

UCDSU POLICY BOOK 2019/20

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NOTES:

All references to C&C officer which should be read as the C&E officer (except in the case of Ents which should be read as entertainments officer)

A ** denotes an amendment to the motion made on the council floor while the motion was being debated

18/4/16

UCD Trans Policy Motion

Council recognises: That there are trans students and staff in UCD, and that for a number of these students University is their first opportunity to express their gender in society. It is therefore vital that there is protection for these members of our community and policies in place to support them as they're transitioning.

Council notes: That there is no policy and little to no specific protections in place for trans students or staff in UCD and no obligation on behalf of staff to recognise a trans student's gender identity.

Council further recognises: That all efforts made by students to designate bathrooms as gender neutral has been fruitless. Trans and gender-nonconforming students, along with lone parents and carers would benefit from the safety of a gender neutral bathroom.

Council also notes: The work that Trinity has done on bringing in a Gender Identity and Gender Expression policy to provide protection for trans and gender non-conforming staff members.

Council therefore mandates: The Welfare Officer, the President to coordinate a working group to consult with the LGBTQ+ Coordinator, the Gender Equality Coordinator, UCD LGBTI Staff Network, UCD LGBTQ+ Society. This working group should also have members of both the student and staff trans community. The purpose of such a group would be to produce and see to fruition a robust and high quality policy on issues of Gender Identity and Gender Expression for UCD.

Council also mandates: That progress on this committee and its report be brought monthly to council until the completion and implementation of said policy.

Proposed by: Sam Blanckensee (Stage 3 & 4 Veterinary Nursing Class Representative)

Seconded by: Clare O'Connor (Welfare Officer)

7/11/16

Free the Nipple Motion:

Council notes: the arrest of Carina Fitzpatrick at Knockanstockan music festival and the way in which it highlights the sexualisation of female nudity far and beyond male nudity.

Council further notes: the work of UCD student Alannah Bellamy in organising a series of events inspired by Carina's arrest- which analyse and discuss the sexualisation of the female body and the events at Knockanstockan themselves- together composing a Free the Nipple Campaign.

Council acknowledges: that traditional ideas of sexuality and decency are far from fickle and emphasises that the campaign seeks to investigate and discuss these ideas rather than rejecting them outright- i.e. the campaign asks WHY women can't walk around topless and isn't telling women TO walk around topless.

Council further acknowledges: the great value to the Union of campaigns run by individuals who have no Union affiliations and thanks Alannah for her contribution to discourse within the student body.

Council therefore mandates:

1. That UCDSU endorse this Free the Nipple Campaign for as long as it continues in UCD, providing it with publicity (by both printed and digital means), support in booking event venues on campus and the support of the SU in name and branding, as the representative body of all UCD students;
2. That the Gender Equality Campaigns Co-ordinator maintain contact with the leader of the Free the Nipple Campaign and ensure that all the supports mentioned in this mandate are provided by the Union.

Proposed by: Joshua Gorman Climax (Stage 2 Engineering Class Representative)

Seconded by: Viktoria Banach (Gender Equality Campaigns Co-ordinator)

7/11/16

Motion to Council- SU Promotional Material

Council Notes: that the Student's Union run campaigns and use promotional material to promote those campaigns such as leaflets, posters, booklets, brochures, flyers and handbooks.

Council Further Notes: That sometimes an excess of these materials are produced, resulting with a large amount of them being put in the bin- a waste of materials and a waste of money.

Council Therefore Mandates: That when any sabbatical officer, executive officer, campaign co-ordinator or other member of council prints an amount of promotional material, that they must record the amount of material printed, as well as the amount of material wasted at the end of the campaign, and send the figures on to the Environmental Co-ordinator.

Proposed by: Shane Grogan (Environmental Co-ordinator 2016/17)

Seconded by: Sophie Osborne (Stage 3 School of Irish, Celtic Studies, Irish Folklore & Linguistics Class Representative)

21/11/16

Provision of Sanitary Supplies Motion:

Council Notes: That the majority of female students menstruate monthly.

Council Further Notes: That the Student's Union fails to provide free sanitary products to female students in emergency situations despite the fact that they provide non-essential products e.g. condoms to students.

Council Acknowledges: That condoms are crucial but not essential.

Council Believes: That female students should have right to these products for free in these emergency situations.

Council Mandates: That free sanitary products, e.g. tampons and sanitary towels, are made available to students who require them and to advertise the availability of such products.

Proposed by: George Merrin (Stage 2 Science Class Representative)

Seconded By: Niamh Simmons (Stage 1 Psychology Class Representative)

23/1/17

Irish Language in UCD Commercial life: BÉARLA THÍOS // ENGLISH BELOW

Tugann an comhairle: faoi deara go bhfuil Gaeilge líofa ag cuid mhór de mhic léinn UCD nó go bhfuil mic léinn ag iarraidh a gcuid Gaeilge a úsáid nó a chleachtadh.

Breis is sin, tugann an comhairle: faoi deara cé go deirtear sa bhunreacht go bhfuil sé mar aidhm an Aontais an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn ar fud an champais (Airteagal 2.1.11 agus Airteagal 25.3), go bhfuil sé fíor-dheacair, fós, cúrsaí reatha a phlé leis an Aontas, seachas na cúrsaí a bhaineann leis an Oifigeach Gaeilge, faraor.

Admhaíonn an comhairle: nach bhfuil: an Ghaeilge á labhairt ag fórmhór de mhuintir na hollscoile ach ag an mionlach.

Creideann an comhairle, áfach: bunaithe ar bhunreacht na hÉireann agus bunreacht an Aontais, go bhfuil seo mar cheist phrionsabail, ní ceist phraicticiúlachta.

Sainordaíonn an comhairle mar sin:

1. Go gcuirfidh an t-Uachtarán Conor Viscardi brú ar Sheirbhísí Tráchtála UCDSU agus/nó ar David Collins, fostaithe a chur ag caitheamh suaitheantas nó biorán chun cur in iúl do mhic léinn, bhaill foirne nó don phobal go bhfuil siad breá sásta gnó a dhéanamh trí Ghaeilge.
2. Go gcuirfidh an t-Aontas brú ar chomhlachtaí eile ar champas a fhostaíonn mic léinn an rud céanna a dhéanamh i.e. An Clubtheach, Centra, etc.

Molta ag: Tadhg Ó Maoldhomhnaigh (Leigheas Tréidliachta, Staid 1)

Tacaithe ag: Eoghan Mac Domhnaill (Oifigeach Gaeilge)

Council notes: that a large number of students in UCD can speak the Irish language fluently and/or like to use the Irish they have in an effort to maintain/improve.

Council further notes: that: despite the constitution stating that the SU aims to promote a bilingual policy and culture across the university (Article 2.1.11 and Article

25.3), it is still difficult to engage with the SU on any matter through the Irish language except on matters associated with the Oifigeach Gaeilge.

Council acknowledges: That the Irish language is not spoken by the majority but by the minority.

Council believes, however: That based on both the constitution of the SU and the state, this is a matter of principle, not practicality.

Council therefore mandates that:

1. In an effort to promote the Irish language on campus and encourage its use within the student body, that the President pushes UCDSU Commercial Services and/or David Collins for the wearing of badges or pins by employees of the UCDSU shops with Irish, showing that they are willing to serve students, faculty, or members of the public through Irish.
2. That the SU will put pressure on other companies on campus that employ students to do the same thing e.g. Clubhouse, Centra, etc.

Proposed by: Tadhg Maloney (Veterinary Medicine Stage 1 Class Representative)

Seconded by: Eoghan Mac Domhnaill (Irish Officer)

23/1/17

MOTION TO COUNCIL RE. REFERENDA (Amended)

Council References: The recent referendum in which students were asked whether they believe that the UCDSU should be neutral, or continue campaigning to repeal the 8th Amendment. While this motion is not specific to this referendum explicitly, council notes that one side used a similar colour scheme and branding to that of the UCD Students Union.

Council further notes: That the wording of the proposal of the recent referendum caused confusion among some students.

To preserve the integrity of future referenda, Council mandates:

1. that the SU encourages the Returning Office to impose a rule such that in any UCD referendum, no side should be allowed to use similar branding (including but not limited to colour schemes, fonts, imagery, logos, etc.) that could confuse students and influence their decision based on an inexistent association with the SU.
2. that the SU encourages the Returning Office to impose a rule such that the wording of any motions of referenda must be approved by either: a. Council, b. A nominated committee independent of the Returning Office but from within the SU, and/or c. An external organisation, such as Plain English Ireland.
3. that the SU encourages the Returning Office to publish simple, easily-understood, easy-to-access and transparent regulations around canvassing and campaigning specific to each referendum at the same time as the proposal. (N.B. all University students should be able to find, access and understand these regulations)
4. that the SU encourages the Returning Office to give due regard to the events happening in the university when choosing polling dates. E.g. if there is a reading week in a certain school then consider pushing referendum back to another date.
5. that the SU encourages the Returning Office, during polling hours, to nominate a large team of representatives to patrol the campus and buildings to ensure that canvassing, from either side, is free from any aggressive practices. And if such practices are in action, to put them to an end.
6. that the SU encourages the Returning Office to impose fines, sanctions and/or warnings for any flyers, posters, et al that are still up around campus and in campus buildings seven days after a referendum has been conducted and results counted and published.
7. that the Students Union adopts a position similar to that of the country's Referendum Commission, i.e. "The Referendum Commission is an independent body

that explains the subject matter of referendum proposals, promotes public awareness of a referendum, and encourages the electorate to vote". This would encompass the dispelling of any unfair or untrue claims from any side of a campaign team.

Proposed by: Ayrton Kelly (Stage 1 Commerce (International) Class Representative)

Seconded by: Niamh Simmons (Stage 1 B.A. Psychology Class Representative)

23/1/17

UCDSU Establishes a Policy Direction on Fees:

Council Notes: Since the publication of the Cassells Report in the summer of 2016, the issues around the lack of investment in the higher education sector and the financial burden inflicted on students over the last few years have become an important and a more prominent national issue.

Council Further Notes: The current coalition government have been reluctant in implementing one of the three options referenced in the Cassell's report due to the political implications of doing so. The current political climate adds a difficult proposition for the minority government to make such a decision.

Council Acknowledges: Irrespective of this position, the higher education sector, the current and prospective students of UCD face uncertainty in the future, as cuts in core funding since 2008 have greatly affected the teaching, learning resources and supports in a negative manner. Further to this, decisions made on a national level in relation to fees will have a direct and far-reaching impact on the nature of education and its associated access in this state for generations to come.

Council Therefore Mandates: That UCDSU, establish a policy direction to highlight the financial burden on students and their families. This Policy direction will then be formulated into a stance and position, as prescribed by the students of UCD. This direction will be developed according to the characteristics of the desired funding model.

Proposed by: Conor Viscardi (President)

Seconded by: Lexi Kilmartin (Education Officer)

6/2/17

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis:

Council Notes: 'PrEP' or Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis medication for HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) is not currently licensed for prescription.

Council Recognises: As PrEP is not licensed for prescription it is not covered by the HSE's Drug Payment Scheme or Medical Card and is all but impossible for those in need to access legally.

