



University of Limerick Students' Union Sabbatical Officer Reports to Council

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Introduction To Report and Updates Since Last Council <p>Hi everyone! Since the last council meeting I've attended different meetings and events. I'll give a quick rundown of some of the important happenings from these meetings and events below.</p> <p>Student Discipline Process: Jack, Sean, Olwen and I from the SU attended a training session in relation to the student discipline process. We got a full run down of the process, how it works and we also interacted with the people who oversee the process. We investigated the code of conduct and we met the University Advocate, John Kinsella. If a student breaks the code of conduct it is either considered 'minor' or 'major' and they are invited to go and see the University's advocate. 99 times out of a 100 the student will reach a 'voluntary agreement' with the advocate. This agreement could be a fine, an apology, academic probation, suspension, delayed graduation etc. Every now and then the student and the advocate do not come to an agreement and the student then has to go before a discipline committee, this does not happen often. Jack and I sit on the discipline committee along with two other members of nominated academic staff. The most important thing I took from the day is for students to be aware of the code of conduct; just be aware of exactly what you can/cannot do. Most of it is common sense but it's better to be safe than sorry. The most important thing I took is for students' to be fully aware of the academic regulations especially around exam time. A simple breach of academic regulations (I know all about this) regardless of intent and you will more than likely be up in front of the advocate. Don't stress about this too much, it's just good to be informed.</p>	

4th Year Repeats – I have drafted up a proposal to be put before Academic Regulations Committee to investigate the possibility of 4th year students sitting a repeat examination and still graduating with the rest of their class.

I've liaised with the National Learning Network and Threshold in relation to student issues. I've been in contact with the Student Health Centre in relation to the I-Grade process and the change that has an implication for students.

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.**
- 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 **NS^TEP** 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 Since Last Council

Social Media Training

Leadership Training

University Teacher Education Board (UTEB)

ULSU Management Committee

Student Discipline Process

Student Executive

Staff Meeting

Met with Vice President Academic & Registrar about specific student case(s)

Met with Head of Department about specific student case

Met with UL Students who pitched their start-up business, 'Dare2Share', to Jack, Roberta, Adele and I.

EHS Faculty Board Meeting

GIFTS RECEIVED (R.R.P of over €50)

N/A

EXPENSES CLAIMED

AOB

Signed by the Officer: *Conor Hussey*

Submitted to the Chairperson on the _____

Verified by a member of the Executive Oversight Committee:
