



Meeting: Student Council Agenda

Date: Tuesday 28th of March 2017

Week: 10

Venue: DG016 – Jean Monnet

Time: 18:00 pm

Apologies:

Absent:

1	Standing orders and minutes Minutes week 8 14th of March 2017.	Liam Gleeson
2	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department Reps – role description & proposed projects • Gender Neutral Bathroom across campus UPDATE – Caolan & Sarah • Parchment proposal – SAs Nuala Cullimore waiting on ARC meeting minutes 	Liam Gleeson
3	<p>Welfare Officer – update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Week – review • Gender Neutral bathrooms – see above • ERB duties 	Caolan
4	<p>Update from Interest Groups: Equal Opps, Policy – Equality policy, see appendices. UL Experience – Letter campaign update, River Bank Cleanup 19th March 10am and Recreation Groups - Soccer Tournament and Egg hunt UL Experience – Cycle against suicide – Council members are encouraged to take part.</p>	Liam, James, Caolan
5	<p>Update from SU President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catering contract – microwaves, price and opening hours - WIP • ISSE response –no update. • HEA letter to senators – new approach • Critical Incident Report & Student Death Protocol. – SBW to followup • Student Centre Meeting – report back • Library extension - update • UL Sport strategic plan • Wk 12 – Don and Paul – gift from Council to Don and Paul – WIP • First Year event – Advice from council and when would be a good time of the year. 	Sarah
7	<p>Update of Faculty officer and Dep reps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replies from Student Department reps for defining their roles and responsibilities. 	Joe Kearney

8	<p>Update from Academic Officer</p> <p>1. Student Choice Award – how and when, who is on the jury – need volunteers https://ulsu.ie/representation/governance#studentschoiceaward</p> <p>2. ITD workshop - will be upgrading the IT facilities in a selection of General Teaching Spaces over the summer. an outline of work done to date will be presented, upgrade plans will be discussed and feedback welcomed. – Donal attending</p>	Donal
10	Clubs and Societies	Seamus, Edmund
11	<p>PSU – ULSU and PSU Memorandum of Understanding Election</p>	Declan
12	<p>Referendum – Lead Students: Joe Kearney; Ryan Jennings and Patrick Conneally</p> <p>We the undersigned support that ULSU will actively support the campaign for a United Ireland –</p> <p>ULSU has sought advice from UL Law Department lecturer, Jennifer Schweppe, who took into consideration both pieces of previous legal advice. She advised modifying the wording to ask students' opinion without impacting on ULSU aims and objectives. The proposed wording has been accepted by the original proposers. Motion to call a referendum "Should ULSU support the aim of a united Ireland", Proposed date 4th April 2017.</p>	Liz, Joe
13	<p>Elections 2017-2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sabbats • Exec • Student Council 	Liz

Appendices

ULSU Equality Policy, 2017

The Union Notes:

- [University of Limerick Equality and Diversity Policy](#)
- [Equality Act 2004](#)
- The diverse nature of the campus community

The Union Believes:

- That every student; regardless of gender, marital or family status, sexual orientation, religious belief, age, disability, socio-economic background, race or membership of the Traveller community, deserve to be treated equally in the application for Higher Education and at the University of Limerick.
- All members of the campus community deserve to be treated equally and with respect.
- That nobody should be unfairly discriminated against on the basis of gender, marital or family status, sexual orientation, religious belief, age, disability, race, or membership of the Traveller community, or any other grounds to be determined at the discretion of the executive.
- All Union and University systems, processes and services, including, but not limited to, repeat examinations, I-grades and appeals, should be available to all eligible students, without favour or bias being shown to any particular individual or group of individuals.

The Union Resolves:

- To actively work towards and encourage a working, learning & living environment in which all members of the campus community are treated with dignity and respect.
- To act as a first point of contact through the ULSU Equal Opportunities Chairperson and/or the ULSU Equal Opportunities Councillor for any student who feels that they have been subjected to discrimination.
- To require the ULSU Equal Opportunities Chairperson to approach the relevant bodies in a situation where it is determined by Student Executive that discrimination is occurring, with a view to resolving the issues. Where the ULSU Equal Opportunities Chairperson is not available, the Welfare Officer shall act in their place.
- To require the ULSU Equal Opportunities Chairperson to act as an intermediary in a situation where a student feels that they are being subjected to discrimination and wish to raise the matter with a mediator present. Where the ULSU Equal Opportunities Chairperson is not available, the Welfare Officer shall act in their place.

- To work to further the aims of the University's Equality and Diversity Policy, led by the ULSU Equal Opportunities Councillor.
- That in a situation where a decision must be taken between two or more individuals or groups, the decision must be taken purely on the factual information available to the student Executive at the time of the decision.
- That any groups or bodies whose actions are in contravention of the Union Equality Policy would be referred by the Union to the UL Disciplinary Board.
- That any material deemed to be in contravention of the Union's Equality Policy should be removed from the campus, once it has been established that the ULSU Communications and Marketing Coordinator has not given express permission for the material to be on campus.

Passed by ULSU Student Council 2016- 2017

Chairperson _____

Date _____