

Executive meeting 7

UCDSU Boardroom

Attendees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Role</u>
Barry Murphy	BM	President
Melissa Plunkett	MP	Welfare
Stephen Crosby	SC	Education
Niall Torris	NT	Graduate
Emily Bollard	EB	Science CO
Edward Leonard	EL	Law CO
Treasa Moloney	TRM	Irish Officer
Sophie Sheridan Burns	SB	Humanities CO
Sophie Gibbons	SG	Social science CO
Niall Donoghue	ND	Engineering and architecture CO.
Thomas Monaghan	TM	C&C Officer
Alex Bolster	AB	Business CO

Exec opens 18:20

Approval of sabbat reports

Thomas Monaghan report (C&C Officer)

TM: Apologies for missing last exec was sick.

Achievements:

Met Sinead Lucy about save our spark – national campaign to save third level funding – interesting fact and figures incomprehension to Scandinavia. Ireland is in danger zone in relation to funding – will email all students in UCD, class reps etc and plug it on the social media accounts to sign a petition and to contact TDs and senators to request better funding. This is an important campaign. Will be done before Christmas.

Drug policy. Brought mandate last year about awareness of drugs. Drug campaign next semester. Awareness campaign before festivals etc, should follow lead of District 8 about safe drug use. Semester 2 will focus on study pills

SG: In Cork I met a lady who does drug harm reduction and it might be beneficial for here called Alex's adventure. We could fund her to come to UCD. She lives in cork. She is really good and professional.

TM: students would react well to this and could work with SSDP on this.

Supplementary part of the campaign when we went to UL we got a booklet which had all the names of drugs, nicknames how to take it safely and what to do if something goes wrong. Found a nice hoodie for class reps, fake furred hood, only comes in certain colours, have to fiddle around with colours and logos. Ents forum met today. Promotion of Stephen's career fare, students gave us great feedback. Coke activation.

AB: what website for hoodies?

Tm: Textpro

Tm: Barry, Kayleigh and Dave meeting on rag week, simple events more focused on bucket collections, poker championship – 6 tables of 10 roughly 600 euro, with a prize.

BM: RAG week is week one. Starts with black Monday. Thursday possibly big act. During the week non-alcoholic events etc.

TM: Ideas of maybe podcaster – blind boy possibly, possibly Irish man abroad, possibly the O'Donovan brothers, and maybe another UCD alumni- how sports/socs helps your mental health

EL: same for Brezzie when he came a few years ago

MP: He's studying here at the moment met him at the lust for life event. He said he's open to doing something with us

BM: He's roughly 5k

MP: When I was talking to him he seemed open to things on campus

TM: Green shops video with Barry. Liaised with UCDTV = focusing on the good and bad things in life. Met PK re ball. Council night at Wetherspoons. Took photos for Katies event which was great. It was so great to see a campaign co-Ord put so much time into something and it go so well. La na Gaeilge. Class rep booklet – was happy with the contact. Trans day of remembrance.

Future plans :

Meeting campaign coordinators tomorrow. Promotion of MBS – thanks to everyone who shared it.

It is always a fantastic event to run. Continuing work on rag, Christmas day clubhouse draw. Going to university for all and the tale of 2 dragons.

With he class rep booklet there were some design issues but these will hopefully be fixed for next year.

SC: what is the tale of two dragons?

TM: is the event which is attended by management and staff in UCD which intend to make ucd more accessible for all. Lunch and networking.

MP: The SSDP have been onto me about a study drug leaflet and I have the info and has been passed on to make a nice graphic for this semester.

Approved

Barry Murphy report

BM: First capital project group meeting - buildings discussed at concept level. All confidential however, it was nice to offer student opinions on different buildings around campus.

Organised the town hall discussion on constitution and levy. Painted the office. Had meeting with board members. Supported at Katie O'Dea's event. Engineering town hall meeting . AC. Crestcom management/leadership training.

Up coming plans

FRAMAC, UPB, MBS will be one of our best days of the year, Christmas day, organisation of Christmas party for the shop staff. Prepping for exams, any questions?

MP: have they organised for more rooms to be open?

BM: yes the global lounge, ucd estates are looking at extra rooms that will become available once the classes end this week. When they tell us we will combine these and tell the students. The library will also place a list of these places.

AB: in Confucius, there are often empty class rooms. With lots of space.

SC: from study week onwards booking study rooms will not be able and then people can use them to study.

ND: Irish times were looking for feedback on library

BM: We have promoted this but do you want us to give feedback as a group?

