

UCDSU Exec 4 01/10/18

Meeting Open: 18:00

Present:

Stephen Crosby [SC]

Niall Torris [NT]

Melissa Plunkett [MP]

Edward Leonard [EL]

Niall Donohoe [ND]

Treasa Moloney [TeMa]

Alex Bolster [AB]

Emily Bollard [EB]

Sophie Sheridan Burns [SSB]

Sophie Gibbons [SG]

Absent:

Amy Mulchrone [AM]

Apologies:

Aoibheann Nic Giolla Riogh [AnGR]

BM: Housing protest on Wednesday with two buses leaving from campus and other student to take public transport. March should be over by 1pm and we will be marching with other students from around the country. This should be a good event which is seeking to address a serious issue affecting students & people.

Some discussion ensued, and a number of college officers mentioned committing to flyering to promote the event and a number of issues affecting students were discussed including living conditions. Personal experiences known to exec officers were discussed including those in 5-day let digs

BM: First council starts next week which should be enjoyable. Chair is Rachel Duffy and Ailbhe will be interim secretary at this event (Law student & accommodation officer). There will be a brief mock council beforehand.

BM: Reads report and reminds COs of the importance of questioning the sabbats & exec officers on their reports.

Report:

Notes attendance at EIRSAT-1 launch, meeting regarding academic regulations reform with NT & SC in Registry with Registrar.

A new COO has been selected and is planned to be hired by month End.

Met with IUA and USI to discuss and lobby on national issues. More meetings of these types are planned.

Met with Student Services project lead to discuss a project seeking to co-ordinate student supports in UCD.

[EB] arrives 18:20

Student services (D.O'K & JM) will be coming to first council to talk about planned improvements to counselling services. A large budget has been set aside for this. It is important to question the project leaders on this when they are in council.

New student centre expansion design brief group. At the moment talks are still in conceptual phase but UCDSU wants to see commitments.

MP was a student on campus at the time and warns against agreeing to new SC improvements without hard commitment as similar promises were made to build new SC and the levy has only increased and a number of the improvements made have not been delivered with gym hours limited, pool access has an additional cost and the counselling & health services promised have not been delivered. Until hard commitments are made we should not agree to hold a referendum.

BM: Issue is with the consultation stage. Barry Murphy & James Alkayed were expected to represent all student voices but this is not diverse enough. There was also only one woman on the panel. This was raised from the beginning.

Plans for this week include the housing protest, finalising the class rep bonding and training for this year. Also planning to meet with VP for campus development to discuss entrance precinct and the need for more student consultation into the campus development & capital development project groups.

SC:

Report:

Meeting re academic regs focussed on the new repeat module capping being change to a 0.6 GPA reduction with a floor of 2.0 GPA. We will advocate for this and the data will be reviewed after 3 academic sessions to check that the process has not changed student behaviour with regard to failing to address equity concern re: more wealthy students repeating for grade by tactically failing. We do not believe this is likely but welcome the review to ensure this based on data about student behaviour collected in between.

Outward mobility group focussed largely on encouraging more students to go on Erasmus & Erasmus+, Exchange and to more diverse areas

ACEC approved a review of a number of UCD policies regarding plagiarism, student-supervision guidelines, etc.

GA induction went well. Very helpful session explaining the roles of governors and what is and isn't discussed at GA.

Meeting with Colin Scott with the AHSS went well

UMT SEG is also coming up which looks at student experience on Res, QQI cyclical review and other student experience.

Question AB: With outward mobility looking at increasing Erasmus participation why are places limited with some students only guaranteed a semester or without equality of opportunity across the board for students in all programs. Module content alignment has been raised as an issue causing this but surely more resources are needed to be invested into this to locate more host universities to increase places.

SC: This has been raised by Aoife Doherty in business. Certain schools have strong links and partnerships due to guaranteed cohorts going every year (90 students in Commerce Intl.) but these numbers are less reliable on other areas.

NT:

Report:

Casework- One legacy case responded, a few fitness to practice issues and a few new students seeking advice

MyWorld2Survey, longitudinal mental health study for the youth mental health lab in UCD Psych, general email and advertisement on SU platforms soon

Radio show and podcast being finalized and recruitment of panellist

Graduate student adviser, sharing research with Aisling O Grady (qqi guidelines specifically). Suggestion that a role such as this, if properly introduced, would align UCD to statutory requirements. Commitment to January hire.

