

University of Limerick Students' Union Sabbatical Officer Reports to Council

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Position:	President
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Introduction To Report and Updates Since Last Council

The main work I have been doing since the last council is fighting for increased services in the counselling department. I'm delighted to announce that from Monday there will be an **additional 20 sessions** per week which equates to another full time counsellor. Having met with Director of Student Affairs Bernadette Walsh and Declan Aherne we agreed a strategy of an interim solution of applying for more hours until Christmas. A business proposal is now being down by Bernadette to hopefully make the case for a permanent position. However funding was not secured for the interim solution so I contacted both P.C.C. and the head of finance John Field and was able to secure an additional €13,000. This money should alleviate the long waiting lists expected in the counselling centre.

We also met with Bernadette Walsh to discuss the medical centre fiasco. We were completely outraged with the lack of sessions in the centre and raised concerns over students having to fork out €40 and claim back €15. After long meetings with both Bernadette Walsh and Paul McCutcheon, it was agreed that there would be 11 doctor's clinics during the week which is higher than figures over the last two years and an additional 7 to the current situation. As a result, our planned student protest was cancelled.

M&M extra patrols during week 8 for Halloween. Having met with the guards and the council as well as members of the college court residents association, I thought it would be a proactive idea to have an M&M patrol on Thursday evening followed by a litter clean up on Friday morning. This occurred with litter or no major incidents and the litter pick up was noted. I think moving forward it would be a good idea to have at least one of these "random" M&M patrols and litter pick up each semester.

Seeking national representation for UL in order to have our say on the future of funding higher education in Ireland. Recently student leaders have met with government and other stakeholders about how college is to be funded moving forward. I have raised the issue at governing authority that as UL is not affiliated with USI, its essential we lobby to have our views heard.

Met with VP Paul McCutcheon to discuss organ donation proposal, will brief council.

Pints with the president have been going well. We have had over 70 questions or queries and I will be compiling a document and emailing back students answers to their questions.

Discussed UL Fest and will be creating a committee made up of myself, Events manager Keith Q, Marketing and Com Killian S, rep from buildings and estates, Mark Mulqueen Marketing Director UL, Course director in MA Festive Arts, rep from BOI, Hopefully the DON too.

Student Centre update- Currently in the process of consultation with students about a new student centre and maguires pitches. Having lots of meetings with the architect and am currently in the process of creating a committee made up of the student centre stakeholders, manily being the University and PCC

Radio interviews (live 95) Spin south west. Have been on numerous times over the past few months discussing student issues, accommodation, the revised leaving cert points system, medical centre and counselling services and the study now-pay later idea.

Press interviews (Limerick leader) regarding medical centre and counselling.

S.U. Finances
DAS GOOD!!!!!!!!!!

Budget Expenditure
Phone expenditure

Short Term Objectives and Update

Met with dog track to go over the Wolves go to the Dogs event. Had a meeting with BOI regarding Wolves Den idea. Attending a charity fashion show. Library building committee update. 24 hr study facility. UL Fest committee. Student Centre referendum committee.

Long Term Objectives and Update

UL Fest proposal. Met with general manager of Limerick racecourse regarding student race day. Hopefully secured additional long term counselling funding. Trying to secure a permanent solution for the medical centre.

Meetings Attended (With External Bodies / Of Note)

Enablement fund with Rosemarie Murphy
Meetings with Paul McCutcheon
Meeting with Bernadette Walsh
Attended regular committee meetings (will brief at council)
Governing authority
Library resource meeting
Library extension building committee
SU Executive
C and S Executive
Board of Trustees
BOT Finance committee
GA Student Access and Affairs committee
About 50 other meetings

GIFTS RECEIVED (R.R.P of over €50)

The salmon of knowledge

EXPENSES CLAIMED

€28 for taxi fares to Spin South West

AOB

Have a good day

Signed by the Officer: _____

Submitted to the Chairperson on the _____

Verified by a member of the Executive Oversight

Committee: _____

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