ND: yes please

SG: will circulate the results from her survey.

Approved

Alex Bolster report (Business CO)

Taken as read. Held college council. Good turnout and the reps are doing really good work. Weren't afraid to voice issues. Issues with Spanish department - working with Sophie gibbons and Stephen on this.

Recorded a webinar for prospective student. Met Niall re careers fare in semester 2. Has spent money on pastries

EL: Lidl have given us sponsorship, will give you the vouchers

Ab: Attending Christmas day, MBS and will fill out the exam stand rota.

Approved

Emily Bollard (Science Co):

Went to AC, was good. Went to climate change event, it was good, fair play to her. Will fill out exam stand doodle poll. Over the semester plans didn't go ahead. A few other plans for next semester hopefully these will go well.

Approved

Niall Torris report (Graduate Officer)

Expansion of case work – fees and funding issues grants. Res hearings, dignity and respect meetings, one long term case work settled positively. Graduate student advisor: showed documentation of role summary and duties. Ucd have said that they hire someone. Radio show. Senate video gone up, some of the next video has been sent to Matthew. Exams: bus stewards, lots of applicants, need to interview them at limit to roughly 25. Voter reg campaign through Facebook, some walk in queries.

Academic regulations. Finding it difficult to find the right software to edit the interviews. Have found the right software.

BM: well done on the Seanad video

SG: well done on the graduate advisor.

NT: yes there has been a lot of work on it. I have written the document in front of you. It'll be a massive step forward for the university .

Approved

Stephen Crosby (Education Officer):

Outward mobility and working group. Have got lots of feedback and has given the info to the university. Will be launching another survey with a possible prize. Pre exam guide – text is finished and the design is now being done. Feedback working group meeting had rep from Curtin University – for some reason they have a high level of returning feedback - as they know where the feedback goes and what it is used for the students believe in the process. VLE: only going to use the data as they currently do. The same as always has been. Careers internship – good turnout. The headshots by MRN are being sent out to the students and students are happy with them.

Met with library to talk about library breakfast, assisting with storage. Nursing symposium – good to chat to students about exams and gave out coffee vouchers. Upsurge in case work however, academics are less responsive to emails at the moment so there are issues with helping students and getting results.

Volunteering at exam stand - doodle poll, stewards are being hired, Lots of food ordered.

Posters for late night study and library breakfast etc. Barry and I are meeting UCD and RDS re bus stops. Will be helping out with MBS over the week – ducks and bunnies!

Happy with achievements to date. Leading UCDSU during exam periods is exciting but a little stressful.

Good luck to COS in exams and lastly, Merry Christmas.

BM: volunteering at the exams – we are hiring staff for the exams to be there most of the time to support volunteers. Please only do the hours that you can afford to do, please don't study at the stand. We don't mind minding your bags at the exams.

NT: We need to make sure people that interact with the students at the exam is a good way to talk to students. They need a banana and a smile.

Approved

Edward Lennard report (Law CO)

Met Imelda Maher. They had a coffee morning and are looking to get a form involved for a coffee morning in week one. UPB tomorrow.

BM: Did Imelda prompt you to meet Caroline Fine?

EL: yes they thought law soc and the SU were the same thing had replied to law soc but not to us

BM: have you had college council?

EL: I don't see the point of having college council only 5 people turn up?

AB: we are mandated to do?

EL: I still don't think its worth like only 5 ever turn up

BM: how many reps do you have?

EL: 10

BM: would suggest that you let it go till after exams and contact them next semester. Even if you had one to plan the semester

EL: I had one a few weeks ago but only 5 turned up

BM: I will talk to you about it at a later date.

EB: law school manager does every school have one?

BM: there's a bunch of different titles – school officer managers, building managers. Etc

Approved

Melissa Plunket (Welfare Officer):

Apologies my report was late.

Uptake in casework. Will take over the accommodation questions as part time officer has resigned.

ESHTE ucd. Attended this is not consent protest. Femfest brainstorm – have asked me to set up a group on individuals who would volunteer at the event and offer feedback. Meeting with cos and campaigns forum. Went to psychology event – networked with a lust for life team. Children's and general nursing symposiums. Had a meeting about the student experience mapping with Michael Sinnots, myself and a student now sitting on a new group. Council town hall meeting, met with healthy ucd. Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems programme board. Had a meeting on direct provision supports, with current students in DP to senior members of staff. There was also a rep from MASI. It was very interesting .

