



**UNIVERSITY of LIMERICK STUDENTS' UNION**  
**Student Council MINUTES**

	<b>Meeting:</b>	Student Council
	<b>Reference:</b>	AY15/16-1
	<b>Academic Year:</b>	2015/2016
	<b>Week:</b>	2
	<b>Date:</b>	03/02/16
	<b>Venue:</b>	Library Boardroom
	<b>Time:</b>	18.00
	<b>Absent:</b>	Maurice Murphy, Oisin Taylor Blakely Sean Fitzgerald, Vincent Marinan
	<b>Apologies</b>	Chloe Fallon; Michelle Heelan;
	<i>Elected members Voting: 34 voting;</i>	<i>Members Present: 31; Absent:2</i>
	<i>Vacancies: 12; Quorum: 18</i>	<i>Apologies: 1</i>
		<b>Action Items /Reference</b>
<b>1</b>	<p>Minutes of the Meeting Wk 10 Smstr 1 passed without amendment. Proposed by Education and Professional Studies Rep James O' Conor, seconded Nursing and Midwifery rep Brendan McAuliffe Hickey.</p> <p>Marian O'Donnell gave notice of Council Chairperson Mark Nother's resignation. With Deputy Chairs permission Marian O'Donnell chaired the meeting.</p> <p>Other resignations: Eoin O'Keeffe; Richard Taylor; Alice Shannon; Ryan O'Hanlon. New members were welcomed: Fay Langley, Ciara O'Donovan. Aoife O'Brien and Billy Fitzgerald attended the meeting but did not have a vote as their forms were submitted after the Friday deadline.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p>Referendum. SU President, GM Martin Ryan, Paul Lee have met with architects Hugh Kelly, UL and PCC. Handball courts remain a discussion item. The final levy is still being negotiated. Courts could cost up to €2m, not entirely necessary according to handball club. Debating chamber was not in plans presented recently despite its necessity. To be included going forward. The current proposal is there would be no levy in year 1. 40% of levy for the following two years. The full levy would be paid until year 4. McGuire pitches will be finished in 2017 and require 40% of entire cost. Levy would increase €3 each year to allow for inflation, it is not based on CPI. There will be free time on pitches, available to all students to book.</p>	
<b>2.1</b>	<p>Should the SU executive advocate for a yes vote in the upcoming referendum? Brought to council from SU executive Marian states that in the last referendum the union supplied unbiased information without taking any side.</p> <p>Colin argued for Executive to advocate for a yes vote on the</p>	

	<p>grounds that everyone in the Union will benefit from the new student centre.</p> <p>Daoilin Walsh (Equal Opps Chairperson.) argues that it may be inappropriate for the governing body on the referendum to advocate for a yes vote.</p> <p>Clodagh O'Brien: Coop rep raised question on budget provision for campaign.</p> <p>The proposal is for €1000 for yes, €1000 for no and €1000 for information campaign. ERB will remain neutral and running the information.</p> <p>James O'Connor: education and professional studies rep argued that if the SU cannot advocate for a yes vote, it would be more difficult to motivate students to vote yes.</p> <p>Joe Curtin: Clubs rep. If the union is too laid back it does not give the right impression to students.</p> <p>Marian O'Donnell – Academic Officer pointed out that C&amp;S will make their own decision on C&amp;S council on supporting the yes vote in the referendum.</p> <p>SU President, Colin Clarke, pointed out there will be a lot more information in the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>Proposal from SU executive to council that council approves for the SU Executive and Union to advocate for a yes vote in the upcoming referendum.</p> <p>Proposed:  Seconded:  18 in favour.  7 abstentions,  0 against  ERB unable to vote.  25 voting members present. The Motion is carried.</p> <p>Information evening in EGO10 at 5pm chaired by Diarmuid Scully.</p>	
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p>UL Fest- Planning and licence have been applied for. Cuckoo Events will act as event managers for the event. Meeting with County Council, and other statutory bodies went well. Worst case scenario capped 4999 people. If the event goes ahead it will take place Thursday 21 April. Trying to keep costs as low as possible. PCC paid for licensing application. Feasibility study has been carried out.</p> <p>There may be limited VIP access for council members.</p>	
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p>Constitutional review group.  Amend to schedule 1.9,  What to do when a referendum is called for.  <i>For the result of a Referendum to be valid, a valid vote must</i></p>	