Nadia Clarkin meeting to discuss mental health week in Smurfit

Seanead campaign, lobbying senators to implement historic bill to widen participation rates in the Seanead. Legislation that would enact this was passed in 2014 and I am lobbying to have this legislation adhered to. 10 registrations to be dropped in to NUI and lobbying of senators continues.

Class rep recruitment, approximately 20 reps, with a few more to join when the nominations reopen

SG: Why can people not immediately nominate themselves after the close date?

NT: You cant currently run a bi election when a full election is going on.

MP:

Report:

Training days Monday & Friday for ASSIST – Was helpful, all mandated training completed

GA Induction training took place and was helpful

Discussed setting up a food bank with Chaplain; a self-care week in November hopefully the week of or before revision week (exec felt the week before would be best)

Mental Health week meeting, Link and schedule is available on the student centre website. Workshops and events being run by SU to be added and the CO coffee mornings being co-organised with MH co-ordinator have also been sent on.

Attended March for choice.

Plans for the following period include poster making, attending UMT SEG to discuss RA training where Melissa will raise consent training issues for Ras. Raise the roof protest will be attended and the Silvercloud app launch will also take place this Thursday. Meeting with Consent@UCD to discuss plans and meet committee. Meeting with Tina Lowe to discuss a disability event.

Still working on condoms on Res. Dean Of Students appears to agree that they should be supplied on Res but no responses are forthcoming from Res leadership.

Event discussed with ALL to discuss inequalities on campus and to highlight and celebrate the work UCD ALL does in these areas. This may be run in co-operation with the L&H with a debate night and motion on the issue.

TM:

Report:

Met with Gabrielle Kelly who is now involved with Green campus

Good reaction from UCD staff to consent talks.

Class rep elections with about 137 reps expected to be elected. Thanks to all exec for contributing to class rep recruitment.

Raise the roof postering & March for Choice postering done with T-shirts designed and arrived for #RaiseTheRoof housing protest.

Flyering to begin tomorrow to advertise the March. These flyers have been designed and will arrive tomorrow.

SU Ents page is now inactive and there is proposal on the table to use this to advertise society events through this to help advertise student events and to improve relationships with societies. This will help improve events in UCD and event co-ordination between UCDSU & Societies.

Flags and Banner did not arrive Friday due to courier issue which was unexplained. A contact number could not be found and they also did not arrive today so there is a large issue here.

Molly Ebbs has been hired to help deal with social media obligations while sabbats are busy. This has been helpful to Thomas in his role ensuring effective communication.

March For Choice went well. Attendance was great and we were very happy with our numbers at the march and the passion of those who joined to represent UCD Students.

ALL SABBAT REPORTS PASSED

SSB needed to leave early. Report taken as read and passed

EL took report as read. Noted the Law coffee morning will be taking place 11-1 Wednesday (10th October)

Staff-Student forum record list holder has been contact and Ed should be added to this list shortly.

Coffee morning looking like it will go well

Report Passed

AB took report as read. Noted meeting with Brian Mullins, Rep recruitment was satisfactory and apologises for being unable to attend upcoming marches due to unforeseen circumstances.

Report Passed

SSB Report taken as read. BM asked about Clubhouse Halloween event and asked that TM be looped in to help co-ord on this event

MP when is coffee morning? Thursday 9-12

Report Passed

NoD Coffee morning is Friday 5th 9am in Richview

Need to go to Professor Grace for laptop survey info.

Report Passed

EB student adviser in science has been contacted to develop some projects. Coffee Morning has been set for 1pm Tuesday 9th October.

Report Passed

TeMa:

Noted efforts to get Kneecap for and Event; RAS UCD Committee has begun (BM asked if sponsorship request could be earlier this year; if possible). Gaelige Subcommittee will be after Exec. TradSoc are interested in collab on a Seachtain Na Gaelige event which TM is happy to co-operate with organising.

Programme Board training with Niall last week. Very helpful

Translating Myth V. Fact sheets into Irish

Report Passed

Items For Discussion

BM: #RaiseTheRoof flyers delivered tomorrow. Come in, get them, flyer your area.

TM: Get all you can to come. Advertise event pages etc. This is an excellent opportunity to engage on this issue.

BM: Any uncontested class reps should also be asked to get involved.

Class Rep Discussion

Encourage Class Reps to get involved in elections and to promote March for #RaiseTheRoof. This is worth engagement with even though it clashes with Wednesday elections. Bonding trip was also discussed. During activities COs will be put into their assigned area groups. Class rep training will be modularised throughout the year to help reps be able to access training throughout the year. College Councils must also be organised.

Meeting ended 20:10