

UCDSU Exec 1 – 11/09/18

Meeting Open 18:39

Present:

Barry Murphy – President [BM]

Stephen Crosby – Education [SC]

Niall Torris – Graduate [NT]

Melissa Plunkett – Welfare [MP]

Thomas Monaghan – C&C [TM]

Edward Leonard [EL]

Niall Donohoe [ND]

Treasa Moloney [TeMa]

Alex Bolster [AB]

Aoibheann Nic Giolla Riogh [AnGR]

Sophie Sheridan Burns [SSB]

Sophie Gibbons [SG]

Emily Bollard [EB]

Absent:

Amy Mulchrone [AM]

Sabbats:

Barry Murphy

New reporting style is being used with a new focus on running through ideas and holding Executive Officers and Sabbats to account rather than just reading out reports.

Crossover training – Some new elements have been added compared to Last year. Has been successful particularly public speaking workshops

Brand Refresh – Brand refresh has taken place to facilitate ents & SU being combined into one

UO – UO will write about you and may report on this meeting as anything

RO – A new returning officer has been hired with the CRO who is open to working with us on dates.

Council – Rachel is continuing as chair and looking forward to her returning for the upcoming year

Class Reps – Using deans welcomes to recruit class reps. Some schools still recruiting their own reps which is causing issues

ULSU – Met with ULSU; Dublin SU meet-up was postponed due to scheduling issues and is yet to happen.

Christina Kelly has been hired and is being helpful with organizing interviews, prep and helping with lobbying on issues such as housing, leap cards, etc.

Committee & Meetings – Most have been attended. These are a huge commitment with reading documentation to being prepared and being able to contribute properly.

Budgets – Sabbatical officer budgets have been prepared. This was approved by UCDSU boards etc. College officer plans have also been discussed and most are now finalized with budgets also being discussed.

Bar Prices – Push Back on bar prices. This has been delayed until the October Meeting.

ESHTE – Filled seats at this anti-sexual harassment movement.

Sports shop redesigned and is more efficient.

Orientation – Appreciates the helping hand from Exec and volunteers and the week was successful with talks and deans welcomes going well.

Forthcoming - Needs to answer a backlog of e-mails; hiring a replacement COO after Fiona has left so filling this role is key; interviews are currently taking place.

Constitutional review – Needs to be reviewed and brought into line with the SUs current status. This will be a project that covers most of the year and will go through many drafts which will be presented to exec and council for review.

Marches - #RaiseTheRoof campaign on housing rights is Oct 3rd and this deserves our support. March for Choice is also needing support on Sept 30th.

Stephen Crosby

Crossover with Rob. Thanks Rob for his expertise and training. Has 39 boards committees etc and this will be taking out a lot of time.

Student cases – Particularly during the last 2 weeks there have been many.

New VLE – Change from Blackboard to BRIGHTSPACE; This is encouraging and an excellent change.

UCDSU Budget submission – Stephen wrote this, it was him who wrote it; he put a lot of pressure on himself and notes this was not put on him by the corridor or other Sabbats. Apologises to the room for this and for the reputational damage this has caused to the Union and to the education officer. It is not becoming of a sabbatical officer or of anyone and deeply regrets it.

EY - Met with EY, they are one of our main sponsors for the year and they will also be working with us on their offerings to UCD students and their graduate recruitment drives.

CSSL Programme changes – New program looks good and have met with the programme running staff & academics

Forthcoming

UCD AGILE – Roadmapping project to help track student life from secondary school to 3rd year as an UG. We are working with UCD on this project and this looks like it will be done by year end.

Orientation, Deans welcomes, and Fresh Fest went well.

Grade Scaling – Submission has come back on New Grade scaling and now first will be staying at 70% and this is currently what the working group is trying to work towards.

Questions about programme boards were asked by SG; Requirements were explained by NT & SC. NT mentioned that stream reps can be used for this. EL mentioned that stream reps' system used in this way in Law. Some discussion took place as to schools where this could occur such as comp sci and nursing

Constituency review currently taking place, BM working with new RO on this and will report back to Exec on this shortly. Will reevaluate representation of different courses to improve students voice.

Niall Torris-

Several major cases coming through the office. Many cases are long term, lasting 3-4 months between initial contact, gathering evidence and reporting.

Class rep training- meeting with Jason Last (Dean of Students) with TM and Joanna Siewierska. Deans office are currently figuring out all the forums, committees, boards etc which require student members. This should be completed by the end of semester and circulated to SU to help improve our own processes and presence on campus.

PHD Student conditions - School of medicine case closed, details of case are confidential, but a new module has been created to recognize teaching hours commitments and this module may be useful in other school, where applicable.

Met with postgraduate officer in ULSU, focused on casework, fees. Met with TCD GSU team and conversations focused largely on national campaigns such as housing, etc.

Forthcoming:

Seanad registration campaign- Certain students who go to UCD cannot be registered due to the title of their qualification (i.e. diploma). A Seanad Reform bill is on the table which would correct this, but it has not been enacted. Senator Michael McDowell is chair of the implementation group on this. Video campaign planned to push for registrations and for this reform to be enacted which would bring greater democratization of university/Seanad representation. Senator Alice-Mary Higgins agreed to take part in video campaign.