Ann Mulhall and Danielle Clark are amazing people and they are doing amazing work, they really care about students.

Went to the woman in stem group in ucd to show support invited them to be part of femfest. Wednesday 21st was off sick. Went to AC, was fab, thank you to all who put in work. Heard the results of the student survey for first year. SU came out well and conscience with peer mentors, sometimes gaps of time in orientation week where students don't know what to do and often just go home.

BM: next year's team should use this to get more time for the SU to talk to students

MP: comments from staff. Positives the SU turned up and did well. The food events and the free things. Pretty much all us. Negative – science didn't do the library or sports section of the campus tour.

EB: so they commented on the fact on the issues in science?

I have had a number of issues from peer mentors this year about the structure of the peer mentoring

MP: MBS - come down and help. Sadhbh will be giving out stuff on the concourse

EB: tomorrow at Four for Sadhbh's thing

MP:

upcoming plans:

Resilient SPARC project. Triage counselling interviews all day tomorrow. This week is university for all week. Mini MBS, Christmas day. Meeting Aideen Quilty, library breakfast, teaching and learning discussion, EDI and exams.

Comparison: couldn't attend gaze, la na Gaeilge couldn't attend due to protest

ND: women in stem student led?

MP: yes led by Sadhbh mccarrick – there is a Facebook page

Open to men and women.

Approved

Niall Donoghue report (Engineering and architecture CO)

College council,. Townhall meeting, attended the engineering formal, need to get in contact re the vending machine. Bought pizza for last college council.

BM: town hall meeting with Niall went well. If anyone else wants to hold a town hall meetings about issues in your building would be good, it is very helpful. Maybe organise them for week 2 to get some feedback and then tackle the issues in semester 2.

SG: have been trying to do this through coffee mornings however isn't really working.

BM: targeting students, reps, other groups, auditors etc, inviting peer mentors etc

Approved

Sophie gibbons (Social Science CO)

Arts and humanities programme board discussed Erasmus. I found that programme board really annoying as it was academics discussing why students don't go on Erasmus as oppose to students saying why. However, they were very receptive when I spoke. Spoke to SVP with the giving tree. Emailed estates about the extra study space. Held no cup coffee morning. Continuing to work on SPARC project. Very happy with library survey

BM: well done on that

Sg: there are more and more students coming with issues about lecturers and reps. Will hopefully be running a gender equality report in economics with school of economics. In terms of student engagement coffee mornings are not working, will take a ND action and nobody is listening to me re seating. I am considering crowd funding.

Focusing on exam and welfare supports. Will support MBS

Approved

Item for discussion

Absence of Agriculture, vet and Food CO – Proposed by EL.

EL: I am unhappy with her lack of attendance at councils and execs this year. She should be removed from her position as she has broken constitution. It reflects badly on the good work that other CO's have done.

BM: I will contact said college officer

EL: have you contacted her recently

BM: not in the last 3 - 4 weeks

EL: do we have to call a By-election?

BM: yes we will

NT: it has to be reported to IADB

BM: it has to go to IADB its not us making the decision it's the constitution. I will contact the IADB on Monday as she has missed two consecutive councils. They will reach out her and they will ask if she has a valid reason for this. I will also out of curiosity contact her. And then there will be a by - election, voted in by council at the first council of the year if she is removed from office.

AB: is there a reason for her missing?

BM: if there is a valid reason, IADB will take this into consideration.

AOB

MP: I was meant to put a mandate to council but didn't get a chance to do it to get your support in supporting the protest of the national maternity hospital being controlled by a religious ethos. What are your thoughts? Currently the hospital is separate at Holles street but it is moving to a catholic ethos hospital. Originally it was agreed that they could move and not be a part of the ethos but now they are saying to be on the land you must follow the catholic ethos. Issues effecting contraception, abortion etc

EB: why are they moving?

MP: Holles street building is not for for purpose they want to build a state of the art building

EB: I agree with protesting that

SG: at its roots it is a maternity hospital this would be effected heavily by this

BM: we want your approval to put time and effort into this.

ND: is it difficult to get a procedure done in Ireland that they don't want to do

MP: Holles street is a tertiary hospital which means they do a lot of the difficult procedure that often go against a catholic ethos eg getting your tubes tied etc. some hospitals are not allowed to carry out certain procedures. If they move to this place there would be difficulties in carrying out these procedures but would have a state of the art building.

Gets support of Exec

BM: thank you for all your work this semester, focus on your exams and don't be working on the SU work, and best of luck with the exams.

Exec Closes