



UNIVERSITY of LIMERICK STUDENTS' UNION
Student Council MINUTES

	Meeting:	Student Council
	Reference:	AY15/16-1
	Academic Year:	2015/2016
	Week:	8
	Date:	14/03/16
	Venue:	Library Boardroom
	Time:	18.00
	Absent:	Daolin Walsh,
	Apologies	Sean McKillen, Sean Fitzgerald, Oisin Taylor Blakely. Orlaith Fitzgerald, Ellen Brasseur, Vinnie Marrinan. Sarah McCarthy. Michelle Heelan. Marielle Xuereb.
	<i>Elected members Voting: 34 voting; Vacancies: 12; Quorum: 18</i>	<i>Members Present: 31; Absent: 1 Apologies: 9</i>
	Welcome to new Council Members: International Rep: Sara Kohandel and Community Liaison Rep: Liam Gleeson	
		Action Items /Reference
1	Minutes, week 6- Not ready yet.	<i>Brían</i>
2	Matters Arising.	
2.1	<p>Referendum – Proposal from ULSU Exec to Students Council to call a referendum asking their members, UL students, to vote YES or NO to contribute to the development and build of: a new Student Centre and enhanced sports facilities. If the majority of students vote in favour students will pay a levy on a graduated basis starting September 2017. If Students vote NO, there will not be a levy and no new facilities.</p> <p>Proposed Referendum wording: UL students are asked to vote YES or NO on the introduction of an annual student levy commencing in September 2017 to contribute to the development and build of: a new Student Centre and Enhanced Sports Facilities.</p> <p>If students vote YES, the facilities development will go ahead and the levy will commence on a graduated basis. Students will pay €36 in 2017-18 and 2018-19, i.e. 40% of the levy. The full levy, €90, will come into effect in 2019-20. Thereafter a €2 increment will apply each year to reflect inflation.</p>	Colin

	<p>If students vote NO, there will be no levy and no new student facilities.</p> <p>Proposed by Fay Langley. Seconded by Brendan McAuliffe Hickey Referendum Call - unanimously passed by Council members</p>	
2.2	<p>UL Fest- Met with Paul McCutcheon, Gardaí, Security over Charity week. Likely that Paul McCutcheon will not support UL Fest based on charity week. Not much update yet.</p>	Colin
2.3	<p>Student Medical Centre- No update in the last two weeks. Need to ensure that contraception and STI clinics remain.</p>	Ciara Colin
2.4	<p>SafeTALK - Sent out an all student email. Course will easily be filled. Applicants will be drawn from a hat to ensure equal course representation.</p>	Ciara Liz
2.5	<p>Charity week review- Count on bucket €9,500 Finally figure on gigs not in yet. Many events close to selling out. Negative report from Gardaí, they feel this year was worse than other years. Charity week needs re- evaluation. There will be stakeholder meetings before next charity week to revise strategies. Gardaí will release stats but not reports. Dubheasa Forde suggested an awareness campaign before charity week. No mention of cancelling Charity week- need to be managed properly.</p>	Colin
2.6	<p>Strategic Plan - Council approval. Need to reset the target for Increasing electoral turn out target due to high electoral turn out this year. Strategic Plan Approval Proposed by Dubheasa Forde, Volunteering Rep Seconded by Laura Scally, Life Sciences Dept Rep Unanimously approved by council.</p>	Martin
2.7	<p>Constitutional review group- Schedule 3 union meetings. Changes to constitution proposed by Chris Collins Seonded by Cian Devane. Unanimously passed. General meeting quorum changed to agree with articles. Changing from 200 to 100. Proposed by Joe Curtin Seconded by James O'Connor Passed by unanimous vote.</p> <p>Executive oversight. Move report from week before elections to end of each semester. Proposed by James O'Connor Seconded by Michelle O'Brien Unanimously passed. Option 1- Leave procedure as is, executive oversight committee made up of student council would review reports .</p>	Marian