Council Further Notes: that HIV has reached a crisis point in Ireland, with 1 diagnosis every 18 hours, more than ever previously recorded. PrEP is a preventative HIV drug that has been recommended by the World Health Organisation since 2015 as an effective additional measure for those at risk of HIV. The PROUD study in the UK and the IPERGAY study in France found that making PrEP available to men at substantial risk of HIV reduced the number of new transmissions by 86%. The iPrEx study found that those who take 7 PrEP pills per week have a protection level of 99%. HIV disproportionately affects disenfranchised groups of people: sexually active men and trans people attracted to men; sex workers; intravenous drug users; and their partners.

Council Therefore Mandates: The SU to take a positive stance on, and actively campaign for the licensing of PrEP when they attend Dublin Pride Parade.

Council Also Mandates: The Welfare Officer and LGBT* Co-ordinator to provide information about PrEP and PEP to students, through social media.

Proposed by: Roisin Ni Mhara (Welfare Officer)

Seconded by: Ruth Murphy (LGBT* Co-ordinator)

6/2/17

Fees referendum:

Council Notes: That student have diverse opinions on what funding model and fees options should be implemented, as highlighted in the Cassell's Report.

Council Further Notes: In line with our democratic function as a Union, it is important to consider the views of our membership.

Council Therefore Mandates: That UCDSU conduct a Referendum in conjunction with the forthcoming Exec elections to determine the students of UCD position on Higher Education Fees.

The Referendum will consist of three options –

- Current Fees ("Free Fees" with €3k student contribution)
- Income-Based Loan System
- Significantly Lower Fees ("Free Fees" with reduced contribution)

Proposed by: Conor Viscardi (President)

Seconded by: Luke Fitzpatrick (Campaigns and Communications Officer)

27/2/17

Social Engagement Opportunities for Bachelor of Arts (BA) Students

Council Notes: UCD's Bachelor of Arts degree is the largest degree available on the island of Ireland, with an estimated intake of between 1,500 – 1,200 students per annum.

Council Recognises: The consistent reoccurring problem of BA students lacking the ability to make friends due to the sheer amount of people enrolled to the BA degree; which ultimately leads onto certain students feeling isolated on campus and dwindles these students' enjoyment of their time in UCD as an undergraduate.

Council Further Recognises: That large scale collaborative events planned by Arts SU Class Representatives would provide these BA students feeling isolated with valuable opportunities to attempt to make friends with their BA peers and as such allow them to enjoy their UCD experience.

Therefore Council Mandates: All BA SU Class Representatives from the same stage of the BA degree come together to plan at least one event (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) every semester for their stage's constituents. For example, BA Stage One Class Representatives plan a separate event to BA Stage Two Class Representatives.

Council Further Mandates: That the Arts and Human Science College Officer (x2) must inform their faculty's Class Representatives about this motion each semester. The two College Officers must also assist their Class Reps with these events via means of helping with the organisation and promotion of these events.

Proposed By: Liam Brady (UCDSU Arts and Human Sciences College Officer)

Seconded By: Francis Roche (UCDSU Arts and Human Sciences College Officer)

27/2/17

First Aid at UCD

Council Notes: There is a very low number of young people in Ireland with sufficient first aid skills.

Council also notes: That UCD does not publically offer first-aid courses to students at a fee or free of charge and does not offer a module in first aid as an elective or optional module.

Council Recognises: First Aid course are run by commercial & charitable organisations and various options of qualifications are available. In addition, the SU have recognised this need through the “Restart a Heart” day during semester one 2016.

Council Further Notes: First aid courses are expensive and are often not accessible to students for financial and practical reasons including their scheduling dates despite it being a valuable life, safety and employable skill.

Council Therefore Mandates: The Education Officer to investigate the feasibility of a module being established equivalent to the FETAC level 5 course called “Occupational First aid” and if feasible, pursue its implementation.

Council Also Mandates: The SU to invite organisations (Red Cross/Order of Malta etc.) to UCD at various times throughout the year to run both “basic first aid courses” and “Occupational First Aid Courses”, to encourage students to participate in these courses and investigate the possibility for subsidies from the university.

Proposed by: Eóin Gormley (Stage 1 Economics Class Representative)

Seconded by: Sadhbh McCarrick (Stage 1 Science Class Representative)

27/3/17

UCDSU Advocates for the “Free Fees” Initiative - Policy Development

Council Notes: Having considered the options of the recent fees preferendum, the students of UCD opted for the significantly lower fees (the re-introduction of the free fees initiative), option. This was ultimately expressed by 55.1% of the total valid poll representing the above mentioned funding model.

Council Acknowledges: That the re-instatement of the free-fees initiative is a process that will involve the participation and cooperation of a wide range of stakeholders including yet not restricted to; The Government, The Higher Education Sector, Student Representative Groups, Industry, Political Parties and the wider community.

Council Further Acknowledges: To achieve the far reaching benefits and impact of an enhanced H.E. sector, striving for equity of access ensures that third level education is accessible to all individuals or groups irrespective of any monetary barriers.

Council Therefore Mandates: In line with the pre-existing mandate to alleviate the financial burden on students and their families, UCDSU will undertake the following work, research and lobbying to identify and propose how the Departments of Education and Skills, Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform and the HEA would implement the free fees initiative within the fiscal structures of the state under the specification of the key areas below:

- Reducing the financial barrier on students and their families.
- Improving the provision for resourcing in the sector.

The benefits of enhanced funding in the sector to:

- A Stimulus to Economic Growth
- The Social and Cultural Contributions to Society

Council Further Mandates: It will be the responsibility of the President and the Education Officer to report their progress relating to the above mandate at every Union Council.

Proposed by: Conor Viscardi (President)

Seconded by: Lexi Kilmartin (Education Officer)

27/3/17

Meditation/Reflection/Quiet room at UCD

Council Notes: There is a high number of students involved with faith societies in UCD, of which a significant proportion are active users of their facilities e.g. Prayer rooms, Interfaith centre.

Council Also Notes: That the number of UCD Islamic Society members has increased 3 folds between the years of 2006 (Establishment date of the UCD Islamic Society's prayer space) and 2016, resulting in the members of this society to overpopulate the facilities used. (currently being 433 members Islamic society)

Council Recognises: That there is a high number of students in UCD from multiple faiths who lack a designated space for reflection and meditational activities e.g. Newman (111 members) and Bahai' (15 members), Christian Union (147 members)

Council Further Notes: The UCD Islamic society's prayer room is in an isolated and inconvenient location for students studying in the eastern side of campus (UCD Quinn School of Business and UCD Sutherland School of Law) as they must walk to it within the ten minutes between lectures, causing tardiness for Tutorials/Seminars/ Labs and Lectures that clash with prayer times.

Council Therefore Mandates: The Arts and Human Sciences College Officers and Campaigns and Communications Officer investigate the feasibility of establishing a designated, shared space in a central area of the UCD campus (such as the Newman building) to be used by students of all faiths for religious activities and non-denominational students for meditation and reflection.

Proposed by: Rosaleen Aljohmani (Stage 1 English, Drama & Film Class Representative)

Seconded by: Luke Fitzpatrick (Campaigns and Communications Officer)

27/3/17

Halal Food at UCD

Council Notes: That there are very few restaurants which cater towards Muslim dietary requirements in UCD. Only two facilities cater towards Muslim customers and this they do insufficiently i.e. frequent stock problems which limit the number of Muslim students that can be catered for.

Council Also Notes: That the location of these two facilities are on the eastern side of campus e.g. Centra and Chicken Shack which are both of inconvenient distance to students studying in buildings further away from the vicinity e.g. Richview, Newstead, School of Agriculture and UCD Health Sciences, Conway and Science.

Council Recognises: That there is a significant population of both Irish Muslim students and international Muslim students (Estimated 300 in Health Sciences alone) who study in areas of the UCD campus where access to catering facilities that provide halal food, is cumbersome.

Council Also Recognises: That due to the large population of Muslim students studying and working in UCD, the two facilities which can cater towards them are inadequate, in terms of being able to cope with high demand for their services.

Council Further Notes: That catering facilities are available to the general population of UCD students within each faculty's buildings, providing easy meal access. However, Muslims students are forced to walk significant distances to reach facilities which can cater towards them, resulting in students being late to tutorials/seminars/labs and lectures.

Council Therefore Mandates: That the President and Campaigns and Communications Officer investigate the feasibility of expanding supply of Halal options across more restaurants and SU shops on the UCD Belfield campus, in a method that makes them accessible to the substantial population of Muslim students in UCD studying in all faculties at a reasonable price, and clearly labelled to avoid confusion.

Proposed by: Rosaleen Aljohmani (Class Rep for Class Rep for Stage 1 English, Drama & Film)

Seconded by: Luke Fitzpatrick (Campaigns and Communications Officer)

27/3/17

Motion to improve UCDSU's relationship with Res

Council notes: UCDSU and UCD Residential Assistants (RAs) have had a poor relationship over the past few years.

Council recognises: The importance of RAs and their contribution to the UCD community, particularly to the residences.

Council believes: That promoting strong links and lines of conversation between UCDSU and the RAs is beneficial to representing and caring for the entire UCD Student body more effectively.

Council therefore mandates: That the UCDSU Sabbatical team and the UCDSU Residences Coordinator convene a meeting at least twice a semester with the Senior Ras (SRAs) to discuss issues affecting those living on res. This meeting should consist of at least $\frac{3}{5}$ of the UCDSU Sabbatical team and $\frac{1}{3}$ of the SRA team (or their nominees, chosen from the pool of RAs). It will be the responsibility of the Welfare Officer to convene such meetings and they should be chaired by the President or Welfare Officer of UCDSU.

Proposed by: Lexi Kilmartin (Education Officer)

Seconded by: Cian Casey (Graduate Officer)

10/4/17

Motion to organise the running of on campus microwaves

Council Notes: That UCD Students' Union have put a lot of work this year into getting much needed microwaves on campus. The reason that Microwaves don't operate on campus is usually down a collective of four reasons, they are follows: Ownership, Maintenance, Health & Safety and Campus Services.

Council Also Notes: That there are proposed Microwaves to be installed in the Student Centre. If these microwaves are successful there will be a push for more throughout campus.

Council Acknowledges: That once Microwaves are installed, the Students' Union must take responsibility to ensure they are not removed once more as students will become dependent on them.

Council Therefore Mandates: The Students' Union Executive is to work with the Student Centre team to ensure the planned new microwave area is kept up to university standards of Health and Safety, including implementing a cleaning rota.

Council Further Mandate: The Campaigns and Communications Officer and the President to push for at least one microwave per building for public/undergraduate use by the end of the mandate.

Proposed by: Luke Fitzpatrick (Campaigns and Communications Officer)

Seconded by: Lexi Kilmartin (Education Officer)

10/4/17

Tairiscint a Mholadh: AMLÉ COBÁC agus an Éire Aontaithe – Treo agus Polasaí

Motion: UCDSU and a United Ireland – Direction and Policy

Council Notes: Following the referendum on the question of a pro-unity stance, the Students of UCD voted in favour of a United Ireland by 63.1% out of the total valid poll alongside the executive elections.

Council Further Notes: In the context of the Post-Brexit landscape, in the Republic, the Northern Irish State, and the United Kingdom, government departments, politicians, key stakeholders across the sectors and communities, discuss the implications of the Brexit referendum and the possibility of all Ireland unification.

