



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

Meeting	Student Council and Class Rep Forum		
Reference	AY15/16-1		
Academic Year	2015 / 2016		
Week	8		
Date	27/10/2015		
Venue	Jean Monnet		
Time	18:00		
Absent	Christopher Kelly, Sean Mc Killen		
Apologies	Louise Clifford, Vincent Marrinan, Darragh Ryan, Chloe Fallon, Michelle Heelan, Mark Nother, Martin Ryan.		
	Elected members voting: 36, Voting Vancancies:10, Quorum:19 Members present:29, Absent: 2, Apologies:7	Officer	
1	Guest speaker Adam Harris: Founded the charity "AS I AM" when he was just 18. Autism Support Information Advice Meeting point. Won the Social Enterprising Award in 2015. The main points of Adam's talk can be seen here https://www.asiam.ie/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/introduction_final.pdf		
2	Feedback from Class Reps to Department Reps, Faculty and SU Academic Officer: Charlotte Morrissey, BA in Music and Dance -there should be a cheaper food options on the North Campus- price of coffee has almost doubled in the Health Science Building over the summer. Alison Coneys MSc Physio -there should be a kettle and reheating facilities on the North Campus. Student Union President Colin Clarke stated that this is a work in progress - there is an insurance issue. Alena Keil Ma Gender Culture & Society - older students in class are finding it hard to work software such as sulis. Cathal O'Connor European Studies 2nd year -modules descriptions online are clashing & misleading to the actual case. Mollie Costelloe, LM050 1st year business -Not happy with the price and quality of the class hoodies. Ross O'Brien 1st year Product Design and Technology no lecturer, gone for 4 weeks. Niamh Storan 4th year Accounting -assessment on the same day as application forms are due. Anthony O'Brien, MA Journalism , Access to end design was not easily available to students David Ryan, 1st Computer Games , questioned why lectures were handing out printed notes rather making them available online.		

3	<p>Medical Centre and Counselling: Now have 11 doctors clinics per week, new medical directors contract gone out to tender. Counselling services have secured an extra 20 sessions per week. Colin Clarke, Ciara Corcoran, Bernadette Walsh and Declan Ahearne are working on hiring a full-time counsellor after Christmas.</p>	Colin/Ciara	
4	<p>Student Centre-Referendum Proposal: Current Union building is Not fit for purpose. Proposing to have a Referendum in Semester 2. UL is the only University that doesn't have a student levy. In process of developing a proposal to change the 2/3 majority vote rule in the Constitution schedule.</p>	Colin	
5	<p>UL Fest: Huge charity concert and arts festival, on the Whitehouse lawn, Big act like Kodaline, looking for a main sponsors.</p>	Colin	
6	<p>Motion to amend Constitution Schedule 3: Adding a standing order point. Member's may only leave the meeting between agenda item discussion unless granted permission by the chairperson. Proposed by Oisin Blakely and Seconded by Eoin O'Keffe All in Favour Motion passed.</p>	Marian	5
<p>Proposed UGM Agenda.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minutes 2. Matters arising from the minutes; 3. Motions and Resolutions (see below) 4. Current Union finances (Autumn Semester); 5. Review of Sabbatical Officer's wages (Autumn Semester); 6. Constitution and Policy Review from Council (Autumn Semester) 7. Presentation of the Union budget for the upcoming AY 8. Executive Officer's Reports and Questions 9. Item for discussion 10. Any Other Business 			



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	<p>Motions and Resolutions</p> <p><i>Article 5.5 - Current</i></p> <p>5. The result of a referendum will take priority over any existing union policy on the same issue and the constitution will be amended according to the motion put forward. After all referenda, appendix 5 (List of Referenda and Results) of this constitution will also be updated with the referendum results.</p> <p>Article 5.5 – Proposed change as not all referenda decisions are constitutional changes.</p> <p>5. The result of a Referendum will take priority over any existing Union policy on the same issue and the constitution will be updated according to reflect the amendment to the Constitution passed (if applicable). In addition after all Referenda, Appendix 3 (List of Referenda and Results) of this Constitution will also be updated with the Referendum results.</p>		
	<p><i>Article 7.4 – Current</i></p> <p>The Executive shall be non-voting members of Council (except for the Chair of Council who has the casting vote and the Faculty Representative who will vote on behalf of their department). All Union members shall have participant status at Council, but can be asked to leave at the request of the Chairperson. Council may grant Participant or Observer status on any other person as deemed appropriate.</p> <p>Article 7.4 – Proposed change to give clarity and remove contradictions within the article regarding exec voting rights</p> <p>All Union members shall have Participant status at Council, but can be asked to leave at the request of the Chairperson. Council may grant Participant or Observer status on any other person as deemed appropriate.</p>		

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7	<p>Article 24 Definitions – Current</p> <p>17. Participant Status – shall have rights to attend and speak.</p> <p>Article 24 Definitions – Proposed change to give clarity</p> <p>17. Participant Status – shall have rights to attend and speak but not vote. Article 6.4 - Current</p> <p>6. A General Meeting shall be called by the Chairperson of Student Council on receipt of a written request from any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1° The President 2° The Executive 3° Student Council 4° 200 or more members of the Union, by way of petition <p>Article 6.4 – Proposed change to remove The President and ensure the President remains accountable to members.</p> <p>4. A General Meeting shall be called by the Chairperson of Student Council on receipt of a written request from any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1° The Executive 2° Student Council 3° 200 or more members of the Union, by way of petition 	5
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