	<p>Option 2- Non-sabbatical executive members would review the sabbatical officers and the sabbatical officers would in turn review the non-sabbat executive members.</p> <p>In favour of majority vote – option one is to be brought to constitutional review group.</p> <p>Class rep forum</p> <p>Class Reps and Department Reps would be able to vote. Prop Liam Gleeson; Seconded: Sean Hanley. Unanimous</p> <p>VPA will approve agendas, not the Executive.</p> <p>Proposed by Sean Hanley</p> <p>Seconded by Clodagh Corry</p> <p>Passed by unanimous vote.</p>	
3	<p>Policy Review and renewal</p> <p>ULSU alcohol policy-</p> <p>Proposed by Dubheasa</p> <p>Seconded by Fay Langley.</p> <p>2 opposed, majority in favour.</p> <p>Course board policy-</p> <p>Proposed Cian Devane</p> <p>Seconded by James O'Connor.</p> <p>Passed unanimously.</p>	Marian
4	<p>Update from President.-</p> <p>Busy with Charity week complaints.</p> <p>UL Fest- word that the bowl may have been of use, likely not to happen.</p> <p>Two successful Yes campaign meetings.</p> <p>Referendum committee- Lack of disability facilities</p> <p>Thomas Fleming- lift in main building now working.</p> <p>Race day- two race days. LIT & Mary I students told to get bus from UL.</p> <p>Lost 10k due to disassociating from race day- buses still wanting to run buses from UL.</p> <p>Safety issue if buses are off campus.</p> <p>Council to write letter to Paul McCutcheon asking to not let Building and Estates allow buses on campus during race day/</p>	Colin
5	<p>Update from SU Academic-</p> <p>Common entry courses passed at academic council.</p> <p>Supports will be made available for first years.</p>	Marian
5.1	<p>Student Choice Award-</p> <p>Nominations open Friday.</p> <p>2 new Category – Best Proposer Award, Best Seconder Award.</p> <p>Current Nominees are: Chris Collins, James O'Connor, Dubheasa Forde, Joe Curtin, Donal Trump, Pdraig Pearse, Putin, Don Barry, BlindBoy, Barney the Dinosaur</p> <p>Student council member of the year award.</p> <p>Shortlist to three for each category.</p>	Marian

	Voting online.	
6	Update from Welfare- Walk and Talk 5 th April. Road safety week- rollover car. Pay It Forward week. Love not hate- anti hate crime petition. Calling on government to introduce hate crime legislation.	Ciara
7	Update from PSU- Sean sends his apologies.	Sean
8	C&S Update- Hustings last Tuesday & Wednesday. Ball on Tuesday. UL Athletics- Dave Mahedy's decision to kick out Athletics Club from high performance gym 'went down like a cup of cold sick.' Personal access policy. Reforming C&S council. Drop in hub- not successful during RAG week- free tea or coffee from Stables.	Joe/Marielle
9	Experience update- Petition to be brought to Don Barry at week 12 in council. Robert Reidy replied- some suggestions. Schuman building access. Conferring story- 13 different universities provide for disabled graduates. UL Sports Clubs make events of their matches- hold a pep rally in the Courtyard.	Chris Thomas
10	UL Equal opp- no update	Bridget
11	Faculties officer- no update	
12	Student council go to Thomond Park- Munster won, good day out. Hoping to organize another event.	Brían
13	Department Update- ISPC body for student representation. Physiotherapy- payment while on placement.- RCSI.	Joe Sean Hanley
14	Exec election result Student council 2016/2017 Elections New president- Sarah Dunphy. New VP Academic- Donal Foley New DP Welfare- Caolan O'Donnell. Chair of council- Joe Curtin. UL Experience Chair- Chris Collins	Liz

	<p>Equal Opps Chair- Liam Gleeson. UL Recreation- James Liston Student council form- available from SU reception. Can't take SCI&ENG dep rep.</p>	
15	<p>AOB Proposal to bring a new position to council on North Campus. Need more food available on North Campus- expensive. Need a greater union presence on North Campus. Polling station on North Campus.</p>	Clodagh
	<p>JUST A Comment Women on executive- other than President no other women elected.</p>	