Council Acknowledges: These discussions will have a far reaching impact on key areas that affect the membership of UCDSU including yet not restricted to; the nature of the education system, civil rights, academic and inter-regional mobility, and dialogue and engagement with the various communities north and south of the island.

Council Therefore Mandates: That UCDSU engage and interact with Students' Unions and key institutions in the North and the South to identify and develop a unified position on common issues encompassing:

- The Impact on achieving Unity with focus on the higher education sector(s)
- The role of UCD, as the largest University on the island of Ireland, to extensively contribute to the representation process.
- Understanding the needs and concerns of student communities in the north.
- Irish Unity as an acknowledged response to Brexit
- The key actions of engaging and interaction would extend, to representation, communication, lobbying and activism.

Council Further Mandates: It is the responsibility of the President, Campaigns and Communications and Education Officers to update council on the progress of the mandate.

Proposed by: Conor Viscardi (President)

Seconded by: Lexi Kilmartin (Education Officer)

10/4/17

Consent at UCD

Council Notes: that there is currently no group or society at University College Dublin dedicated to raising awareness on issues that surround consent and sexual and relational violence.

Council Recognizes: as there is currently no group or society dedicated to this issue, it can be difficult for students at UCD to obtain information and support on university policies, resources available for those affected by sexual and relational violence, and a basic understanding of what consent entails.

Council Further Notes: that according to a 2001 survey carried out on behalf of the Dublin Rape Crisis Centre, one in three women and one in four men have experienced sexual assault. The 2013 USI Equality 'Say Something' Survey, which included UCD, found that a large proportion of survivors/victims identified the perpetrators as being 'acquaintances.' Both Trinity College Dublin and NUI Galway have introduced consent classes for students, with NUI Galway's classes reaching over 800 students since their introduction in 2015. Understanding consent, as well as knowing what resources are available to survivors/victims on and around campus, is crucial to ensure that all UCD students feel safe and comfortable during their time at university.

Council Therefore Mandates: the SU to support the establishment and running/management of the working group, Consent at UCD, by:

- (1) providing posters for a recruitment day to raise awareness of its establishment and in an effort to ensure that the opportunity to become a committee member is open to the wider UCD community
- (2) financially supporting the group's events and initiatives
- (3) providing information about consent and the group's events and initiatives to the wider UCD population

Council Also Mandates: the welfare officer to act as a Student Union liaison to this committee/group; to hold responsibility for communicating its progress to council via their council report and to the wider UCD community through social media/other means available to them. The Gender Equality Co-ordinator and the LGBT* Co-ordinator will also assist the Welfare Officer in this regard, as well as actively support events and initiatives undertaken by the group.

Proposed by: Mary Haasl (Masters in Human Sciences Class Representative)

Seconded by: Kimberly Modica (Masters in Human Sciences Class Representative)

23/10/17

Access to abortion information in UCD

Council notes: That the fundamental rights of the members of the UCDSU as well as the general student body are being restricted in accordance with Section 4.2 of the Constitution due to the recent retraction of abortion information from the 'Winging It' Handbooks.

Council further notes: the disadvantage of not having comprehensive abortion information available on campus during an unplanned pregnancy.

Council acknowledges: the precedent that was established by providing said information in 'The Winging it' handbook in the previous academic year 2016/17.

Council believes: No student should be at a disadvantage from one year to the next.

Council mandates: the Sabbatical Officers, in particular the Campaign's & Communications Officer to replace the limited abortion information provided in this year's edition of the 'Winging It' Handbook and in any similar campaigns.

Proposed by: Sadhbh McCarrick (Gender Equality Campaign Coordinator)

Seconded by: Paul McGoldrick (Stage Two Engineering Class Representative)

23/10/17

Marriage Equality

Council Notes: That UCDSU's stance on marriage equality is close to expiring with at a time when not all citizens in the Island of Ireland have the right to equal marriage. That the SU represents all students equally and therefore must take into account all students opinions and views when deciding policy.

Council Recognises: That a large majority of UCD Students support equal civil marriage. That when dealing with matters of personal liberty, regarding to but not exclusively to students who are subjected to legislation that denies them fundamental rights of citizenship, the fight for an individual's liberty should take precedence over any personal belief or view of individuals or groupings associated to or members of the SU. Therefore council finds that the SU's focus should be on the overall ambition for marriage equality regardless of individual opinion.

Council Therefore Mandates: That the UCDSU and the SU Executive campaign in favour of equal civil marriage for those North of Ireland. With particular focus of this mandate being to both the President and the Campaigns and Communication Officer.

Council Also Mandates: That the LGBTQ* Pride Flag and/or a Poster declaring UCDSU's position is put up in plain sight at the SU reception desk. This is so that the Union's support for marriage equality is made evident.

Council Further Mandates: For UCDSU to work with Students Unions in Northern Ireland where possible to further the goal of this mandate.

Proposed by: Robert Sweeney (Education Officer)

Seconded by: Barry Murphy (Campaigns and Communication Officer)

23/10/17

Advertisement of UCD Health Service, and Staff Support Numbers on Facebook Pages

Council Notes: There is a lack of knowledge surrounding the existing resources for counselling services, health services, and other support services on campus, and through advertisement on social media sites this lack of knowledge can be reduced.

Council Also Notes: A mandate was brought forth last year that mandates class reps to set up a Facebook page/group for their class

Council Recognises: That according to this mandate there should be a Facebook page/group set up for every class in UCD

Council Therefore Mandates: That each Facebook page/group have a post with the following numbers, websites, and/or emails, and operating hours:

- UCD Counselling Services: 01-7163133 (Mon – Fri 9.30 am to 1.00 pm and 2.00pm to 5.00 pm) <http://www.ucd.ie/stuhealth/counsellingservice/>
- Student Health Services: 01 716 3134 (Monday-Friday 9am - 1pm & 2pm - 4.30pm)
- UCD Emergency Number: 01 716 7999
- Walk Safe Service: 01 716 7000
- Student Advisor Number and Email relevant for class/school
- Chaplaincy Number relevant for class/school, and Student Centre Chaplain: Scott Evans - 01-7163127/ 086-8124052, scott.evans@ucd.ie
- Please Talk: <http://pleasetalk.ie/ucd/>
- Welfare Officer: welfare@ucdsu.ie

Council Further Notes: That it will be the responsibility of the College Officers to ensure that each class page, within their constituency, will have the relevant changes.

Proposed by: Julianne Casey (Mental Health Co-ordinator)

Seconded by: Eoghan Mac Domhnaill (Welfare Officer)

23/10/17

UCDSU to link with the coalition to Repeal the 8th Amendment

Council notes: The Student's Union has always been a committed and vocal supporter of various campaigns to repeal the 8th Amendment of the Irish Constitution.

Council recognises: That the commitment to this cause was reinforced when a large majority of the student body voted to keep UCDSU's pro-choice mandate in the recent referendum held in Semester 1 of the academic year 2016/2017.

Council acknowledges: That the inability to access abortion services and the lack of reproductive rights in Ireland affects not only those who identify as women but all those who are female assigned at birth.

Council therefore mandates: That in accordance with the policy passed in 2014 and the referendum held in 2016 and respecting the wishes of the students of UCD, that UCDSU continue their official links with the coalition to Repeal the 8th Amendment, to actively campaign for a woman's right to choose, which cannot legally or constitutionally be recognised until Article 40.3.3 is removed from the Irish constitution and it shall be the responsibility of the President, the Welfare & Equality Officer and the Gender Equality Co-ordinator primarily to do so.

Council notes: That every member of UCDSU shall be entitled to the right to conscientious objection, and no member morally opposed shall be forced to engage in active campaigning but that right shall not supersede the obligations bestowed on UCDSU Executive Council to uphold the mandate given to them by the students of UCD.

Proposed by: Stephen Crosby (Stage 3 Politics and International Relations Class Representative)

Seconded by: Niamh Plunkett (Stage 3 & 4 Biomedical Health and Life Sciences Class Representative)

13/11/17

Gender pronouns policy

Council notes: that UCDSU is an accepting group to all- No matter what pronouns.

Council also notes: that to take proper minutes people should be properly represented.

Council therefore acknowledges: the importance of pronouns during minuted and formal discussions for all members of council

Council mandates: the inclusion of pronouns when introducing oneself during council and other SU related meetings and events.

Proposed by: Aoibheann Nic Giolla Riogh (Health sciences officer)

Seconded by: Sadhbh McCarrick (Gender Equality campaign coordinator)

13/11/17

Student Support Services

Council notes: That support services including mental health support services such as the UCD Student Counselling Service, Student Advisors and Academic Support Services such as the Programming Support Centre, Writing Support Centre and Maths Support Centre are crucial aspects of every student's life in UCD. Some of these services such as the Student Counselling Service are underfunded with long waiting lists and others like the Maths Support Centre are being restricted only to first year students.

Council further notes: That the University has called for a comprehensive review of the Student Support Services for the first time in 12 years as a part of the UCD Strategy 2015-2020 with recommendations from this report being put in place for the academic year 2018/2019.

Council believes: That these support services are essential to the success and wellbeing of all UCD students and that no UCD student should be denied access to these crucial supports irrespective of their programme or stage.

Council mandates: That UCDSU and the UCDSU Executive lobby and campaign using all resources to increase funding and access to these key support services and treat this issue with highest priority considering the review initiated by UCD this year.

Council further mandates: That members of the UCDSU Executive highlight the value of these support services on any relevant boards that they sit on and emphasise the need for these services to be improved.

Council further mandates: That the UCDSU Education Officer and UCDSU Graduate Officer lobby the University to remove restrictions on the access to the Maths Support Centre so that students undertaking all programmes and in all stages may access it.

Proposed by: Pranav Kashyap Narasimhan (Master of Science - Business Class Representative)

Seconded by: Anurag Banerjee (Diplomas & Masters - College of Science Class Representative)

13/11/17

More Inclusive Food Offerings in UCD

Council notes: That the UCD student community comprises of students of diverse nationalities, cultures, religious beliefs and a large and sizable minority of these students have special dietary requirements either due to religious or cultural reasons (eg Halal , Kosher, Vegetarian, Vegan etc.) or due to allergies (e.g. Gluten or lactose intolerance etc.).

Council further notes: That at present, students with special dietary requirements have a very limited choice of food offerings in the SU Shops and other campus outlets and as a result they are forced to walk long distances or look for off campus alternatives.

Council believes: That easy access to healthy, fulfilling meals is important for student welfare and that as Ireland's most diverse and global university, UCD and UCDSU should do more to ensure that students with special requirements have their dietary needs met.

Council acknowledges: That the motion passed by Council in 2014 for mandatory Food Labelling mandating the SU Executive to prepare a list of food items in the SU shops that is suitable for students with specific dietary requirements and circulation of this on SU media has not been implemented.

Council recognizes: The work of the College Officer of Arts, Human Sciences and Celtic Studies in bringing Halal food options to campus outlets.

Council mandates: That the Students Union takes the initiative on this issue and the President and Communications Officer work along with the Commercial Manager to explore the possibility of diversifying the food offerings in the SU Shops, proper food labelling practiced and this be publicized widely through SU Social media channels.

