding the programme.</p> <p>Notes on meeting to be circulated to department reps - Liz</p>	
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5	<p>An Focal</p> <p>Liz put An Focal Editor job Facebook post on screen.</p> <p>Law Dept Rep – Criostoir Hasty - spoke to Council about An Focal & made the following points;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving the paper to a monthly issue is a bad idea because it's not current. • An Focal won a National Student Media Award in 2016. • SU should invest money for editing software to improve editing process. Currently using Journalism facilities & is time consuming. • Bad idea to move to an online version because it is time consuming and unable to update on a regular basis. • Editor was not consulted in the decision making process. • Physical paper can be part of Journalism student portfolio. • Previous editors were not asked to distribute the paper. • Don Barry enjoyed reading the paper. <p>Council Members responded with the following points;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Focal is not being scrapped. Important to move online like other college news outlets. • An Focal serves students, not UL Staff. • Not enough Journalism students are submitting articles • Paper is often used as coffee coaster in Red Raisins. • Fortnightly fee of €900 to print is too expensive. Money could be better used. • Online version would be available to students on on campus and off campus • Content needs to be current, interesting & high quality. • Needs to be advertised more & include issue number & date. • Online allows for separate articles to be promoted 	
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6	<p>Executive Review – election of exec oversight Committee – Request for 5 Council members</p> <p>Executive Reports are a review of the work done by Exec. The Reports compile facts about Exec actions. Liz requested that 5 students read the Reports to ensure that the content is correct. The following members agreed to join the oversight committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Tariq El MASri 2 Steven 3 Cian Quirke 4 Mary-Ellen 5. Niamh Tubridy 	
7	<p>STI Clinic</p> <p>Good student attendance at the event. Eilish thanked Bob for organising it. Also thanks to Ameer for assisting Wolfie on the day.</p> <p>Negatives: Bad location. Every participant used the same bathroom.</p> <p>HIV Rapid Testing Clinic is taking place on 30th November starting at 10.00am.</p>	
8	<p>Racism Statement</p> <p>A few students were racially abused during the Sean Kingston Gig. Also a white supremacist poster was found on campus recently. Anyone who experiences or witnesses racial abuse should call it out report incident to the Gardaí, Union or University</p>	
9	<p>I Grade</p> <p>Liz informed the members that there is a change to the procedure in the I grade process. There are 3 different circumstances where a student may apply for an I Grade;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Bereavement 2 Illness 3 Mental Health <p>The following procedure applies;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) If a student attends their own GP the doctor needs to complete the new External Medical Form. b) Students arrange an appointment with the UL Medical Centre. c) Students complete the online application for I Grade. 	<p>Queries raised by students:</p> <p>What is the procedure if someone gets ill during their exam – physical or mental distress – and cannot complete the exam?</p> <p>Can students be told when they will get confirmation if they are granted an I-grade?</p> <p>What circumstances are covered for bereavement I grades?</p>

10	UL Code of Conduct Video of Conor Hussey explaining the university's disciplinary process was played on screen.	
11	AOB Thomond Park is an option for the Grad Ball 2018. Taking place on the same weekend as the Electric Picnic. KBS Ball took place in Thomond Park & was a huge success. Catering was excellent. A Blood Donation is taking place in EGO-10 on Thursday 23 rd Nov.	