



Meeting: Student Council Meeting
Date: Tuesday 31st of January 2017
Week: 2
Venue: Library Boardroom
Time: 18:00
Apologies: Ben Dunne, Siobhan Byrne, Tariq El Masri, Sean Hanley, Eoin O’Keeffe, Joe Kearney, Amy McKenzie – PSU President, Joe Curtin.
Absent: Ciara Kelleher, Romain Fachero

A quick Introduction and welcoming of all of Student Council. Agenda and minutes read out.

A	A minute’s silence was held for Lisa Niland, 2 nd yr Business and Accounting Student, may she rest in peace.	Liam
B	Sean Bailey-Whyte introduces himself to council as ULSU Student Information and Support Coordinator. The council welcome Paddy Reddin – DDM Coop Student; Maoilíosa Lydon – Modern Languages Dep Rep; Sarah Jane Allen – Recreation Groups Rep. The council thanked: Fay Langley; Orlaith Fitzgerald; Sean Duffy; Sorcha Lyne, Aine Kennedy, James OConnor. The council also thanks them for their contribution.	Liam & Sarah
1	Minutes-week 11 2016- Proposed by Oisín Taylor Blakely. Seconded by James Liston. Minutes passed.	Liam
2	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donal gives update on UL Parchment situation – Will give presentation to Sci & Eng board on Wed. 8th Feb in attempt to give students the option to buy UL Parchment Degree w/o grade specification. Liz and Sarah will also attend meeting and present to board. <i>Concern from KBS Rep, Sean Fitzgerald about what happens if Sci & Eng don’t agree:</i> • Student Fees, Income Contingency Loans. Letter to Taoiseach. Letter from Students – Chris Collins. Protest went well, Donal and Caolan delivered letter to Taoiseach. • Chris & James Response from SU Council – attendance Attendance – good for first protest, poor in perspective – 100/14,000 students. Need to work together more for events. • Sean Fitz – Dept reps to submit suggestions of what they should be doing Doing a lot to accomplish problems, but doing very little when problems are not there. Work is being done but role of council needs to be changed for more action. James Liston – Recreation Chairperson suggests that Dept. Reps should make up a proposal and present to council of requested changes. <p>ACTION ITEM – Dept reps to email suggestions of what Dept</p>	Liam

	<p>reps should be working on – email to Patrick.reddin@ul.ie Caolan O’Donnell – Welfare Officer suggests communication with class reps to discover problems, use suggestions to influence/implement changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender Neutral Bathroom across campus – Caolan & Sarah Caolan & Sarah have met Vice Presidents Office – in favour. Proposal brought to Paul McCutcheon – Waiting to hear back. Caolan & Sarah will help to pick out suitable bathrooms. 	
3	<p>Update from SU President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HEA Letter – Requesting UL representation – posted Maria Byrne replied – Will bring to Fiona O’Loughlin – Chairperson of HEA. • Community Liaison Committee meeting Littering still a problem – Castletroy blackspot status Residents praise Union and M&Ms for their work. Be alert for burglaries – take precaution • Governing Authority update – Don & Paul’s retirement (invite to present certs to council members) • Report from meeting with incoming UL president, Des Fitzgerald Met as part of Governing Authority, good relationship so far, will start May 1st • University of Sanctuary. – The diversity that having refugees and asylum seekers as part of our student population – Does Council approve ULSU participation? Refugee week will be run depending on Sanctuary status. <i>Concerns:</i> Does “Sanctuary” status mean protection not integration? In Favour – 24 MAJORITY Opposed – 1 Abstained – None • Ireland 2040 Plan – request from Stephen Kinsella. Government request to get students opinion on: Cities as Engines of Growth; Regional Development; Rural Development; Environmental/Climate Action; Infrastructure, both social and strategic; Our capacity to Implement. – Does Council approve ULSU participation? Governments request students’ opinion on cities as engines of growth – talk w/Minister Simon Coveney on Fri 10th March. Joseph Brown LM119: Is this an open workshop to any students who want to participate? All In Favour None Opposed None Abstained Passed. • New Student Centre and Sports Facilities – presentation. Invite to all students. Thursday 9th Feb, J – Swift, 6pm. Presentation on what was learned from ACUI trip Refreshments will be provided. • ISI online survey wk 2/3/4. €1 goes to Student Hardship fund for each participant. 	Sarah