Council further mandates: That the Welfare Officer, Campaigns and Communications Officer and the International Students Coordinator campaign and lobby the University and other campus food outlets to diversify their food options along with inputs from concerned International Societies, groups and students on campus.

Proposed by: Sambhavi Sudhakar (Diplomas & Masters - College of Arts & Celtic Studies Class Representative)

Seconded by: Pranav Kashyap Narasimhan (Master of Science-Business Class Representative)

13/11/17

Provision of Complete Lecture Notes for the College of Engineering and Architecture

Council Notes: That many lecturers refuse to supply completed lecture slides to students. Many lecturers maintain that students must attend all lectures, take notes and fill in any blanks which have been left in the slides or notes provided online.

Council Further Notes: That this information is often critical to students understanding of a module and when returning to revise over material students who have missed some notes are forced to waste considerable time trying to find the required information.

Council Acknowledges: That holding back information increases lecture attendance however the university must also acknowledge that some students work better outside of a lecture environment and would learn more from an hour of study in the library compared to an hour spent in a lecture hall.

Council Believes: That learning in Third Level is largely self-directed and to try and force students to conform and attend lectures by holding information back from them is counterproductive to the learning process.

Council Mandates: The Education Officer lobby the Dean of Engineering to implement a policy within The College of Engineering and Architecture allowing any student who requests access to complete lecture slides be granted their request.

Council Further Mandates: That should the complete lecture slides being requested contain information/research that has not yet been published or should they contain confidential information that the request may be denied.

Proposed by: Paul McGoldrick (Stage Two Engineering Class Representative)

Seconded by: Sadhbh McCarrick (Gender Equality Coordinator)

13/11/17

Free Pregnancy Tests to be made available from the UCDSU Welfare Office

Council notes: that the UCDSU provides free contraception from the Welfare Office.

Council also notes: that the UCDSU provides information on how to access abortion information to anyone who solicits it.

Council acknowledges: the services that provide pregnancy tests at no cost outside of the college.

Council Recognises: that providing free of charge pregnancy tests would prevent the many complications that arise from lack of recognition of pregnancy in the early stages where abortion is significantly easier, and it would be more likely for a person to seek out a pregnancy test if the acquisition of one was both free and discreet, avoiding said complications.

Council Also Recognises: the peace of mind that the ability to acquire these tests from their union would provide.

Council therefore mandates: That the UCDSU Welfare officer provide free pregnancy tests from their office on behalf of the UCDSU to any student that requests one.

Proposed by: Daniel Cosgrave (Stage Two Engineering Class Representative)

Seconded by: Sadhbh McCarrick (Gender Equality Campaign Coordinator)

13/10/17

Crisis Pregnancy Information Motion

Council recognises: The work of the Executive of 2016/2017 in organising the "Winging It" UCDSU handbook

Council notes: That this handbook was a great help to both all Freshers and returning students last year in helping them to adjust to University life, including information regarding options which are available in the event of a crisis pregnancy

Council further notes: That much of this information was removed in the 2017/2018 version of the handbook, and as such could not be accessed by both all Freshers and returning students in September 2017

Council therefore mandates: The Campaigns and Communications Officer and the UCDSU Communications Team to design, print and distribute this information to students.

Council also mandates: That the information be distributed in the form of a two-page pamphlet, an example of which is provided in "Figure A" listed at the end of this motion.

Council further mandates: That the UCDSU Campaigns and Communications Officer shall have sole responsibility in determining the number of pamphlets to be produced as they see fit within their own budget, have sole responsibility for the implementation of the mandate, including the exact wording of the pamphlets at their discretion and may enlist the help of other members of the Union in the distribution of such pamphlets as necessary.

Proposed by: Stephen Crosby (Politics and International Relations Class Representative Stage 3)

Seconded by: Rosaleen Aljohmani (Arts & Human Sciences College Officer)

Figure A: Pamphlet Information

Front of First Page:

THE FOLLOWING PAMPHLET CONTAINS INFORMATION ON HOW TO PROCURE AN ABORTION OUTSIDE THE STATE OF IRELAND. IT IS ILLEGAL TO DISTRIBUTE THIS INFORMATION UNSOLICITED. BY READING ON YOU ARE CONSENTING TO RECEIVING THIS INFORMATION

Inside First Page:

Ireland does not yet provide access to abortion, except where there is a real and substantial risk to the life of the mother.

However, you have a legal right to travel abroad for access to abortion. At the time of writing, the British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) offer a discounted fee on abortions for women living in Ireland who wish to have an abortion in Britain, as does Marie Stopes (mariestopes.ie).

No initial consultation fee is charged if you've had counselling with the Irish Family Planning Agency, Well Woman, Femplus Clinics, One Family, Cork Sexual Health, or here2help. Dublin Well Woman Clinic Irish Family Planning Association (01) 874 943 (01) 806 9444 wellwomancentre.ie ifpa.ie

Inside Second Page:

Otherwise a consultation fee is charged as per the BPAS fees below:

Abortion Pill Under 10 Weeks: Consultation: €90/Treatment: €420

Surgery Under 14 Weeks: Consultation: €90/Treatment: €470

Surgery 14-18 Weeks: Consultation: €90/Treatment: €750

Surgery 19-24 Weeks: Consultation: €90/Treatment: €1150

The Abortion Support Network is another resource if you need accommodation overnight or financial aid to travel: Abortion Support Network (01) 526 7370 asn.org.uk. You also have the legal right to abortion aftercare. Check with your GP or Women's Healthcare.

Please also know that you can come to the SU Welfare Office for further information on referrals: SU Welfare Office (01) 716 3112 welfare@ucdsu.ie

Back of Second Page:

SU Branding as determined by the Campaigns and Communications officer

29/1/18

UCDSU's Drug Policy

Council notes: UCDSU's previous Drug Awareness campaigns i.e. (What's in the Pill, What's in the Powder) and other related materials.

Council acknowledges: that these campaigns are built on a principle of harm reduction through awareness. These campaigns aim to provide students who would take drugs with helpful and necessary information in an effort to reduce and raise awareness of the risks associated with doing so.

Council believes: that previous National Drug Abstention campaigns such as "Just Say No" are somewhat ineffective and fail to provide useful information surrounding drug use.

Council recognises: the positive actions taken by UCDSU and the information provided in relation to drug awareness and harm reduction which have greatly benefitted the students of UCD.

Council therefore mandates: that UCDSU adopt a Drug Policy of awareness and harm reduction in all publications and media. This shall be the responsibility of the Campaigns & Communications Officer and the Welfare Officer.

Proposed by: Thomas Monaghan (Stage 3 Social Science Class Representative)

Seconded by: Niall Torris (Graduate Officer)

29/1/18

Motion on Students for Sensible Drugs Policy

Council notes: That UCDSU has previously worked to create drug awareness and promote safe usage in its Winging It publication, related campaigns and poster campaigns.

Council further notes: That it's an undeniable fact that some students take drugs.

Council therefore mandates: That the UCDSU Welfare Officer along with the Campaigns and Communications Officer publish further information on safe drug usage.

Council further mandates: In order to promote safe drug usage and awareness around the issue, UCDSU should support the UCD Chapter of Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP) in their formation and their establishment of awareness campaigns.

Proposed by: Barry Murphy (UCDSU President)

Seconded by: Eoghan MacDomhnaill (UCDSU Welfare Officer)

29/1/18

Mandatory Training for the Welfare Officer

Council Notes: That the role of the Welfare Officer includes handling a lot of student cases that can be sensitive in nature.

Council Recognises: That student cases should be dealt with appropriately and professionally.

Council Further Notes: That at present the Welfare Officer does not under go any mandatory traing apart from what the individual Welfare Officer deems appropriate.

Council Therefore Mandates: That the Welfare Officer should have mandatory training upon taking up their role or in the interim between being elected and taking up the role as Welfare Officer. Due to the sensitive nature of student cases this training should ideally consist of ASSIST training and relevant training from the DRCC as a minimum.

Proposed by: Melissa Plunkett (Mature Students Campaigns Coordinator)

Seconded by: Katie Kilgannon (Residences Campaigns Coordinator)

29/1/18

Mandatory Training for All Student Union Officers

Council Notes: That the role of the Union Officers include bettering the UCD community and ensuring the wellbeing of UCD students.

Council Also Notes: That the Union Officers speak to students and staff alike within the UCD community on a daily basis.

Council Recognises: That mental health is extremely important and awareness is key to improving the UCD community.

Council Further Notes: That at present the Union Officers do not undergo any mandatory training apart from what the individual Union Officer deems appropriate.

Council Therefore Mandates: That all Officers of the students' union have mandatory SafeTALK training. This training should occur upon taking up their role or in the interim between being elected and taking up the role as a union Officer. SafeTALK training can only benefit the UCD community by empowering Union Officers to help reduce suicide risk in the UCD community.

Proposed by: Melissa Plunkett (Mature Students Campaigns Coordinator)

Seconded by: Katie Kilgannon (Residences Campaigns Coordinator)

29/1/18

College Officer E-mails

Council notes: Key information, contacts, and emails can be lost in the crossover between the Executive officers. As well as confusion over spelling and email addresses of the college officers.

Council therefore mandates: that college officer's emails become specific to the faculties they represent and not their names.

College further mandates: to provide a cross over of institutional knowledge by preparing a cross over guide.

Proposed by: Robert Sweeney (Education Officer)

Seconded by: Dylan Rodgers (Science College Officer)

29/1/18

Public Access to SU Documentation

Council believes: That important documentation such as the minutes from Council and the Executive Meetings, policy book and the budget need to be made accessible to all members of the SU in order to ensure greater transparency, accountability and ensure that the members are aware of the SU's activities and policies.

Council notes: That the minutes from the Executive meetings and Council have not been regularly updated/published on the Students Union website in the recent past.

Council mandates: That the Secretary and the Campaigns and Communications Officer work together to ensure that all important documentation such as the policy book and minutes from council and the executive meetings be published online (after removing any sensitive or confidential information) within 14 days of them being approved.

Council further mandates: That the members of the Students Union be made aware of the upcoming activities or campaigns of the SU through regular email updates in order to ensure that those members not active on social media are informed of the SU's activities.

Proposed: Pranav Kashyap Narasimhan (Master of Science- Business Class Representative)

Seconded: Alan Buckley (Stage 4 Science Class Representative)

12/2/18

UCDSU Hate Crime policy

Council notes: Ireland currently has no legislation in place specifically dealing with hate crimes.

Council further notes: Hate crimes affect many people in Ireland, including people with disabilities, People of Colour, people of religious minorities, and LGBTQ+ people.

Council recognises: The rate of hate crimes committed has risen consistently in recent years, but hate crimes often go unreported or unpersecuted due to the lack of appropriate legislation in this area.

Council therefore mandates: The SU to lobby the government to implement hate crime legislation

Council further mandates: The SU to endorse Love Not Hate, the foremost group in the campaign for hate crime legislation in Ireland

Proposed by: Megan Cassidy (LGBTQ+ Campaigns Co-Ordinator)

Seconded by: Chloe Maguire Sedgwick (Stage 2 Sociology Class Representative)

12/2/18

Electoral Reforms

Council believes: That although Elections are an important aspect of a democratic Students Union, these should be conducted in such a way that they cause minimum grievance to the UCD community and they respect the University and the environment.

Council notes: That in the past elections, there have been cases of littering of campaign materials by campaign teams with some materials not being cleared even after the election results are declared. This goes against the SU policy on environment and causes some amount of reputational damage to the Students Union.

Council mandates: That the President of the UCD Students Union convey to the Union returning officer that Council wishes:

1. That the number of printed election material available to each candidate be significantly reduced or halved.
2. That candidates be encouraged to reuse any flyers or manifesto's which may be littered in any buildings and any damaged material be recycled immediately.
3. That candidates be made solely responsible for their campaign material and candidates be penalized by the Returning Officer should they find a candidate in breach of any of these regulations repeatedly.

Council further mandates: That the Students Union encourage prospective candidates to maximize their canvassing through social media and digital platforms through a handbook for prospective candidates, workshops on running for office or any other means which the Executive may deem appropriate. The Screens in the SU shops and libraries can also be used to serve this purpose with each candidate being given an equal amount of exposure.

Proposed by: Pranav Kashyap Narasimhan (Master of Science -Business Class Representative)

Seconded by: Alan Buckley (Stage 4 Science Class Representative)

12/2/18

UCDSU Sabbatical Officers Training

Council Notes: That through the role as a UCDSU sabbatical Officer Officers are tasked with a wide range of issues, including student cases, which can be of a sensitive nature.

Council also notes: That Officers do not undergo any mandatory training apart from what the individuals deem appropriate.

Council recognises: That student cases should be dealt with appropriately and professionally with the interests of both the students and the officers in mind.

Council Therefore mandates: That all elected UCDSU sabbatical officers should receive SAFETALK, ASSIST and Sexual assault disclosure training, exceptions can be made in circumstances where officers do not meet certain criteria of the training.

Proposed by: Melissa Plunkett (Mature Students Coordinator)

Seconded by: Katie Kilgannon (Residence Coordinator)

12/2/18

UCD against Direct Provision

Council Notes: That the Direct Provision system provides services for asylum seekers in Ireland. That Direct provision was first created by the government as a short-term solution for Asylum seekers but has not gone away with many people having to live in Direct provision for up to 7 years, being described most often by residents as an “open prison”.

Council Also Notes: Asylum seekers are people who have had to flee their country out of fear of persecution. The conditions in which they live in of are extremely poor with People living in direct provision not being allowed to work or cook for themselves, and are only given €21.60 a week to live on.

Council Further Notes: That Direct Provision is a dehumanising way to treat asylum seekers, denying them of many of their basic freedom and for this reason, the UCDSU stand against direct provision and campaign against this “dehumanising” system of living. Council Recognises: That the Irish Refugee Council (IRC) have stated that “Food available [in direct provision centres] may not be suitable to cultural and religious beliefs of residents.” They also state that “there are cases of malnutrition among children and expectant mothers.” There have been two hunger strikes, one protesting small portion sizes and the other protesting hospitalisation.

Council Therefore Mandates: That the UCDSU takes an official boycott stance on Direct provision, and everything that aids this system. That UCDSU therefore campaign and protest with the aim of bringing awareness of Direct Provision to the student body and to bring the attention of the government to this inhumane system of living.

Council also mandates: That the UCDSU and more specifically, the Campaigns & Communications officer, Campaign for the end of the ‘Direct Provision’ system and the introduction of a humane reception system in line with international best practice.

Proposed by: Rosaleen Al Johmani (College Officer of Arts, Human Sciences & Celtic Studies)

Seconded by: Sophie Gibbons (Stage One Economics Class Representative)

Additional Information:

The Direct Provision system is overseen by the Reception and Integration Agency (RIA), a body of the Department of Justice. However, the majority of the 35 centres around the country are privately owned and operated, and the standards of accommodation and living conditions vary widely.

When the Direct Provision system was established in 2000, it was described as an 'interim' solution to the high numbers of asylum seekers entering the State in search of protection, and concerns about a growing risk of homelessness for that population. Over 15 years later, very little has changed in the physical conditions, supports or treatment of asylum seekers while they remain in these centres.

Ireland's policy on refugees and asylum seekers is governed by the newly commenced International Protection Act, 2015. Ireland also participates in the European Union's Asylum Policy; however, the Government has 'opted out' of some of the Directives, including Directive 2003/9/EC, commonly known as the 'Reception Directive'. In addition to providing minimum best practice standards for the reception of asylum seekers throughout Europe, the Reception Directive would entail allowing asylum seekers limited access to the labour market, which the Irish State is not willing to grant. In 2013, Ireland also opted out of participating in legal revisions for the Common European Asylum System (CEAS) on this basis, despite this being the practice in all other EU States bar Denmark.

AIMS:

- 1) Lobby Government to improve end Direct provision and introduce a humane reception system in line with international best practice.
- 2) Bring awareness of Direct Provision to the student body
- 3) Campaign for Asylum seekers & Refugees.
- 4) Spread awareness through leaflets & Media outreach.

26/2/18

Improving Student Engagement on the Blackrock Campus

Council believes: That it is the duty of the Students Union to represent all registered UCD students and therefore there is a need to devise a plan to build better engagement with the students on the Smurfit campus.

Council notes: That there are currently over 1,000 postgraduate business students who are based in the Blackrock campus who are completely disconnected to the events on the main campus and so are disengaged with the Students Union.

Council acknowledges: The efforts made by Graduate Officers and College Officers for the School of Business and Law, both present and past, in trying to build better engagement with the Smurfit students.

Council mandates: That the Students Union organize a few events from future campaigns and initiatives like the Mind Body & Soul week, Mental Health week, RAG week etc on the Blackrock campus as well as smaller events such as Mixers, Coffee Afternoons or any other event which the Graduate Officer may deem appropriate to build better engagement on the Smurfit Campus and increase the SU identity.

Council further mandates: That the Graduate Officer provide condoms, pregnancy tests and any welfare support during their weekly office hours on the Blackrock campus for the benefit of students who may not be able to access them from the Welfare Office and that these be advertised widely to students.

Council also Mandates: That the President highlight the lack of student (society) activities and in the Blackrock campus on the Student Activities committee or any relevant boards.

Proposed by: Niall Torris (Graduate Officer)

Seconded by: Ayrton Kelly (Business & Law College Officer)

26/2/18

Improving Conditions for PhD students

Council notes: That UCD has the highest number of PhD and Doctoral students/candidates of any third level institution in Ireland with 1,500+ PhD candidates alone.

Council believes: That doing a PhD is a particularly strenuous and difficult undertaking and that many of these students are often forgotten by the university and by the SU when lobbying to improve conditions for students.

Council acknowledges: That many of these PhD students are severely underpaid (below minimum wage) for their work. PhD students often provide labour essential to the university such as lab demonstrations and tutorials. Many of these PhD students provide upwards of 60 (sometime over 100) contact hours per semester which are vital to students learning.

Council further notes: Many of these students are also not registered as employed by the university which can create difficulties when applying for social welfare, a bank loan or if they need to take sick leave/maternity leave, etc. Many of these students' stipends have also not been adjusted in accordance with the rising costs of living and attending university.

Council Mandates: That the President, C&C officer and the Graduate officer, with the help of the executive, urgently highlight the plight of these PhD students on any relevant boards on which they sit.

Council Further Mandates: The SU to lobby for improvements on their behalf including increasing the value of their stipends, and ensuring they are registered as working within the University where they provide tutorial/demonstration hours.

Proposed by: Niall Torris, (Graduate Officer)

Seconded by: Barry Murphy (President)

26/2/18

Postgraduate Fee Certainty

Council notes: That UCD postgraduate fees are subject to an approximate increase of 4% (usually around €500) year-on-year.

Council further notes: That Postgraduates who are receiving external funding have their funding agreements set at the same amounts year-on-year from when they enter.

Council acknowledges: That finances are often tight for all students, including postgraduates. However, multi-year students (H.Dips, Masters & PhDs) are particularly exposed as their fees may increase by €500 each year. This would leave a 4 year PhD student paying €5000 more than the fees originally advertised to them when entering.

Council therefore mandates: That the SU President and Graduate officer lobby the registrar, president and any other relevant bodies to introduce a policy where the amount a multi-year postgraduate student may pay per year is frozen at the amount paid at the point of entry.

Proposed by: Niall Torris (Graduate Officer)

Seconded by: Pranav Kashyap Narasimhan (Master of Science-Business Class Representative)

26/2/18

Postgraduate Student Supports

Council notes: That the UCDSU graduate officer currently handles a large amount of casework relating to Postgraduate issues such as a change of supervisor, a breakdown of the relationship between the student and school, difficulties in receiving research budgets, a lack of necessary amenities/lab facilities, recognition of employment, etc.

Council further notes: That Postgraduates who experience such issues often interact with their supervisor, Doctoral Studies Panel, or school to try and resolve these issues.

Council regrets: That Postgraduate students, especially PhD students, can often feel vulnerable when attempting to address these sensitive issues, particularly where they have been met by a negative attitude by UCD staff (academic and/or administrative) in the past and as this may result in a souring of the students' relationship with academics and staff who may be key for the students' development and careers prospects.

Council therefore mandates: That the SU Education officer and Graduate officer lobby the university to introduce a Postgraduate student advisor who can help deal with some of this casework. They will also lobby introduce a clear structure outlining academic hierarchies which is easily accessible to students allowing them to more easily identify how an issue may be escalated before becoming a formal complaint.

Proposed by: Niall Torris (Graduate Officer)

Seconded by: Colm Flynn (Stage 1 Master of Social Science & Social Work Class Representative)

26/2/18

Redevelopment of the SU website

Council notes: That the present SU website (www.ucdsu.ie) is difficult to navigate and access and that a lot of the information on the website has not been updated.

Council believes: That as the public face of the SU, the website needs to be updated to reflect the current campaigns and initiatives of the SU. The website is also often the first point of contact for students and so the website must be interactive and easily accessible to all students and all information on the website must be up to date.

Council therefore mandates: That the President and Campaigns and Communications Officer work to redevelop the Students Union website, ideally over the summer of 2018.

Council further mandates: That a committee be formed under the chairmanship of the President to invite suggestions and develop a plan for the redevelopment and maintenance of the website with a report being submitted at the last council of this academic year.

Proposed by: Pranav Kashyap Narasimhan (Master of Science- Business Class Representative)

Seconded by: Anurag Banerjee (Master of Science Class Representative)

26/2/18

Responsible Alcohol Consumption

Council notes: That recent studies have shown that there is a dangerous culture of high risk binge drinking globally and they have shown this to have a negative impact on the physical and mental health of students well as affect students economically.

Council believes: That although alcohol plays a role in the active role in the social aspect of university life, safe and responsible alcohol consumption is essential for student welfare and safety.

Council acknowledges: That a large portion of UCD students do not drink and are uncomfortable attending events associated with drinking.

Council therefore mandates: That the Students Union promote safe and responsible drinking and promote awareness about the negative effects of alcohol abuse and unmoderated binge drinking on campus and in residences, and to refrain from promoting events based solely on such behaviour.

Council further mandates: The Welfare Officer shall have full discretion to run campaigns to promote safe and responsible alcohol consumption along with the Campaigns and Communications officer and Residence coordinator.

