

UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK STUDENTS' UNION General Meeting DRAFT Minutes



Meeting : Union General Meeting	
Date : Wednesday Week4 17th Feb 2016	
Venue : KBG12	
Time : 6pm	
Quorum : 148 Met (100)	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meetings: Minutes of previous quorate meeting proposed by Clodagh O'Brien 4<sup>th</sup> year LM050 seconded by Michelle O'Brien 4<sup>th</sup> year LM050</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Presentation of audited accounts : presented: see appendices 1</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<p><b>Article 5.5</b> Current                      The result of a referendum will take priority over any existing union policy on the same issue and the constitution will be amended according to the motion put forward. After all referenda, appendix 5 (List of Referenda and Results) of this constitution will also be updated with the referendum results.</p> <p>Amended to  <b>Article 5.5 – The result of a Referendum will take priority over any existing Union policy on the same issue and the constitution will be updated according to reflect the amendment to the Constitution passed (if applicable). In addition after all Referenda, Appendix 3 (List of Referenda and Results) of this Constitution will also be updated with the Referendum results.</b></p> <p>Proposed by: Sarah McCarthy 2<sup>nd</sup> year Law                      Seconded by: David Tierney PhD Psychology</p>

**Article 6.4** Current

A General Meeting shall be called by the Chairperson of Student Council on receipt of a written request from any of the following:

- 1° The President
- 2° The Executive
- 3° Student Council
- 4° 200 or more members of the Union, by way of petition

Proposed

Proposed change remove "1. The President" and ensure the President remains accountable to members

**Amended to:**

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- 1° The Executive**
- 2° Student Council**
- 3° 200 or more members of the Union, by way of petition**

**Article 7.4**

**Previously**

The Executive shall be non-voting members of Council (except for the Chair of Council who has the casting vote and the Faculty Representative who will vote on behalf of their department). All Union members shall have participant status at Council, but can be asked to leave at the request of the Chairperson. Council may grant Participant or Observer status on any other person as deemed appropriate.

Proposed change to give clarity and remove contradictions within the article regarding exec voting rights. See 7.10

**Amended to:**

**All Union members shall have Participant status at Council, but can be asked to leave at the request of the Chairperson. Council may grant Participant or Observer status on any other person as deemed appropriate.**

Proposed by Ciara O'Donovan 2<sup>nd</sup> year Electronic & Computer engineering

Seconded by Elizabeth Keogh 1<sup>st</sup> year International Business

4 abstaining

0 against

Majority in favour

	<p><b>Article 24</b>  Previously  15. Observer Status – shall have rights to attend and observe without communication.</p> <p><b>Amended to: Observer Status – shall have rights to attend and observe without communication but not vote.</b>  Proposed by Joe Curtin 2nd year Physio  Seconded by Joe Brown 3rd year LM119  1 abstention  Majority in favour of amendment,</p> <p>Previously 17. Participant Status – shall have rights to attend and speak.</p> <p><b>Amended to: observer status- shall have rights to attend and observe without communication but not vote.</b>  Proposed by Chris Collins 3rd year Politics and Public administration.  Seconded by Liam Gleeson 1st year International Business  3 abstentions  Majority in favour</p>	
5	Motions to UGM.	
5.1	Proposal from Ryan Jennings 1 <sup>st</sup> year Electronic and Computer Engineering: I propose to change the date of the First Year ball from the 7 <sup>th</sup> of April 2016 Proposed by Ryan Seconded by Fay Langley 1 <sup>st</sup> year applied languages . 2 abstentions, majority in favour. Proposed date-12 <sup>th</sup> April 10 abstain 10 against Majority in favour.	

5.2	<p>Proposal from Chris Collins 3<sup>rd</sup> year PPA          ULSU urges the next Government to lower the cost of 3<sup>rd</sup> level fees          Proposer: Chris Collins; Seconder: Joe Curtin          1 abstain. Majority in favour          Amendment: ULSU urges the next Government to lower the cost of 3<sup>rd</sup> level fees by €500 and to reject any proposal to increase third-level fees.          Amendment, Proposer: Chris; Seconded: Ryan Jennings, majority in favour          Amendment: ULSU urges the next Government to lower the cost of 3<sup>rd</sup> level fees          Propose David Tierney, PHD; Seconder: Dubheasa Forde          3 against; 1 abstain. Majority</p>	
5.3	<p>Proposal from Marian O'Donnell VP academic.          Call on ULSU to lobby and campaign to allow UL graduates to vote in the Seanad elections.          Proposed by Marian O'Donnell.          Seconded by Evie Salmon 4<sup>th</sup> year Politics and International Relations.          Unanimously in favour.          Motion passed.</p>	
6	<p>Dromroe parking- No discussion.</p>	
7	<p>Overview of ULSU strategic plan 2016-2020          Martin Ryan-ULSU general manager.          Appendices 1</p>	
8	<p><b>Referendum update-</b> 55% of capital cost covered by students. 0% maintenance          What happens to the current SU building?          University are going to take it over.          The new building would have to be disability accessible.- Thomas Fleming Disability Councillor</p>	
9	<p><b>Executive officers report and questions.</b>          Each executive officer gave a brief update.          Deputy head of counselling- waiting list</p>	
10	<p><b>A.O.B: none.</b></p>	
	<p>Meeting ended at 7:30pm</p>	