Postgraduate Belfield FM podcast. Help students to develop presentation skills and media skills to the wider public, advertising themselves as academics. Development on this project is ongoing.

Gradsconnect being held in O'Reilly Hall, this is a Postgraduates orientation event. After event, which was successful last year, organised in the bar. Main recruitment opportunity for graduate class reps.

Hope to organize a meeting with Aisling O Grady re: supervisor issues. Working to ensure that all student advisers are equipped to deal with PhD supervisor issues.

Phone Bill: NT continues to use his own mobile and continues to claim his own bill expenses in line with UCDSU policy.

Questions on involvement in Smurfit for SU Business College Officer (AB). AB and NT to liaise on this.

Questions on the improvement of Graduate student representation within the union. NT: Easiest method is to speak to taught master's students, those with contact hours/lecturers. Places to improve: AG and PHD representation.

Melissa Plunkett-

Met with Jason Last Aisling O Grady Aisling Kennedy Dalton, discussion of consent video as part of registration for res alongside fire safety. UCD Res failed to follow up on this discussion. Discussion held with four senior Ras around what training RAs felt that they need. Idea of Consent and sexual assault disclosure training positively received by RAs as they believe it would help them in their role. Training was organized for Ras at DRCC by UCDSU. Res again did not follow up based on unavailability of RAs. Alternative date proposed for term time, Ras were again unavailable due to different academic schedules.

Same as above with condoms on Res ^^^

SU team completed DRCC sexual assault disclosure training/Shout Out training. Ongoing origination of Assist Training.

Sat on interview panel for a new Student Adviser for the Arts faculty. Over 100 applications, very strong candidate selected in the end. Very pleased with student voice being present in this process.

Lots of caseworks. Phone, email and in person. Large amount of accommodation issues, assisted by Ailbhe UCDSU Accommodation Officer. Increase at end of August.

Forthcoming:

Sandra Tighe Meeting re: interaction between Welfare Office and Health Services and current resources available to both.

Meeting with UCD ALL re: accessibility of bathrooms in UCD.

TM-

Orientation advisory, discussing different elements key to the student experience (UCD App/Brightspace)

Extended orientation to include more activities later into the year

Pride 2018- Great day

Trip to Kelle Uni SU with BM, focusing on environmental campaigns.

Meeting with Colin Scott to discuss UCDSU's support for EDI in UCD

Lunch with student center/ student services staff

Meeting with Auditor of DIA soc about growing society, to be working alongside UCDSU's Disability rights coordinator Una. #

Campaign coordinator night out to Token. Great bonding experience, discussed various plans for the year

UCD in the community regarding union volunteering opportunities

Winging it: Wrote a 90-page book, change up of the design and implementation of diary section

Met with Brian Mullins and healthy UCD for European Week of Sport

Public speaking and presentation workshops with Sabbat team

House Hunters transport campaigns, collecting testimonials (text/video) about accommodation issues. Undercover footage to come.

Met with Chaplin Scott Evans to discuss services available to students from Chaplaincy

Campaign Coordinator meetings over summer to develop their campaign ideas

Environment/Mental Health/Disability Rights

Meeting with Tramline regarding use of venue for the year (Fresh Sesh etc)

DARE and HEAR talks regarding union services

Adrienne from Book a Ball regarding any large-scale events for SU

Peer mentor talks/Deans Welcomes, pushing the unions name out to nearly ever first year student

Forthcoming:

Organizing of more gigs, particularly for RAG week

Class rep recruitment, lecture addresses, handing out reminding of winging it

MATE campaign, to be rolled out soon

Growth of social media, with focus on Freshers Facebook Page

House Hunters transport campaigns, collecting testimonials (text/video) about accommodation issues. Undercover footage to come.

Bingo Loco- Finalization of plans for upcoming rave

Questions from SG regarding being present at events to do with Social Science and Law where sabbats are present

Questions from SSB about the involvement of college officers form an earlier stage in the winging handbook drafts.

College Officers

Reports taken as read

EL: Plans to meet with Imelda Maher dean of Law and organization of "Law with" course representation

AB: Submission to Sean Gallagher regarding coming to UCD campus (possible tie in with TM's Presidential election debates) SU notice board in Quinn with descriptors of Sabbats and roles as well as organizational structure of the Union

AHSS – SG Is there any dates that will clash with if we organize a Halloween bash event – BM says contact Kaleigh and she will respond after Freshers Ball

SSB – I have changed programmed, is it still permitted that I can be CO? – BM – You can continue in this role, but you may not be allowed to be on certain Programmed boards; you can delegate this duty if necessary.

ND – Crossover went well with Connor Flannery. Went to the Programme Board; organizing a "what I wish I knew event"

EB - Met with Elaine Murphy to discuss seating issue. This may take the year to sort this out – New chill room is but in in Vet and this may be worth investigating for science.

TM – Looking at organizing a Seachtain na gaelige & setting dates. Has set up a sub-committee to help with this work and work during the year.

Items for discussion were largely discussed throughout reports. AB has a contact which can help Tom with an app he has developed which could tie into MATE program. Class rep recruitment was discussed, and COs were asked to use their expertise at local level to recruit Reps.

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