



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>	17/02/16
	<b>Venue:</b>	Library Boardroom
	<b>Time:</b>	18.00
	<b>Absent:</b> <b>Apologies</b>	Maurice Murphy, Oisin Taylor Blakely Sean Fitzgerald, Marielle Xuereb, Michelle O'Brien, Michelle Heelan, Ciaran O'Donovan; Daolin Walsh; Laura Scally; Darragh Ryan; Niamh Storan; Sean McKillen; Cian Devane
	<i>Elected members Voting: 34 voting; Vacancies: 12; Quorum: 18</i>	<i>Members Present: 31; Absent:2 Apologies: 1</i>
		<b>Action Items /Reference</b>
	<b>Introducing new Council Chairperson and welcome to new Council Members: Eilish Condon; Ryan Jennings, Billy Fitzgerald; Aoife O'Brien; Laura Scally (Apologies sent for today)</b>	
<b>1</b>	<p>Minutes from last week amended with co-op report changed to co-op survey. Proposed by Joe seconded by Chris.</p> <p>Procedural corrections week 2 referendum motions: 3.1 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. Proposed: Clodagh O'Brien Seconded: Sarah McCarthy 18 in favour. 7 abstentions, 0 against ERB unable to vote. 25 voting members present. The Motion is carried.</p> <p>Item 4. Amend to schedule 1.9, What to do when a referendum is called for.</p> <p><i>For the result of a Referendum to be valid, a valid vote must 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.</i></p> <p>Proposed by: Ellen Brasseur Seconded by: Louise Clifford</p>	Brian

	1 abstention, 24 in favour 0 against Motion carried.	
<b>2</b>	Matters arising	
<b>2.1</b>	Referendum: Last meeting on Wednesday with Martin and Paul. There'll be another pitch and a debating chamber. 45% of capital costs will be covered by university. Waiting on PCC to calculate total levy, Sinking fund taken into account if refurbishments needed. Yes steering committee- Looking for Council members to join Yes Referendum Group. Fay Langley	Colin
<b>2.2</b>	UL Fest- met with Party on Plaza committee not meeting until 25 <sup>th</sup> February for an answer on merging with UL Fest. If not merged it will be a scaled down event and be larger event next year. License applied for with the council. Meeting with booking agent.	Colin
<b>2.3</b>	Student Medical centre Tender document from medical centre. Calls for what is wanted and what can be offered. Currently have 9 GP clinics, 2 contraceptive clinics and one STI clinic. Possibly combining into 10 clinics. No available stats from Castletroy Medical Centre- guessing at 5-10 students a day. James suggests that a social media campaign on the medical centre may have an effect. Joe argues that we can't attack university after provisions for new student centre. Another meeting to be confirmed.	Ciara Colin
<b>2.4</b>	Constitutional review group. Bringing schedule 3, going through it line by line. Schedule 3 minus standing orders. Amending to allow senior management to appoint someone to do the administrative side of council/exec. Conflict between articles and schedules Removing .9 reviewing the union budget. Will be presented at the start of the academic year. Emergency general meeting- calling of the emergency general meeting Monthly management never presented to council meeting, done at board of trustees. VPA submitting motions- if the VPA isn't available, there may be alternative person to submit a motion to for an agenda item. Under current constitution there is a small committee holding the executive the account. There is no way to ensure the reports are true. Executives see sabbatical officers to account. Non-sabbat members of exec would hold sabbatical officers to account by meeting with the reports and discussing their performance. That would be presented after both semesters Sabbatical officers will compile reports on non-sabbat	Marian Liz Colin

	<p>members.  Will be a ticking boxes exercise.  Not a perfect system but better than what we have- can be amended later if needed.  Suggestion from Michelle O'Brien: council to hold themselves accountable. Possibly sign a contract.  Put documents on a discussion board  Amendment to schedule postponed to next meeting.</p>	
<b>2.5</b>	<p>UGM  Wednesday 6pm all council members expected to be there.  Four amendments to the constitution. 4 proposals; Charity week announcement via video; Referendum update.</p> <p>Agenda Proposed by Aoife O'Brien seconded by James O'Connor</p>	Brian
<b>2.6</b>	BOI Enablement Fund: 29 <sup>th</sup> February deadline.	Colin
<b>2.7</b>	Rock the vote is happening	Marian
<b>3</b>	Strategic plan: Nearly finalised. Presenting to governing authority at the end of March. See appendices 1 for presentation.	Martin
<b>4</b>	Update from President: 29 <sup>th</sup> February 24 hour study room trial period is going to come to a close. Jailbreak this weekend, share on social media. Alternative fundraising for charity week- FIFA Tournament.	Colin
<b>5</b>	Update from Academic- ISSE survey still going General Arts programme with Mary I. CAO common entry system change in 2017- moves points race to college.	Marian
<b>6</b>	Update from Welfare: Charity week-searching for volunteers. Sex confessional- next week. 'Ask first' week- results from survey being compiled. Epub walk and talk WIP Aldi bus going very well Welfare team going well SAF still open Childcare bursary closed.	Ciara
<b>7</b>	Recreation update- Oisin not present.	
<b>8</b>	PSU update- Sean sends his apologies.	
<b>9</b>	C&S update- questions asked at club and socs drop in centre. Will compile a FAQ document New policy- any club or society caught with a non-member will be cut 10% of their funding. Photo recreation WIP	Joe

<b>10</b>	UL experience- Co-op survey this week Twitter questions with co op. 3 questions asked.	Chris
<b>11</b>	Equal Opps- Starting a twitter page next week.	Bridget
<b>12</b>	AOB Student council training day cancelled. Possibility of Munster training day event. Safe talk-HSE follow on from QPR suicide prevention course. Taxi to share app- taxi sharing app, 10 other universities signed up	

