



**UNIVERSITY of LIMERICK STUDENTS' UNION  
COUNCIL Minutes**

	<b>ling</b>	:	<b>Student Council</b>
	<b>Reference</b>	:	AY15/16-1
	<b>Academic Year</b>	:	2015 / 2016
	<b>Week</b>	:	6
	<b>Date</b>	:	<b>13/10/2015</b>
	<b>Venue</b>	:	<b>Library Boardroom</b>
	<b>Time</b>	:	18.00
			<b>Officer</b>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Minutes - 21/04/2015 &amp; 29/09/2015</b>            Minutes from 21/04/2015 passed, proposed by Chris Collins and Seconded by Louise Clifford, no objections and no amendments.            Minutes from 29/09/2015 passed, proposed by Julie Rossiter and seconded by James O'Connor, no objections and no amendments.</p>		Mark
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Remembering Adam Mangan, 2<sup>nd</sup> year</b> Bachelor of Technology (Education) in Materials and Architectural Technology            Sabbats Colin Clarke, Ciara Corcoran and Marion O'Donnell attended the funeral. Possibility of a memorial bench constructed by Adam's woodwork class being placed outside the Schrodinger building.            Student Council Chairperson Mark Nother held a minutes silence in memory of Adam Mangan.</p>		Colin & Ciara
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising – Sabbats</b> Interim study facilities are a work in progress.</p>		
<b>3.1</b>	<p><b>Student Counselling Services</b> .Article in the Irish Examiner last week. Extra resources have been secured and are in place for the interim (Christmas). The University has supplied the funding. UL Counsellor Declan Ahearne and SA director Bernadette Walsh are working on a business case to secure a second counsellor full time. Declan Ahearne gave thanks to the SU for work in securing this vital additional service.  <b>Response from Minister</b> Minister Jan O'Sullivan has acknowledged that she has received the letter.</p>		Colin/Ciara

3.2	<p><b>Medical Centre update</b> Last Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> UL Student President Colin Clarke and Welfare Officer Ciara Corcoran met Bernadette Walsh and Declan Ahearne. The medical centre and lack of doctors was discussed. Bernadette Walsh informed Colin and Ciara that a doctor was available for 7 sessions per week, 5 morning and 2 additional afternoon sessions. A tender has gone out to secure a new medical director. This process is likely to take 2-4 months to complete. Unfortunately on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Colin learned through his visit to the medical centre that a doctor was not available at all on Monday. Colin Clarke drafted an e-mail about this issue and sent it to President Don Barry and VPA Paul Mc Cutcheon. Colin proposed that if there is not an adequate response to this e-mail students should immobilise and walkout of their lectures and march to the white house to confront Don and Paul. This was seconded by Chloe Fallon. Student Council voted in favour.</p>	Colin/Ciara	
3.3	<p><b>Referendum</b> Architect Hugh Kelly will be present at the next student council meeting answering general questions. This will be included in the strategic plan. The referendum will be in semester 2. Colin Clarke proposed that the majority rule should be changed. Referred to the constitutional review group.</p>		5
4	<p><b>Update from President:</b> UL Student President Colin Clarke was on Spin South West last Tuesday and Live 95 FM last Friday Colin Clarke has an idea for a wolves den. Students pitch small business ideas. These ideas must benefit the Students Union, UL or Limerick. KBS rep Michelle O'Brien suggested that emphasis should be put on female students to become more involved in entrepreneurship. <b>Wolves go to the dogs</b> was a successful night with over 1300 attending. <b>Pints with the president</b> is a success with Colin Clarke answering lots of general enquires. <b>UL Fest update</b>, UL Fest which is going to be a music and arts festival taking place on Plassey House lawn. This event is scheduled for Thursday of week 11 in semester 2. Student President Colin Clarke is trying to encompass all of UL, including the students, the staff and alumni. Student President Colin Clarke is in the process of forming a committee for the UL Fest. The plan is to book a big act such as Kodaline and charge between €30-50 per ticket. <b>Student cooking/reheating facilities</b> is a work in progress. <b>Library Extension – interim study facilities</b> Work in progress.</p>		5

