

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

Academic Year	2016/2017
Date	27 <sup>th</sup> January 2017
	Week 2 Semester 2
Position:	Equal Opportunities Chairperson
Name:	Liam Gleeson
Profile Picture:	

## **INTRODUCTION TO MY ROLE**

Hey! My name is Liam Gleeson. I am the Equal Opportunities Chairperson for this year! The role of the Equal Opportunities Interest Group is to ensure each student in UL is treated with respect and dignity, and has the same opportunities available to them, despite their race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, and everything in between. The Equal Opportunities Committee is comprised of 6 members- Ciara Kelleher (Equal Opportunities Councillor), Mary Ellen O'Keefe (Mature Student Councillor), Aoife O'Brien (Home International Councillor), Franceska Lütje (Visiting International Councillor) and the Disability Councillor position (currently vacant).

## **UPDATES SINCE LAST COUNCIL (or since you have been elected)**

- Mental health leaflet being designed in semester 1 in conjunction with the Counselling Service is complete and ready for printing. Leaflet will be printed in advance of Mental Health Week.
- Myself and Sarah have met with Briga Hynes in relation to the Student Enterprise Fund. Unfortunately, this initiative has been pushed back. However, all is not lost- Myself and Sarah Dunphy will meet in week 2 semester 2 to salvage the work we have put into developing this initiative. All is not lost!

More updates to come on this.

-Franceska and I are meeting this week to discuss organising another mixer for Irish and International students, following the success of 'Speed M8ing' in semester 1.

-I have met with Martin Ryan (Manager ULSU) to discuss the issue of Bus Éireann's stoppage of service on campus during peak times of the semester (Freshers Week and Charity Week for example). We are currently looking at options to safely get students off campus and into town, following events on campus, and also ensure the safety of students who are studying on campus and need to get home during these peak times.

-The recruitment process for MnM's is currently underway- Job advertisements should be up on ULSU Facebook page as of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January (Not posted at time of report).

-I have emailed Paul Lee in relation to disability access to Clubs and Societies. Currently, People with disabilities or medical conditions must provide a letter from the Doctor, stating that they are fit to take part in that Club/Soc. However, these letters are quite specific, which hinders some people's ability to part-take in various clubs/socs. I have not yet received a response from Paul.

<b>MEETINGS ATTENDED</b>	<b>Hours put in since last week</b>
-Meeting with Briga Hynes in relation to the Student Enterprise Fund.	1
-Meeting with Martin Ryan in relation to bussing students off campus during Charity Week	1
<b>OTHER ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>GIFTS RECEIVED</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>EXPENSES CLAIMED</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>PLANS FOR NEXT COUNCIL</b>	Further updates to be given on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Bus service for charity week</li><li>- Student Enterprise Fund</li><li>- Disability Access to Clubs/Socs</li><li>- Irish/International mixer</li></ul>

Signed by the Officer:

Submitted on (date):

Verified by a member of the Executive/ Oversight Committee: