



University of Limerick Students' Union Sabbatical Officer Reports to Council

Academic Year	2015/2016
Date	XXX September 2015
	Week 4 Semester 1
Position:	President of the Postgraduate Students' Union
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Introduction To Report and Updates Since Last Council <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Hi everyone, I'm very much looking forward to working with you all during the coming year. Although the agendas of the PSU and ULSU are largely different, I am committed to working together to achieve successes in areas of common concern between the two unions. I believe in my first three months in office that I have helped to draw a line under the difficulties of last year. I look forward to a prosperous working relationship this year. I feel that this sabbat team is doing a fantastic job so far, and I know we can count on your support throughout the year.	
S.U. Finances	
Budget Expenditure €110.67	
Short Term Objectives and Update <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Parking situation for postgraduate researchers – I have been in contact with Robert Reidy and have requested clarification on a number of points that I have raised.2. Email issue with ITD and Faculties – Working with ITD and the Faculties to populate their email lists with up to date personnel.3. Raising Awareness of cuts to Student Assistance Fund as well as making people more aware of its existence – Working with Ciara Corcoran to	

- provide a clear and united message to the campus community.
4. Childcare Bursaries – Still accepting and processing applications as they come in.
 5. PSU Hardship Loans – Working with Fr. John Campion to evaluate and process applications.
 6. AGM taking place on 30 September – Election of new Council and Exec for the PSU.

Long Term Objectives and Update

1. Health Centre situation – cooperation between the PSU and SU to put pressure on the university to provide a satisfactory solution.
2. Establishment of faculty specific research forums to help address issues – It will be a consultative body that will be able to pass feedback to the PSU and help establish more cohesive policies to tackle issues affecting postgraduate students.
3. Student Assistance Fund – campaign to reverse the cuts suffered this year and to make sure that the campus community is fully aware of what is happening.
4. National forum for Postgrads – working with TCD Graduate Union and a representative from the University of Ulster to establish a national body that will advocate for the postgraduate community on the island. Provide an effective opposition to the cuts being imposed on postgraduate funding as well as advocating for the rights of those postgraduate students who teach at third level.
5. Working with Huw Lewis, Dean of the Graduate School – setting up of a general research forum for PhD students so that the Graduate School can deal with problems more effectively. We will be bringing back the monthly coffee mornings and working closer together to firmly solidify the good work done by previous PSU Presidents.
6. Better Class Rep structure for Postgrads – laying the foundation for my successor to build on and provide a better class rep network for postgrad students over the next few years.

Meetings Attended (With External Bodies / Of Note)

1. Management committee of the Pavilion Club
2. Management committee of the Scholars Club
3. KBS Faculty Board meeting
4. Represented several PhD students at meetings with their HOD's.
5. APRC

6. ARC
7. Governing Authority
8. Deans of KBS, EHS, AHSS and S&E
9. President of TCD GU
10. Sabbat officers meeting with Don Barry and Paul McCutcheon about our agendas for the year.
11. ULREG committee
12. Financial Aid committee

GIFTS RECEIVED (R.R.P of over €50)

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EXPENSES CLAIMED

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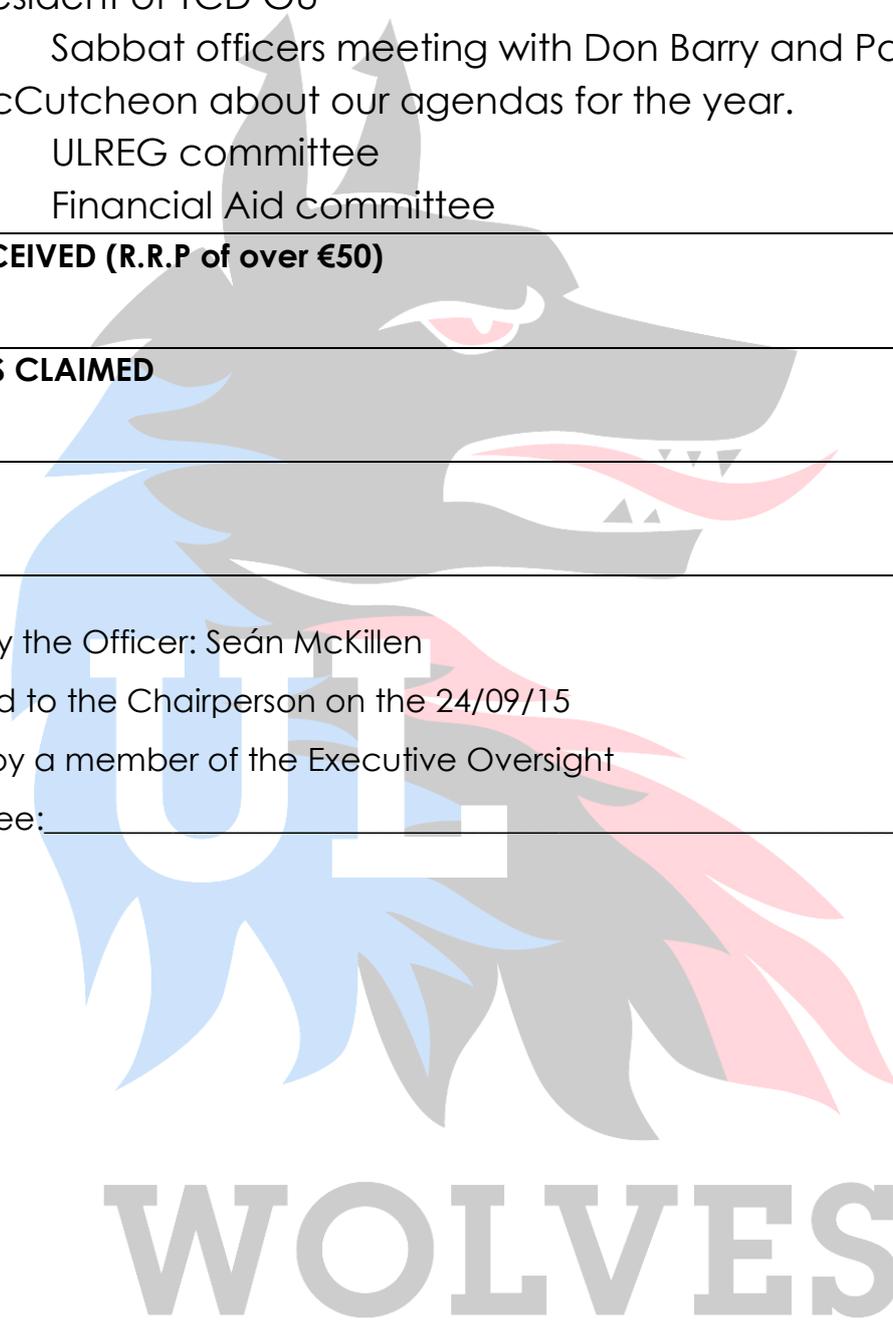
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Signed by the Officer: Seán McKillen

Submitted to the Chairperson on the 24/09/15

Verified by a member of the Executive Oversight

Committee: _____



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