

Update from SU President – Colin Clarke

UL Strategic Plan

Library Extension – working on interim 24hr study, possible Block A area while building extension gets underway

Red Rasin Wifi – ITD have increased the router number from 2 to 6

University meetings – met with key university personnel during the summer. All went well.

Following on from Tommy and Shanes presentation to GA in April the **Student Affairs and Access Committee** will address the services provided in the medical centre and counselling service. Meeting due in Oct.

An Focal – Intern Editor Tomás Heneghan hired, 6 issues per semester to be published. Wider distribution on and off campus.

Hope to work with Journalism & New English and Media Course students and staff to appoint a co-op student to the position of editor in semester 2.

Referendum – Student Centre. Over the summer PCC hired an architect, Hugh Kelly of

<http://www.hughkellyarchitects.ie/> to work on a concept for a new student centre. Hugh has met with sabbats and staff of the Union and listened to all their ideas. He has also been given the student survey of last year (over 1000 students surveyed). All of this is to help him put together a concept building.

Looking at a possible referendum date – week 2, semester 2.

Leeds & Manchester, 3 sabbats and Liz had a 2-day very informative and beneficial trip to Manchester and Leeds Students' Unions. Two main areas ULSU needs to take from the visit is to develop income generation capabilities and implement a professional student advisor system for welfare and academic issues. ~~Their sabbats do not advise. Their primary for~~

Amendmen Passed: Their Sabbats do not give advice. Their primary function is to represent and campaign for students.

HEA – Met with HEA Prof. Tom Collins to discuss student engagement and input to University committees. It is the first time this has happened and is welcomed.

Press release – Student Mental Health, HEA and HSE

UL Fest, Music and Arts fest for students and staff ULSU collaborating with UL – Colin working the UL Ents Manager Keith Quinlan on logistics. Possible date Wk 11, Semester 2. Has met with Paul McCutcheon, Don Barry and John Field, Alumni and director of MA course in Festive Arts. Response **has been positive to date.**

Wolves go to the Dogs. Thurs Wk 4, €15 ticket – bus and entrance. Suited affair – possible pig race....

Full Moon Party – Tuesday Week 8

Pints with the President – student engagement and availability including non-alcoholic beverages option