5	<p><b>Update from Su Academic</b> Repeat fees have been put on hold Class rep training takes place on Tuesday of week 8 with special guest Adam Harris the founder of "As I Am". <b>Teaching Practice – Student accommodation survey</b> Teaching Practice survey given to dean of EHS and Oliver Mc Garr <b>Grinds Register</b> The grinds register has gone live on the website where students can give or receive grinds. <b>FYP Contract</b> Su Academic Marian O'Donnell has put a document together and is consulting with the deans of the faculties to gather feedback.</p>	Marian	5
6	<p><b>Update from Welfare</b> <b>Charity Week nominations</b> Great response with 26 applications <b>Update on Welfare campaigns – Shag week &amp; Health &amp; wellbeing Week</b> Shag week started off well but it faded toward the end of the week. Over 70 people at the quiz. Welfare Officer Ciara Corcoran is now planning for mental health week in week 8. Aldi bus is very busy with one student not being able to get on. Mental health wristbands are a work in progress. Companion app is a work in progress. Childcare/bursary grants are processed</p>	Ciara	5
7	<p><b>M&amp;M review update</b> Mark, Martin and Colin held a meeting with Liam Guilfoyle in which they conducted a SWOT analysis.</p>	Gm & Mark Nother	5
8	<p><b>Update from PSU – apologies sent</b></p>		5
9	<p><b>Update from Non Sabbat Exec members</b></p>		
9.1	<p><b>Constitution Review</b> update will be given at a later date.</p>		5
9.2	<p><b>Recreation update</b> Recreation chairperson Oisin Taylor Blakely is trying to get a nurse on campus once a semester to provide breast checks. Oisin's hoping to finance this by getting money from the enablement fund and fundraising the rest of the money.</p>		3
9.3	<p><b>UL Experience</b> Fundraiser for disability fund, working on improving the co-op office.</p>		3
9.4	<p><b>UL Equal Opps</b> Meeting schedule was cancelled next meeting is in 2 weeks time.</p>		3
9.5	<p><b>Faculties Officer</b> Not getting faculty meeting information on time. Liz to follow up.</p>		3

10	<p><b>Student Union Operation Budget – for review approval as recommended by Mgmt Committee</b>          Union in a good final situation. Have reserves of €300,000 built up. There is also so some unspent money.</p> <p>Martin brought the council through the income and expenditure of the draft budget which is subject to a couple of amendments which will be brought to council at a later date.</p> <p>Proposed Oisin Taylor Blakely          Seconded Niamh Storan          Student Council Passed the Operation budget unanimously.</p>		10
11	<p><b>Student Choice Awards – see associated document</b>          Should the student choice awards be a collaborative or independent event? - Council decision postponed.          Categories will include sports person of the year, student council member of the year, ULSU class rep of the year and committee person of the year.          This will be announced on Friday of week 8 and close of nominations will be Friday of week 9.          Concerns raised by Council - Could end up as popularity contest. Candidates must be approved by the sub-committee. The method of nomination is still being decided.          Majority of Council in favour of an online voting open to all students to select winners.</p>		10
12	<p><b>Electoral Referendum Board – Council nominee</b>          Michelle O'Brien</p>		5
13	<p><b>Exec oversight nominee request</b> No nominees put forward.</p>		5
14	<p><b>Update from Department Reps</b> KBS Ball has been moved from February to November 19th.</p>		5
15	<p><b>Projects for Enablement fund</b> – please bring forward your ideas</p>		
16	<p>AOB  <b>UGM 4<sup>th</sup> of November</b> proposer Chris Collins and seconder Louise Clifford. Council approved.</p>		

**NEXT COUNCIL** meeting week 8 On in the Jean Monet DG016, 6pm and council members are expected to attend