


University of Limerick Students' Union Sabbatical Officer Reports to Council

Academic Year	2015/2016
Date	29 September 2015
	Week 4 Semester 1
Position:	DP/Welfare
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<p>Introduction To Report and Updates Since Last Council</p> <p>a. Leeds/Manchester- Advice centre initiative highlight from a Welfare perspective.</p> <p>b. Welfare Team – recruitment this week, particularly C&S recruitment drive. Welfare team first meeting on Wednesday week 2, Team bonding and Idea generation. 15 turned up</p> <p>c. Aldi bus – restarted. Ciara to contact Aldi to employ students to do the organising. ALDI bus, youth nation are now cutout, waiting Aldi to come back on employing someone to manage emails and manage people getting on the bus in UL and returning from Aldi. Employ someone to manage the emails. Bus drivers to manage headcount and stop in troy and groody.</p> <p>d. World Suicide Prevention –9th cycle against suicide on campus, Ciara present for launch. Coffee morning in East Room Plassey house Spinoff cycles possibly for Limerick. Caroline Rafter to work on..- approached by Orla Muldoon- Psych dept.</p> <p>e. Companion App made specific to UL - WIP</p>	

f. **Wolf wrist bands.** Working on an idea with Paul Lee C&S, Declan Aherne UL Counselling to sell/distribute bands with positive messages, *friendship, belong, fun, support, wolfpack*. All money collected will go towards training or promoting mental health on campus.- WIP

g. UL **Student Assistance Fund** allocation cut this year by €11,000. Applications open October 1st.

Upcoming campaigns –

Week 4 Physical Health;

a. Physical health week – working with First 7 weeks, UL Sport, Smarter Travel, Medical/nursing dept.

Week 5 SHAG week

Issues currently being dealt with Accommodation, childcare bursaries (closing Thursday week 4), hardship loans, various others.

S.U. Finances

Welfare only

Budget Expenditure

€150 to be spent at QPR training on Oct 7th.

Short Term Objectives and Update

- Campaign weeks- Physical health and SHAG
- Charity week nomination promotions
- Processing Hardship loan and Childcare bursary application
- Welfare section on website and FAQs- online information forum

Long Term Objectives and Update

- Increased mental health/counselling centre resources- presented letter to minister Jan O' Sullivan, hoping for positive response in the near future. Issue was brought to Governing Authority and received support from many of its members. Access and Student Affairs meeting on October 31st will be dedicated to student welfare issues. Although the issue will be brought up here progress will need to be made on it in the meantime and brought to Octobers GA meeting.
- Suicide awareness and prevention training- QPR, Oct. 7th, 6-9pm- ULSU charity week fund raised €7500 for Console, in return they will provide free QPR training.
- Finance guide- WIP

Meetings Attended (With External Bodies / Of Note)

Governing Authority x 3
GA Access and Student Affairs committee
President Don Barry and VPAR Paul McCutcheon
Bernadette Walsh- Director of student affairs.
Financial Aid committee
Stables/Scholars Club
Counselling centre- regular meetings organised
Mid-Western Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force x 3
PleaseTalk representative
GOSHH
SU Exec x 2

GIFTS RECEIVED (R.R.P of over €50)

N/A

EXPENSES CLAIMED

N/A

AOB

Signed by the Officer: _____

Submitted to the Chairperson on the _____

Verified by a member of the Executive Oversight
Committee: _____

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