



University of Limerick Students' Union Sabbatical Officer Reports to Council

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Position:	Welfare Officer
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Introduction To Report and Updates Since Last Council	
<p><u>Mental Health Week</u> took place last from 9th-13th October. A massive thank you to all council members that supported the week. Being honest, I am very happy with how the week went - the interaction with students and the content of the week. A wide range of talks/events took place which looked at maintaining positive mental health as well as helping/supporting those with mental illness. There has been great feedback from students but please do give any constructive feedback you deem necessary in order to learn from the week and build on it in the future.</p> <p>I'd really appreciate any input so feel free to email me on suwelfare@ul.ie</p> <p><u>LIDL bus</u> – The LIDL bus was postponed this week due to the college being closed. The service will run from next Monday evening and we will ensure to track numbers using the service. It is important we do this in order for LIDL to continue the service in to the future. Please make all departments/interest groups aware of the service.</p> <p><u>Awarding of accommodation scholarship</u> – a 100% scholarship was offered to a student and I am delighted to say that it has been accepted. The student is very deserving of this award and she will move in next week.</p>	
S.U. Finances	
Twinning project return flights	

Budget Expenditure

Yoga Instructor 50 euro

Short Term Objectives and Update

- **UMASS twinning project** – Jack, Gillian and I had a conference call with UMASS on Wednesday 18th October. It was very successful and a very length iternary has been organised in order for us to gain as much knowledge as possible during our stay in Boston. Each sabbat did out a report for our twinning colleagues in order for them to grasp where we were at with our 2 identified goals. This can be circulated if necessary.
- **Health and Wellbeing**: Meeting with Olwen next week regarding events for distress week. I will not be here for the most part of week 12 therefore the events may be pushed to week 13. We will look at both options.
- **Childrens Christmas Party**: We have begun organising same. The university may be adding to the event to make it bigger and better than before.

Long Term Objectives and Update

- **Student Engagement/Familiarity of Sabbats by students**: Travelling SU will begin next Wednesday. Students will be given free soup in the hope of more student engagement. We will each be taking turns going out during the week. We have also decided to do soup in front of the library during study week providing a nice service for students. 30 seconds with the sabbats to restart or an equivalent. Sabbats attended open days and interacted with prospective students.
- **Consent Workshops**: We are meeting with university deans and reps to discuss the roll out of SMART consent workshops for students. This meeting is taking place on Thursday October 26th.
- **Gender neutral bathrooms on campus** – We are meeting with VPA Pat Phelan this coming Monday and will be asking for a timeline on the gender neutral bathrooms. Once this timeline is received we will update you accordingly.
- **Mental Health Programme** – GROW and ULSU have now completed three weeks of the programme. The programme will finish next Thursday 26th October and each participant will be awarded their certificate.
- **STI Clinics** – contact made with Bernadette Walsh. She has been in contact with the HSE as is awaiting an update.
- **Operation Transformation** – we will be meeting with director of strategic planning regarding operation transformation next Monday and we will be able to update you at council on this meeting.

Meetings Attended (With External Bodies / Of Note)

Meeting with counselling department.

UMASS conference call.

Union General Meeting

Orientation review working group

ULFM

GIFTS RECEIVED (R.R.P of over €50)

EXPENSES CLAIMED

AOB

Sponsorship received from LIDL for Rosanna Davison cookery demonstration ingredients.

Signed by the Officer: *Roberta Harrington*

Submitted to the Chairperson on the *19/10/2017*

Verified by a member of the Executive Oversight Committee:

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