	<p>Critical Incident Plan – Request to Council – “ULSU Student Council ask that UL publish the University Critical Incident Plan, including the revised Student Death Protocol. ULSU students are extremely concerned that work on the UL Critical Incident report started in 2013/2014 and has not yet been finalised. The plan needs to be communicated to all UL staff so the know what support they should offer students and where to get help. Certain faculties don’t know what to do. Liam reads Sarah’s letter.</p> <p>All in Favour None Opposed None Abstained</p>	
5	<p>Welfare Officer – update Sensible Drug Policy Trying to contact Tim Bingham – Attending meeting at 9:30am Thursday. Will bring policy to council on Tuesday wk 4. Lanyards will be attained detailing information on drugs. <i>Concern:</i> Have you been working with the UL counselling service regarding the drugs policy?</p> <p>Campaigns for Semester 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug and Alcohol Abuse (Week 3) Ultimate challenge will take place on Thurs Feb 9th with all proceeds going to Charity Week fund. Outdoor cinema will take place on Tues Feb 6th. Consent Workshop will take place on Tues and Wed €1000 worth of prizes to winners. • Mental Health Week(Week 8) In talks to hold event with Pieta House similar to “Darkness into Light” Breathalysers will be in use on the Wednesday morning. • Destress Week(Week 13) 	Caolan
6	<p>Update of Faculty officer and Dep reps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SU Presentation to AHSS faculty – Presented by Sarah and Liz • Reading Lists – AHSS will provide them where possible • Tri-Faculty Ball – 15th Feb Strand Hotel. Tickets €50 	Donal & Sarah

7	<p>Update from Academic Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See matters arising • Parchment & Sci & Eng Faculty Meeting 8th Feb – Donal • Exam Results and queries from students Donal can help with QCA calculation Grade Rechecks – Ask your lecturers <i>Concern:</i> Is 4th year still doubled weighted even though credits still remain the same? • National Student Engagement Programme – accredited training for student reps 2017-2018. – Accepted Trains Student Reps and is offered to all Student Reps Increases status of Student Reps. • Possibility of changing time of repeats to allow people to graduate with their class. Possibility of allowing 4th year students to repeat D1s and D2s. Time of repeat exams would be earlier. Possibility of Mid – Term in October for graduations – UL come back 1 week earlier. <i>Concern:</i> Will exam repeats be earlier in August for all students or just 4th years? KBS, Mgmt & Marketing - Jean Langford suggests that it would not be a bad idea for a Mid – Term. KBS, Acc - Elizabeth Small – Suggests shortening December – January Break. AHSS, CC - Lorna Horgan – Mid Term Break favourable. Equal Opps, Intl Rep - Francesca Luetje – Earlier start less attractive to International Students. 	Donal
8	<p>Update from Interest Groups: Equal Opps, UL Experience and Recreation Groups Ultimate – Thursday Week 3. PCC Fund, Ultimate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UL Experience – No Update • Equal Opps – Lost Disability, James O’Connor – New Officer to be elected Friday Possibility of another Speed M8ing event for International and Irish students Disability Access for clubs and societies – Creation of standardised doctor’s letter for people with disabilities. • Recreation – Ultimate Challenge 	Seamus, Edmund
9	<p>Clubs and Societies Recruitment Drive – Thursday 2nd Foundation Building. 4-8pm. Clubs and Societies considering recruiting 3rd staff member from May to October due to extra funding.</p>	
10	<p>Charity Week</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cliona’s Foundation 2. St. Gabriels School 3. Mid-west Spina Bifida 4. Focus Ireland <p>Focus on collecting for Charities – Council members to be the leaders at events.</p>	Liam

	Rough outline for the week: Sunday – County Colours; Monday Stables Christy Moore tribute; Tuesday Courtyard games; Wednesday – DJ; Thursday – BAND??? Friday International night. Council Members will be asked to actively help at events throughout the week.	
11	PSU - Apologies sent. Upcoming PSU Ball 17 th Feb in Pavillion and PSU AGM, ULSU & PSU MOU – Week 4/6	Liz
12	Executive Officer Review – Feedback from Exec Oversight. All reports have been signed and are available on the ULSU website	Liz
13	AGM Date – Feb 22nd, Week 5 All in favour None Opposed None Abstained	Liz
14	<p>AOB</p> <p>a) E-mail Spam – Concern over the amount of e-mails sent from the Regional writing centre. Concern over disengagement amongst students Chris argues that average student checks e-mails for 5 minutes per week. James Liston suggests that a weekly e-mail be sent. Jean Langford suggests that e-mails be sent to mainly 1st years and International students as they can benefit more from these services. Sarah asked Dept Reps to review the emails and get a number on the emails sent from the support centres.</p> <p>b) Lack of Support for Erasmus Students – Concern over the support being provided by the International Office to returning Erasmus students. There is a breakdown in communication between students and Erasmus office. Confusing between attendances in UL and sitting exams abroad. Donal suggests listening to Erasmus Co-ordinator rather than Erasmus Office. Jean Langford suggests providing an emergency line to Erasmus students. ACTION ITEM: Home Intl Rep, Aoife O’Brien, to look into this and get clarification</p> <p>c) Election workshop in SG17 on Wednesday 1st Feb</p> <p>d) Safetalk on Tues 7th Feb 5:15 – 9pm</p> <p>e) STI Screenings – Free STI screenings in EGO-10 on Thurs Feb 2nd</p> <p>f) Buses for Charity Week – Olwen looking to pair with Nightclub regarding buses.</p> <p>g) M&Ms – Share M&Ms post on Facebook to increase recruitment.</p>	<p>Oisín Taylor Blakely</p> <p>Mary Ellen O’Keefe</p> <p>Liz</p> <p>Caolan</p> <p>Liam</p>