Council also mandates: That the Students Union organise a range of non-alcohol related events to encourage students with different attitudes towards alcohol to get involved and engage with the SU.

Proposed by: Eoghan Mac Domhnaill (Welfare Officer)

Seconded by: Pranav Kashyap Narasimhan (Master of Science-Business Class Representative)

26/2/18

Improving Engagement Amongst Less Involved Student Cohorts

Council notes: UCDSU generally sees very low levels of engagement from certain schools within UCD while seeing generally higher levels of engagement in other schools.

Council also notes: These schools that show lower levels of engagement are generally the smaller schools within UCD. For example: Architecture and Veterinary.

Council acknowledges: Efforts have been made to increase and maintain engagement from these schools in the past but there has been little improvement.

Therefore, council mandates: That the Campaigns and Communications Officer and relative College Officers implement an increased effort to engage with these schools and recruit class reps from them.

Council further mandates: That this increased effort includes:

- Lecture addressing every class group from within these schools.
- Emailing each Head of School, asking them to remind their module co-ordinators and lecturers to not select class reps but to hand anyone interested a nomination form so they can be officially elected as an SU class rep.
- Arrange to speak at the peer mentor training and dean's welcomes of the targeted schools.

Proposed by: Barry Murphy (President)

Seconded by: Eoghan Mac Domhnaill (Welfare Officer)

3/4/18

Mandate for Lobbying government for policy for minimum BER for rental properties

Council notes: that since 1st January 2007, all buildings being constructed, leased, or sold are required to have a Building Energy Rating. This rating refers to the buildings energy efficiency.

Council further notes: that a living in a building with a better BER rating is better for student's welfare as they are warmer and is cheaper because of reduced heating bills. Also, the harm to the environment will be reduced as less energy will be needed to heat the building.

Council also notes: that a BER rating of C (based on 150m² 4 bed semi d, from seai website) has an annual fuel cost of €1,900

Council therefore mandates: that the president, C&C officer, and welfare officer lobby the government to introduce a policy requiring all buildings to be leased for human dwelling have a minimum BER of C.

Proposed: Conor Doran (Environmental Co-ordinator)

Seconded: Niall Gallagher (Stage 4 Agricultural Science Class Representative)

3/4/18

Blackrock Shuttle Service

Council Notes: That there are currently around 1,000 postgraduate business students and around 275 students who are living in UCD Residences on the Blackrock campus.

Council further notes: That there is no direct means of transport between the 2 campuses and problems with the public transport between the two campuses being irregular and unreliable are well known.

Council Believes: That a direct shuttle bus service between the two campuses allowing those living on residences, students and staff to travel between both campuses and gain access to the facilities and services available on both campuses.

Council mandates: That the President or any relevant member of the executive lobby UCD Estate services to study the feasibility of a shuttle bus between UCD and the Blackrock campus either in conjunction with the current service to Sydney Parade station or replacing the existing service and connecting to Blackrock DART station instead and implementing this should the analysis prove positive .

Council further mandates: That the Students Union lobby the National Transport Authority and Dublin Bus to improve the frequency and reliability of the Dublin Bus Route 17 which not only connects the Belfield and Blackrock campuses, but also links both to the Windy Arbour Luas station.

Proposed by: Pranav Kashyap Narasimhan (Master of Science-Business Class Representative)

Seconded by: Ayrton Kelly (College Officer-Business and Law)

3/4/18

Non-EU Student Registration

Council Notes: That the current UCD student community is made up of over 6,000 International and Erasmus students who form roughly 25% of the membership of the Student Union.

Council further notes: That at present students from Outside the European Union must register with the Department of Justice and Equality and gain an Irish Residence Permit to seek employment and get a PPS number and extend their stay for a 1-year period. The current process of getting an appointment for registration is quite inefficient, and students have had to wait for several months to get an appointment to register during which time they may not be able to seek employment or travel outside the country.

Council Believes: That International Students are an important part of the diverse student population in UCD and they should be made to feel welcome so that they can integrate into student life at UCD.

Council mandates: That the President contact and work with other Universities and Student Unions in the Republic of Ireland to lobby the Irish National Immigration Service (INIS) and the Department of Justice and Equality to organize separate days for student registration or increase the number of student appointments available during the start of the academic year in order to simplify the process for every Non-EU Student in Irish third level institutions.

Council further mandates: That the Welfare Officer, the Campaigns and Communications Officer and the International Co-ordinator work with the International Student Adviser and ensure that:

- 1) Information on registering with INIS or a link to where a student may obtain this information maybe published on the SU website or any handbook for new students.
- 2) The Welfare Officer be adequately informed about the difficulties these students face and do that they can provide any welfare related assistance to International students who may require it .
- 3) The C&C Officer and the International Coordinator organize relevant campaigns and events at the start of the year to connect with new International and Exchange students so that they can engage with the SU and get assistance should they require it.

4) That the C&C officer and Irish Language Officer work with relevant International societies to run events such as Trad nights, Ceili nights and Language workshops so that these groups of students can experience the best of Irish language and culture.

Proposed by: Pranav Kashyap Narasimhan (Master of Science-Business Class Representative)

Seconded by: Anurag Banerjee (Master of Science Class Representative)

3/4/18

Support of Palestinian people through Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions campaign

Council notes: That UCD Students Union has long support the people of Palestine throughout their occupation by a foreign power. An occupation that has been ongoing since the 1950's with Palestine consistently been encroached upon despite UN accords prohibiting the continued occupation by Israel.

Council further notes: That this continued support of the people and fellow students of Palestine has been acknowledged and warmly received by the people of both Palestine and the University of Bethlehem. UCDSU having received multiple messages of gratitude from our counterparts in the University of Bethlehem.

Council Acknowledges: That at least five categories of major violations of international human rights law and humanitarian law characterize the occupation: unlawful killings; forced displacement; abusive detention; the closure of the Gaza Strip and other unjustified restrictions on movement; and the development of settlements, along with the accompanying discriminatory policies that disadvantage Palestinians.

Council therefore mandates: For UCD Students Union to support the Boycott, Divestment and sanction movement nationally along with Amnesty International UCD. This shall fall under the remit of the campaigns and communications Officer and the President (who shall liaise with the commercial services manager to implement the boycott in SU shops)

Proposed: Eoghan Mac Domhnaill (Welfare Officer)

Seconded: Niall Torris (Graduate Officer)

3/4/18

Welfare officer to provide free Drug Testing Kits to students

Council Notes: That UCD Students Union have recently been mandated to support the UCD Faction of Students for Sensible Drug Policy.

Council further notes: That the primary objective of both Students for sensible drug policy, and the Students Union, is to look out for the welfare and safety of students.

Council Acknowledges: That although not promoting the usage of drugs in college that we accept students do in fact take drugs and should make students aware of safe drug usage in order to limit any damaging effects.

Council therefore mandates: That the Students Union Welfare Officer begin to provide a range of Drug testing kits to students from their office.

Council Further Mandates: That before giving out any testing kits that the Welfare Officer must speak to the student about responsible drug usage, neither condoning or condemning in order to advocate for safe drug usage.

Proposed by: Eoghan Mac Domhnaill (Welfare Officer)

Seconded by: Barry Murphy (President)

22/10/18

Placing a time limit on the reading of executive reports at Union Council

Council notes: That all executive officers are required to present a written report to each Union Council, to provide an update on what they have been doing since the previous meeting of Union Council.

Council acknowledges: That sabbatical officers are full-time staff of the Students' Union, meaning they would have a lot to report from a two-week time period.

Council further acknowledges: That sabbatical officers cannot take their reports as read at Union Council, unlike College Officers.

Council recognises: That many members of Union Council have to get buses home at specific times and also have other commitments after Union Council concludes.

Council therefore mandates: That all UCD Student' Union executive officers limit the readings on their reports to a maximum of three minutes.

Proposed by: Ed Leonard, Law College Officer

Seconded by: Emily Bollard, Science College Officer

5/11/18

UCDSU to support campaign for abortion access in Northern Ireland

Council notes: The Student's Union has always been a committed and vocal supporter of various campaigns to repeal the 8th Amendment of the Irish Constitution.

Council recognises: That the commitment to this cause was reinforced when a large majority of the student body voted to keep UCDSU's pro-choice mandate in the recent referendum held in Semester 1 of the academic year 2016/2017.

Council also recognises: That the Irish public voted in favour of repealing the 8th amendment to allow abortion access by 66.4%.

Council acknowledges: That the inability to access abortion services and the lack of reproductive rights in the Island of Ireland affects not only those who identify as women but all those who are female assigned at birth.

Council therefore mandates: That UCDSU continue to actively campaign in favour of a Person's right to choose and for access to abortion services to be available for those in Northern Ireland.

Council further mandates: That UCDSU engages with NUS-USI, the main student representation organisation in Northern Ireland, in order to achieve access to abortion for all who live on the Island of Ireland and that it shall be the responsibility of the President, the Welfare Officer and the Gender Equality Campaign Co-ordinator to do so.

Council notes: That every member of UCDSU shall be entitled to the right to conscientious objection, and no member morally opposed shall be forced to engage in active campaigning but that right shall not supersede the obligations bestowed on the Union Executive to uphold the mandate given to them by the students of UCD.

Proposed by: Niamh Plunkett (Stage 3 & 4 Biomedical Health & Life Sciences Class Representative)

Seconded by: Stephen Crosby (Education Officer)

5/11/18

Awareness around Immigration Appointments

Council Notes: That the wellbeing of international students is important.

Council Further Notes: That many international students who are from non-EEA countries are facing undue stress trying to book an appointment with the Irish Naturalisation & Immigration Service (INIS) which can negatively impact their mental health, academic performance and financial situation.

Council Acknowledges: That there is a lack of awareness within UCD surrounding the stresses and obstacles international students are experiencing in relation to trying to book an appointment with INIS.

Council Believes: That the Student's Union, being the representative body for all UCD students, should help raise awareness around the issue of booking INIS appointments.
Council Mandates: That the President write and publish an open letter to the Minister of Justice and Equality which includes:

- 1) Highlighting the undue stresses facing international students at UCD regarding INIS appointments.
- 2) Highlighting the value international students have to UCD and to Ireland
- 3) Calling for greater improvements to be made to the current system
- 4) Calling for an increase in resources to the GNIB/INIS

Council Further Mandates: That the President write this letter in conjunction with the International Students Coordinator.

Proposed by: Andrew Gossen (International Students Co-ordinator)

Seconded by: Robert Smith (Doctorates - College of Human Sciences)

An amendment was passed by council which agreed that the **welfare officer would also work with the International Co-ordinator on the above issues.

11/2/19

UCDSU to support campaign for Climate Action Ireland

Council acknowledges: Climate Action Ireland is a coalition of multiple environmental groups, working together to steer change in Irish environmental policy. They participate in direct actions, ie. occupying Government buildings, protests and make policy submissions to Government.

Council notes: The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's report which states "rapid change needed to avert global climate chaos"

Council recognises: The Climate Action Network Europe report which ranks Ireland as the second worst European country for progress on 2020 Climate Action Targets.

Council also recognises: The efforts of Climate Action Ireland in attempting to change Irish Environmental policy.

