



**UNIVERSITY OF LIMERICK STUDENTS' UNION
MINUTES**

	Meeting:	Student Council
	Reference:	AY14/15-4
	Academic Year:	2014/2015
	Week:	12
	Date:	21/04/2015
	Venue:	Library Boardroom
	Time:	18.00
	Absent:	Richard Bourke, Shauna Gayer, Christopher Kelly, Megan McDonald, Rachel Wu, Jean Langford, Seamus Noonan
	Apologies	Noted.
<i>Elected members: 36; Vacancies: 5; Quorum: 19</i>		<i>Members Present: 31; Absent:</i>
		Action Items /Reference
1	Apologies: Lisa Quinlivan, Colin Clarke, Brendan McAuliffe	
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting. Proposed by Niamh Masterson Seconded by Oisín Taylor Blakely Minutes passed.	
3	Address to UL President Don Barry Presentation and Awarding of certificates of recognition to Council members. Council presented to Don Barry their numerous achievements from over the course of the year. Don Barry then presented each individual council member with their certificate and thanked them for their work on council. Don Barry gave a few words on the importance of student council and the positivity felt across campus.	
4	Matters Arising From Previous Minutes	
4.1	Counselling Q&A with Declan Ahearn. Lunchtime time meeting outcome.	
4.2	Organ Donation Proposal – WIP This proposal has been drafted and forwarded to the appropriate persons within the university. It is now a matter of waiting for word back from the university on applying the 115 code to incoming first years student I.D cards if they so wish.	

4.3	<p>Repeat Fees – Campaign Plan, Petition plan – update from Mike Forde</p> <p>1,050 signatures were collected last week for the repeats fees campaign.</p> <p>Council are to drop their signed petitions into Mike’s office or reception if he is not there by 5pm on Thursday.</p>	
5	<p>Exec Officers Reports briefly: Tommy, Shane, Mike, Colin, Kate, PSU, Oisin, Marian, Kevin</p>	
	<p>Tommy Bolger</p> <p>Governing Authority is this Friday. Tommy is to present a summary of his work from the year.</p> <p>Strategic & Quality Assurance Committee is also scheduled for this week.</p> <p>The first draft of the UL Strategic Plan had been drawn up and will be circulated to Council.</p>	
	<p>Shane McCormack</p> <p>Accommodation issues are on the rise again as the end of the semester is close. Photograph your accommodation before leaving to ensure you get your deposit.</p> <p>Single Semester housing Facebook page has been created for next year.</p> <p>Shane attended BIC’s last week.</p> <p>Mental Health Week took place last week and would not have been a success without the assistance of the Welfare Team.</p>	
	<p>Mike</p> <p>Attended the Academic Council where a sub committee was formed to deal with the issue of lecturer response time.</p> <p>Proposal for engagement of lecturers on social media is to be drafted.</p> <p>Mike has been involved in the Yes Campaign taking place on campus.</p> <p>There is to be a mass campaign on Wednesday 22nd April.</p> <p>Any issues students have with lectures or exams should be brought to Mike prior to the exams if possible.</p>	
	<p>Kate Stewart</p> <p>Kate attended the meeting with Declan Ahern on the counselling service last week.</p> <p>Kate also attended a separate meeting with Declan Ahern where he was presented with written complaints from students in relation to the counselling service. An internal investigation is now to take place.</p>	
	<p>Oisín Blakely</p> <p>A number of teaching courses that are currently not being accredited should be in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Clickers that were discussed at the last council will be mandatory for incoming first years.</p>	
	<p>Marian O’Donnell</p> <p>C&S award winners attended BICs last week in Athlone. Everyone enjoyed the awards despite UL not having any winners.</p>	

	<p>Kevin Cahir No major updates. Similar to Marian, C&S award winners attended BICs last week.</p>	
6	<p>AOB</p>	
	<p>New council members needed for next year. If you know anyone interested ensure they contact Liz.</p> <p>Council hoodies should arrive either before or during the Spring Semester Exams.</p> <p>Teaching courses Oisín mentioned that were to be accredited in the coming weeks were in fact accredited this week.</p> <p>The march for repeat fees is to roll over to next year as there is not enough time to organise it effectively.</p> <p>Tommy thanked Council for their work over the course of the year.</p> <p>Council thanked Liz for her work with Council throughout the year.</p>	