	<p>have been cast by at least 15 per cent of Members except in the case of referenda relating to the removal of officers under Article 20. All motions shall be passed by a majority, i.e. 50%+ 1 or more.</p> <p>Proposed by:  Seconded by:  1 abstention,  24 in favour  0 against  Motion carried.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p>UGM- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February KBG12 6pm. Very important to get quorate to amend constitution. Discussion over mandatory class rep attendance. 100(quorate.) out of 14,000 a very small number. Changes to articles of the constitution cannot pass unless quorate is reached at a general meeting.  Means to get more people at general meeting.  Food/pizza.  Focus on International students.  More lively meetings.  Guest speaker  Reveal exclusive information regarding charity week and UL fest.  Proposed date: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February  Proposed by James OConor  Seconded by Brendan McAuliffe Hickey</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p>Update from the president:  Busy with UL fest as well as the referendum.  Search for a new president following Don Barry's resignation. Colin is on the nominating committee, wants to know what attributes students want to see in a president.  Community Liaison committee. Need for parking permits in college courts. Flooded walkways in college court and Milford grange. Litter and noise needs action. Rogue landlords.  Library extension 24 hour library needs to be kept clean.  Disagreeing with proposals to create a canteen area during the day.  Meeting with AHSS, changes to general entry arts joining with Mary I to UL to offer a broader subject range.  Hoping to start pool and poker tournaments.  BOI enablement fund €40,000 for clubs and socs €40,000 for students and €20,000 for alumni.  There's been an improvement to services in the medical centre.  PCC- new student experience fund.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<p>Update from academic:  Student Choice Awards put on hold. This year will act as a</p>	

	<p>tester while next year should be bigger.</p> <p>Repeat fees campaign, Failed an exam guide: 764 readers. Average time spent reading was 3 minutes.</p> <p>Working on FYP contract- formal agreement holding both supervisor and student to account.</p> <p>FYP week: workshops with writing centre and facebook giveaway.</p> <p>ISSE survey.</p> <p>Working with CTL to teach a module on civil and social engagement.</p> <p>Co-op survey on hold until week 5.</p>	
<b>7.1</b>	<p>Update from welfare:</p> <p>Walk and Talk with Mary I SU and LITSU for pieta house.</p> <p>ePub – online alcohol barometer to assess drinking habits.</p> <p>Samaritans one to one service Thursday evenings in the SU.</p> <p>'Ask first' consent and domestic violence week next week.</p> <p>Aldi bus up and running with 200 people on Monday.</p> <p>Wolf wristbands still available.</p> <p>Finance guide almost finished, positive feedback from SUSI.</p> <p>Charity week 6, build a raft in week 5.</p> <p>CocoTV video booth regarding sexual health on campus in attempt to show that attitudes towards sexual health have changed since the 80's as a sex ed video from the 80's resurfaced recently.</p> <p>Cycle against suicide 60km Roscrea to Tipperary Town.</p> <p>Possibility of a fundraising suggestion box. Completion of student survey- €1 donation to hardship fund for every completion of survey.</p>	
<b>7.2</b>	<p>Update from PSU president:</p> <p>PSU elections 18<sup>th</sup> February. PSU ball 19<sup>th</sup> February.</p> <p>First ever elected VP.</p> <p>PSU ball will take place in the pavilion. Tickets will be €25, 20% of proceeds will go to charity, possibly suicide prevention. /homelessness crisis/breast cancer Ireland.</p> <p>New postgrad event in Scholars.</p>	E
<b>7.3</b>	<p>UL experience:</p> <p>cycle against suicide, co op reports on hold.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Faculties officer:</b></p> <p>AHSS faculty board meeting.</p> <p>Nothing back from KBS faculty board meeting.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Clubs officer:</b></p> <p>met with field clubs, talks of an extra astro turf pitc.</p> <p>Throwback Thursday picture to be used to campaign for new pitches.</p> <p>C&amp;S hub.</p>	

10	<p>Department Rep</p> <p><b>Nursing:</b> Reading week back. Continuing fight for lockers in the regional and fourth year workloads too heavy.</p> <p><b>Clinical therapies:</b> independent meeting with clinical therapies. Beginning to liaise with class reps.</p>	
11	<p>Rock the vote on campus? Should ULSU facilitate Rock the Vote on campus?</p> <p>4 abstentions Remainder in favour of holding Rock the Vote on campus.</p>	

