



# University of Limerick Students' Union Sabbatical Officer Reports to Council

Academic Year	2017/2018
Date:	20/10/17
Position:	Academic Officer
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Profile Picture:	A portrait of a young man with dark hair, wearing a dark blue sweater over a light blue collared shirt, smiling slightly.
<b>Introduction To Report and Updates Since Last Council</b> 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.  Recording Lectures, Labs and Tutorials Meeting: This is a sub committee of Academic Regulations Committee that is tasked with investigating the recording (audio) of lectures, labs and tutorials. Currently there is no policy in place for staff or students in relation to the matter. Questions I'd like you to consider would be <b>(1) Would you like the university to provide recordings of lectures, labs and tutorials as opposed to leaving it up to individual students? (2) Is there any disadvantages or negatives for the student if students/university record lectures labs or tutorials?</b>  BOI Enablement Fund: Jack might run through this, if he doesn't I will.  Health and Wellbeing Summit: I attended the health and wellbeing summit in the Aviva in Dublin and took some very useful information away that I can pass onto students if they suffer from anxiety/panic attacks especially during exam time.  Orientation Review Committee: Sat on the orientation review committee with Jack and Roberta. The possibility of a longer orientation (either in week 0 or week 1) will begin to be investigated. Jack, Roberta and I mentioned modules we'd like to see all 1 <sup>st</sup> year undertaking. This was discussed at the meeting and is also being investigated.	

In addition to this I've liaised with UMass Boston again with Jack and Roberta and gave an update on the twinning project. I've attended the UL open days. I've met with writers from An Focal. I've responded to student queries and investigated specific student issues that bit further when needed.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> year students who fail an exam still have the possibility of graduating with the rest of their class.
- Ensure roll out of **NSfEP** 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**

Orientation Review Meeting  
Student Executive  
Health and Wellbeing Summit  
ULSU Staff Meeting  
Recording Lectures, Labs and Tutorials  
BOI Enablement Fund  
Union General Meeting

**GIFTS RECEIVED (R.R.P of over €50)**

N/A

**EXPENSES CLAIMED**

n/a

**AOB**

Signed by the Officer: Conor Hussey

Submitted to the Chairperson on the \_\_\_\_\_

Verified by a member of the Executive Oversight Committee:

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