Council acknowledges: The efforts of UCDSU in tackling on-campus waste and raising awareness for climate issues.

Council therefore mandates: UCD Students Union will state their support for Climate Action Ireland. By participating in direct actions, lobbying efforts, protests, etc. Also UCDSU will make and support policy submissions to Government which align with Climate Action Ireland policy. ** This shall be the responsibility of the C&C officer **

Proposed by: Lisa Murnane, 2nd year Class Rep, Archaeology, Classical Studies, and Art History

Seconded by: Jessica Walsh, 4th year Class Rep, Science

11/2/19

Governing Authority Gender Balance Policy

Council Notes: The sixth Governing Authority (GA) of University College Dublin will come into effect on February 1st 2019 for a period of 5 years.

Council also notes: Four student's union officers are currently entitled to sit on GA as student members as described in the "Universities Act 1997". These are "three elected officers of the Student's Union" and one "post-graduate student elected by the post graduate students". These are considered separate panels under the provisions of the act.

Council acknowledges: The recent GA elections introduced gender quotas to multi-seat panels to improve the diversity of representation on GA. These regulations set the gender categories as "male, female and other."

Council Observes: That a quota was set for the "Three students of the University who are elected officers of the Students Union" panel stipulating that "no more than two of whom will be of the one gender, will be members of the Governing Authority." No such quota is set for the "post-graduate" panel as it is a single seat.

Council Observes: That it is in the best interest of the UCDSU that council set a policy which will ensure these gender quotas are respected in future.

Council therefore Mandates: That the SU president and Welfare Officer remain ex-officio members of the GA. The third officer should always be the Education officer where possible.

Council further mandates: Where the addition of the education officer would not fulfill the prescribed gender quota, preference should be given to another sabbatical officer who would satisfy the criteria. If this is not possible the third GA member shall be selected by exec from among its membership.

Proposed by: Niall Torris, Graduate Officer

Seconded by: Stephen Crosby, Education Officer

25/2/19

Campaign Coordinator and College Officer Email Accounts

Council notes: that it is important that campaign coordinators and college officers have access to the email account for their respective positions to access drive information and for official correspondence pertaining to their position.

Council further notes: that many campaign coordinators did not have access to their email accounts for some months after taking office for the year 2018/19.

Council therefore mandates: that the Campaigns & Communications Officer ensures that all Campaign Coordinators and College Officers have access to their email accounts within two weeks of them taking office.

Proposed by: Katie O'Dea (Environmental Campaigns Coordinator)

Seconded by: Jade Sophie Wilson (Gender Equality Campaigns Coordinator)

25/2/19

Campaign Coordinator Handover

Council notes: that it can be difficult for campaign coordinators to find the relevant networks to achieve their campaign goals and knowledge about initiatives and events run by previous campaign coordinators, and that key information can be lost in the crossover.

Council further notes: that it is useful for campaign coordinators to be aware of the obligations and past events and initiatives of their fellow campaign coordinators.

Council therefore mandates: that a guide for campaign coordinators be created. Each campaign coordinator shall create a written handover for their successor including any knowledge that they have acquired of relevant networks/contacts and of any events or initiatives run during their tenure, and that, where possible, outgoing campaign coordinators meet with their successors and/or correspond via social media or email to answer questions. The Campaigns & Communications Officer shall compile these handover guides into one single document and shall include an outline of supports and resources available to campaign coordinators in their role.

Council further mandates: that the Campaigns & Communications Officer circulate this guide, meet with campaign coordinators to discuss the guide, and answer any questions that they might have. This should be done as soon as is reasonably possible.

Proposed by: Katie O'Dea (Environmental Campaigns Coordinator)

Seconded by: Niamh Scully (LGBTQ+ Campaigns Coordinator)

25/2/19

Waste Facilities

Council notes: that the mandate requiring that ‘the SU back an increase in the number of general litter bins and recycling facilities throughout campus’ proposed by Katie McDermott on 7 March 2016 is due to expire.

Council further notes: that climate change is an immediate and serious threat to society, and that not segregating waste correctly adds to this problem.

Council further notes: that recycling conserves natural resources, reduces air and water pollution, uses less energy and decreases the amount of rubbish sent to landfills, which, in turn, reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

Council acknowledges: that UCD Estate Services, a student group based in Sutherland School of Law, various SPARC projects, and this year’s Environmental Campaigns Coordinator have campaigned for and/or implemented segregated waste facilities in various locations in UCD including Sutherland School of Law, the Newman Building, and the area outside the James Joyce Library Shop.

Campaign further acknowledges: that while the best practice to minimise environment damage is to reduce the amount of all kinds of waste in the first place, disposing of waste correctly is preferable to putting it all in the general waste.

Council therefore mandates: that the Environmental Campaigns Coordinator, the Campaigns & Communications Officer, and the President campaign for and support initiatives involving the segregation of waste on UCD campuses.

Council further mandates: that the Environmental Campaigns Coordinator, the Campaigns & Communications Officer, and the President work in conjunction with Estate Services to campaign for an improvement in waste facilities and to encourage students to segregate their waste correctly.

Proposed by: Katie O’Dea (Environmental Campaigns Coordinator)

Seconded by: Emily Bollard (Science College Officer)

25/2/19

C&C Council Update Motion

Council notes: That a proportion of the student body are not aware of the activities of the Students' Union council and only know of the individual work their class representatives perform for them.

Council recognises: That a large amount of the motions that pass through council are for the benefit of the student body.

Council further notes: That were the student body to be made aware of what occurs in council it would provide a further understanding of the work of the Students' Union.

Council therefore mandates: The Campaigns and Communications Officer to post objective details on the Students' Union's social media platforms as to what discussions occur at council, specifically motions that pass and any significant updates that occur pursuant to current mandates, with what updates are considered significant being at the discretion of the officer.

Proposed by: Niamh Plunkett (Biomedical, Health and Life Sciences Stage 3 & 4 Class Representative)

Seconded by: Sophie Gibbons (Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences College Officer)

25/2/19

Supply of information about the HPV vaccine

Council notes: That human papillomavirus (HPV) is highly contagious and infections can result in genital warts and cancers including, but not limited to, cervical, anal, and oropharyngeal cancers.

Council recognises: That there is a vaccine (Gardasil) that protects against HPV 6 & 11 which cause 90% of genital warts as well as protecting against HPV 16 & 18 which are responsible for most HPV-caused cancers.

Council acknowledges: That the National HPV Immunisation Programme was introduced in 2010 and which is planned to be extended to all students in second level education from 2019.

Council also acknowledges: The vaccine is also recommended for people living with HIV and MSM and is available to these people (under 26 years of age) in Ireland through existing sexual health clinics.

Council mandates: The Welfare Officer to have information about the HPV vaccine to answer questions that people may have about it, whether they are looking to get it themselves or are guardians of children due to get the vaccine.

Council also mandates: That the Welfare Officer should work alongside the C&C officer to advertise the availability of the vaccine for people living with HIV and MSM, in particular at events such as SHAG.

Council notes: That while the Gardasil protects against the cause of 70% of cervical cancers, regular cervical screening tests should still be encouraged.

Proposed by: Niamh Plunkett (Biomedical, Health & Life Sciences Stage 3 & 4 Class Representative)

Seconded by: Melissa Plunkett (Welfare Officer)

Appendix

The HPV vaccine is on the WHO's List of Essential Medicines

<https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/273826/EML-20-eng.pdf>

Over 82 papers into the safety & effectiveness into HPV vaccine -

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/othervaccines/hpv/hpvsafety/hpvvaccsafety.pdf>

Over 200 million doses of the HPV vaccine have been given worldwide. -

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/pubinfo/schoolprog/hpv/about/>

Due to high-coverage vaccination and screening in Australia, cervical cancer could be eliminated as a public health problem there within the next 20 years

[https://www.thelancet.com/action/showPdf?pii=S2468-2667\(18\)30183-X](https://www.thelancet.com/action/showPdf?pii=S2468-2667(18)30183-X)

25/2/19

Mandatory Social Media Training for Campaigns and Communications Officer

Council notes: The role of the Campaigns and Communications Officer includes managing the Students' Union's social media accounts.

Council acknowledges: The time and effort that goes into managing all of the various social media platforms.

Council mandates: That the Campaigns and Communications Officer attend a social media training course.

Proposed by: Edward Leonard, Law College Officer

Seconded by: Thomas Monaghan, Campaigns and Communications Officer

4/3/19

Motion to propose UCDSU Constitutional Referendum

Council notes: The importance of the UCDSU Constitution.

Council further notes: The requirement pursuant to article 6.6 that any proposed amendments thereto are voted on by council prior to the holding of any referenda thereon.

Therefore, Council proposes: A constitutional referendum is held wherein the members of UCDSU will be asked to vote on the following:

“Do you support the adoption of the proposed UCD Students’ Union Constitution 2019?”

Proposed: Barry Murphy (President)

Seconded: Niall Torris (Graduate Officer)

25/3/19

UCDSU to make information of HIV and HIV prevention available to all students.

Council acknowledges: That there has been a notable rise in the number of HIV cases reported in Ireland over the year.

Council recognises: The positive impact of awareness campaigns performed by UCDSU in the past, in particular the work of LGBT+ coordinators on this and related matters.

Council notes: That among the student population of UCD, greater awareness of HIV and prevention methods could be in place across the whole community of UCD.

Council therefore mandates: UCD Students Union, the Welfare Officer and UCD Health Services to campaign to raise HIV awareness and to raise awareness of methods of preventing transmission of HIV with activities such as but not limited to: condom drives, STI testing, social campaigns etc.

Proposed by: Lisa Murnane, 2nd year Class Rep, Archaeology, Classical Studies, and Art History

Seconded by: Ronan O'Shea, 3rd year Class Rep, Architecture

25/3/19

The continued publication and development of the UCDSU Class Rep Handbook by the Campaigns and Communication Officer with added input from Class Representatives.

Council notes: The incredibly useful Class Rep Handbook has been the responsibility of the C&C Officer in recent years.

Council recognises: Class Reps receive a lot of valuable information from the handbook in relation to their role.

Council further notes: The handbook could be further improved with submissions, advice and testimonials from current Class Reps, at the discretion of the C&C Officer.

Council mandates: That the Class Rep Handbook continued to be published and developed by the C&C Officer while allowing for content submission directly from Class Reps.

Proposed by: Darragh Kane O'Toole, sociology stage 1

Seconded by: Thomas Monaghan, Campaigns and Communications Officer

8/4/19

Removal of Irish Daily Star from SU Shops

Council notes: During the summer of 2015, the UCD community suffered a great loss with the tragic deaths of Niccolai Schuster, Lorcán Miller and Eimear Walsh in Berkeley, California.

Council also notes: On June 17th 2015, The Irish Daily Star provided particularly controversial coverage of the tragedy. The front page of the paper showed the deceased students in body bags alongside their photographs. This coverage was widely condemned, and subsequently, UCDSUCSL pulled the Irish Daily Star from sale in their shops on campus, out of respect for the victims, their friends and families.

Council further notes: UCDSU has a responsibility to ensure the welfare of UCD students. Given the particularly despicable coverage it was decided by council that selling the Irish Daily Star on campus in UCDSU was grossly inappropriate and did a disservice to the memory of Niccolai, Lorcán and Eimear

Council therefore mandates: UCDSU and UCDSUCSL maintain its policy of abstaining from all commercial activity with the Irish Daily Star – in particular, selling the newspaper in its shops.

Proposed by: Niall Torris (Graduate Officer)

Seconded by: Barry Murphy (President)

8/4/19

The union is to explore the idea of having a universal Rag week in Dublin in conjunction with Trinity SU, DCU SU, TUD (DIT, BIT & ITT) and any other Dublin based college.

Council notes: The Students Union of other colleges in Dublin are independent of Each other

Council acknowledges: it may not be possible to carry out the motion.

Council further notes: it is possible to contact other students' unions and to create a dialogue between the SU's.

Council mandates: That the UCD SU (in particular the president, Campaigns and communications and entertainment officer.) contact the other Students unions in Dublin to try and organise one rag week for all Dublin based 3rd level to ensure that in the coming years RAG week is bigger, more craic, better and more effective at raising money and awareness.

Proposed by: Darragh Kane O'Toole Sociology stage 1

Seconded by: Barry Murphy President of UCDSU

8/4/19

NUI Seanad Registration

Council notes: University College Dublin is a member of the National University of Ireland (NUI) along with NCAD, NUI Maynooth, University College Cork, RCSI, and many Irish Third level education institutions

Council also notes: As graduates of NUI, UCD Graduates are entitled to register to vote for three Senators in Seanad Eireann (the upper house of the Oireachtas).

Council regrets: That many graduates of UCD are entitled to vote for these senators; but do not register to claim their vote in these important elections.

Council therefore mandates: That the UCDSU Graduate officer offer NUI Seanad Registration forms in the SU offices to facilitate all students who hold a degree from an NUI institution to register and provide them with information about Seanad Eireann.

Council Further Mandates: That the Graduate officer offer a service for students in their final year of study to fill in an NUI voter registration claim form during the teaching term which will be handed in by the Graduate Officer once the students has graduated.

Proposed by: Niall Torris (Graduate Officer)

Seconded by: Melissa Plunkett (Welfare Officer)

8/4/19

Motion for UCDSU to lobby University Management to offer more diversity in UCD portraits

Council acknowledges: UCDSU has a proud history of campaigning for Gender Equality.

Council notes: In many of UCD's meeting and board rooms there are arrangements of portraits of University Academics and Management. Many of these portrait arrangements consist solely of males. In some cases, there can be up to fifteen male portraits in a row.

Council further notes: These male portrait arrangements can be discouraging for female students and staff who are ambitious and aim to reach such academic and management roles.

Council mandates: That the President and Campaigns and Communications Officer, lobby University Management to provide diversity in such portraits and to spread arrangements of solely male academics across rooms and the campus. Female academics and management should be plotted amongst the males.

Proposed by: Barry Murphy, UCDSU President

Seconded by: Niall Torris, Graduate Officer

8/4/19

Motion for UCDSU to lobby for rent caps on Campus Accommodation

Council notes: UCD is currently constructing phase one of the Residential Masterplan with just under 1,000 beds. Once completed, construction will begin on phase two which will see another 1,000 beds built for students. Phase three has not yet received planning permission.

Council acknowledges: Such an increase in the supply of purpose-built student accommodation will reduce the student housing crisis in South Dublin.

Council notes: That the new campus accommodation is priced out of reach of many students.

Council also notes: That UCD Management are opposed to rent caps on campus accommodation but on favour of them on privately built PRTB.

Council mandates: That the President and Campaigns and Communications Officer lobbies University Management to review the price plan for phase two and three of the Residential Masterplan.

Council also mandates: That the President and Campaigns and Communications Officer lobbies University Management to revert their stance on rent caps.

Proposed by: Barry Murphy, UCDSU President

Seconded by: Niall Torris, Graduate Officer

8/4/19

IADB Information Motion

Council recognises: There exists the Independent Appeals & Disciplinary Board which acts as the judicial authority of the Union.

Council notes: Article 16.6 states “The contact details of the Chairperson and Secretary shall be available on the Union website unless they nominate another officer or employee of the Union to accept receipt of appeals on their behalf. The IADB shall make available an email address and/or other appropriate means for the submission of appeals on a dedicated IADB section of the Union website. The IADB may require appeals to be lodged in a particular format.”

Council acknowledges: There is, as of 1/04/19, no dedicated IADB section on Union website, and no email address/means of submission that can easily be found.

Council therefore mandates: That the C&C Officer rectify this breach of constitution through the inclusion of a contact address for the IADB, which is easy to find and access, on the Union website.

Proposed by: Emily Gallagher, 1st Year Class Rep, Politics & International Relations

Seconded by: Lucy Dornan, 1st Year Class Rep, Science

8/4/19

UCD Students; Strategic Vision

Council notes: that the UCD Belfield campus is currently entering a period of significant change, with several major developments already under construction or likely to commence within the coming years, including the Student Residences Masterplan, Student Centre Expansion, and Entrance Precinct Masterplan.

Council further notes: that currently, UCD Students' Union has no comprehensive policy on how the campus should develop into the future, and how students would like to see the campus develop into the future.

Council acknowledges: that the UCD Planning & Environmental Policy Society (PEP Soc) have carried out a lot of work over the past 6 months in preparing a "UCD Students Strategic Vision" which is intended to outline a Vision, from the perspective of students, of how the UCD Campus should develop.

Council further acknowledges: that a significant effort was made to obtain the views of students during the preparation of this Vision, including an online survey, 250 face to face on campus surveys, a panel discussion, interviews with numerous groups and individuals, and two announcements to council in October and February.

Council therefore mandates: that the Union adopts the UCD Students Strategic Vision as its official position on the future development of the UCD Belfield Campus.

Council notes: that this mandate refers to the overarching "Vision", as communicated through the Vision Statement and the Strategic Priorities, which are attached to this motion. It does not extend to how this Vision should be achieved, or to the endorsement of any measure proposed within the document.

Council further mandates: that the President and the Campaigns & Communications Officer campaign for and support the implementation and realisation of this Vision, and communicate this position to the University, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and any other bodies which could affect the future development of the campus.

Proposed by: Katie O Dea (Environmental Campaigns Coordinator)

Seconded by: Sophie Sheridan Burns (Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences College Officer)

UCD Students' Strategic Vision – Vision Statement

The UCD Students' Strategic Vision is for a campus that excels in fulfilling its role as a major higher education facility for the Greater Dublin Area, the State, and internationally. The campus will continue to develop in an efficient manner, with new and refurbished facilities to meet the needs of a modern university. Buildings will be of a high quality design, and there will be a strong emphasis to involve students in all stages of the design process for all new developments. The natural environment and parkland setting of the campus will also be preserved and enhanced to maximise biodiversity and amenity spaces.

The campus will be a leader in environmental sustainability, with a strong environmental awareness and culture among the university community. Minimal waste will be generated by the university, while an efficient waste segregation system will ensure that much of what is generated can be reused or recycled. Energy and water usage will be efficient, with renewable and on site generation meeting a large proportion of the university's need. The campus will be easily accessible by all modes of transport, with sustainable travel modes accounting for nearly all journeys to and from the campus. High quality cycling facilities will make it safe to commute by bicycle, while within the campus pedestrians, cyclists and those with mobility impairments will be able to move freely and find their way around easily. An efficient bus system with high frequency routes and continuous bus priority will reduce waiting and journey times, while a new bus only link from the M50 at Sandyford will provide quick journey times for regional bus services and from park and ride facilities.

Academic facilities will fully meet the needs of students, with plenty of study spaces, computers and internet access available at all times. The additional on-campus student residences will give more students the opportunity to live on campus, while also reducing pressure on the local rental market and helping to lower rents. Students and residents will have access to a good choice of food and retail options, catering for all lifestyle choices and dietary requirements, while also being affordable.

The Student Centre will be further developed to provide additional sporting and leisure facilities, and to support the activities and events of all student societies and sports clubs. During the day, the campus will be a vibrant and lively place, with plenty of places and seating to hang out and socialise, while at night there will be sufficient opportunities to socialise on the campus, without having to leave the campus.

Finally, the campus will be a diverse, inclusive community where students of all backgrounds, culture and ability are treated equally. All activities, events and facilities will be open and readily available to all students, while a range of different supports will be available and promoted to cater for the varying needs of students' physical and mental health and wellbeing.

UCD Students' Strategic Vision – Strategic Priorities

SP 1: Promote the orderly development of the Belfield Campus, enabling UCD to fulfil its role as a major higher education facility for the Greater Dublin Area, the State, and Internationally

- SP 2:** Preserve and enhance the natural environment and parkland setting of the Belfield Campus
- SP 3:** Promote a culture of sustainability among the campus community
- SP 4:** Minimise the amount of waste generated by the university
- SP 5:** Minimise UCD's energy and water usage, through infrastructure improvements, and more sustainable behaviour by students and staff
- SP 6:** Make it easier and safer to access the campus by walking and cycling
- SP 7:** Significantly improve access to the campus by public transport
- SP 8:** Encourage a shift from car commuting to more sustainable travel modes, while facilitating car access for those who have a genuine need for it
- SP 9:** Ensure that academic facilities and resources, teaching and study spaces, and library and technology services fully meet the needs of students' programmes and modules
- SP 10:** Ensure that the availability or cost of student accommodation is not a barrier to studying in UCD
- SP 11:** Provide a sufficient choice of food, retail and residential services to cater for the increasing student and residential population of the campus
- SP 12:** Develop and expand sport and leisure facilities, to adequately cater for the activities of students, societies and sports clubs
- SP 13:** Promote a lively, vibrant and safe social life on the campus, day and night
- SP 14:** Promote UCD as a diverse, inclusive community where students of all backgrounds, culture and ability are treated equally and supported appropriately
- SP 15:** Ensure that this Students' Strategic Vision is realised and has a positive influence on the future development of the UCD campus

The SU sabbatical officers as Student leaders must have support from 60% of council to approve an increase to the student centre levy.

Council notes: the new levy states student leaders must approve any increase to the levy.

Council acknowledges: The students union will have significant power to control the levy as the council votes and should do all they can to fulfil these wishes

Council mandates: that the student centre levy increase can't be approved by the Sabbatical officers in the student's union without a majority vote at union council as outlined to be a 60% majority.

Proposed by: Darragh Kane O'Toole, stage 1 Sociology

Seconded by: Lisa Frank Murnane, stage 2 classics, Archaeology Art History

The SU sabbatical team engages and encourages the head of student services to have a better dialogue with the SU and to be more transparent with their plans for the new student centre levy.

Council notes: The SU has tried to engage with the head of student services about the new student centre levy in development and now needs to continue doing this as the levy progresses to ensure the most affordable and best outcome for students.

Council Acknowledges: The levy is now in the hands of the college but SU can still lobby the Head of student services and try and engage with Head of student services.

Council Mandates: The SU sabbatical team (specifically Campaigns and communications and president) engages and encourages the head of student services (currently Dominic O'Keefe) to have a better dialogue with the SU and to be more transparent with their plans for the new student centre levy.

Proposed by: Darragh Kane O'Toole, Sociology Stage 1

Seconded by:: Lisa Frank Murnane, Stage 2 Classics, Archaeology and Art History