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Sophie Gibbons	Arts and social science College Officer	SG
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Sharon Farrell	Stage one Politics	SF

UCDSU Council 4

Fitzgerald Chamber – 28/1/19

Council opens 6:19

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

None. Minutes are Approved.

Chair: There was a motion that was submitted to the chair that would have limited items for discussion to five mins. However, this would be infringing on the debate. Urges council members to look up the standing orders and to use them to end discussions where nothing new is being added and the conversation is simply going around in circles.

Motions not on notice:

n/a

Items for noting:

KOD: Green week (Environmental Week) is next week. It's going to be a really exciting week. She is Collaborating with 6 societies and UCD estates. There is a clothes swap on Thursday. The Sustainable Store guys in from Blackrock are coming, they sell reusable napkins, reusable straws, etc. They are talking about the stuff they sell. Lunch time walks throughout the week. Workshop on filling insect hotels .2 panel discussions will be held. There will also be zero waste cooking demo, a visit from Dog's trust and Workshops on alternative uses of food waste- beauty products, etc. There will also

be Movie screenings. Come along and click attending on online events, invite friends and share with your class . follow the environmental social media accounts on Instagram and twitter at eco@ucd.

TM: the more people that share the event the wider range of students that will be reached

NP: will the environmental store have stuff to sell?

KOD: unlikely due to competition issues. Hoping to have some prizes.

BUDGET:

BM: 69 thousand in reserves at beginning of the year, surplus still. Original pdf circulated cut off the last line. Will recirculate the corrected version. Worked on budget with accounts manager. Wants to be transparent about the budget.

Income: this year Stephen and Barry went to SAC and got 650,000 euro. Increase on 125,000 from last year. Great achievement. 100,000 from student services. The University Observer: advertising money - slightly less than budgets. Income from the shops – money from the shops goes back to the union, they are now in a position to transfer just under 100,000 to the union. 79k expenditure on events, 59k income from events.

Sponsorship from companies like EY – coffee mornings etc. The union is an agents of student leapcard.

Overheads 545,000 payroll 8 full time staff and sabbats and observer staff, bus stewards and exam stand staff.

Staff training and development . Cross over – consent training etc that welfare might attend. Currently under budget for this.

Class rep training - reduced cost from previous year, actual expenditure is less that displayed.

Graduate officer budget quite low as mostly case work – no associated cost other then time and printing.

Bigger spends community development - used for college officer/ campaign coordinator big events.

Buses for exams just under 10k – lots of money but students get it for free and it's a good one. Food for exams: lots of money spent on this, drinks were sponsored so they were free. Orientation week – fresh fest cost 15k – weeklong event, training workshops around that. Stuff outside of the quad too and the fair.

75 euro and month for the landline. Insurance is a fairly big one.

Election cost - for this year there will not be online voting for next class rep elections there will be one. Want to try it on a preferendum at the end of the year. Election costs include employing people to count the ballots and retuning officer.

If we don't spend all of our money we don't get as much the next year. Trinity SU are in a deficit at the moment.

C&C and education budgets have also been circulated in better detail.

LM: 3k on hoodies, who gets the hoodies where are they?

BM: we order 200 hoodies for ents reps and class reps and volunteers, wanted to get a good quality, nice hoodie. You do work throughout the year and this is the acknowledgement of your work in the union.

TM: talking to Textpro and this one is particularly nice. You will wear the hoodie after you leave the union. It is important for the class reps to have the hoodie.

MF: is the quality of the hoodie different to the one of last year cause my one last year ripped?

TM: yeah it will be

MG : you said there were three lines not in our budget?

BM: yes they were the reserves and the end of year figure at 27k.

NP: surely this year, we have over spent for 41k. I understand there was cushioning, we are not in deficit overall but we have reduced the remaining balance. Surely we have overspent? Why have we over spent by this much?

BM: basically we were being ambitious in the union, we are struggling to spend the money, most of our coordinators and campaigns run low cost campaigns and events. We are not close to spending that much.

CM: For wages it doesn't specify how much each person gets

BM: it's a difficult issue, I have no issue saying my salary, and for our staff as well as the observer it isn't fair to announce their private wages. Smallest wages of the unions of the country. I don't want to talk about sabbat salaries as I don't know if the other sabbats want it disclosed. I don't have peoples consent to divulge that.

CM: how much do we spend on the observer? Are they making a profit?

BM: it's on the pdf. Budgeted to take in 8550 euro in sponsorship ads in the paper etc cost of running it is 38205 euro - extra cost for the observer this year. Had new ideas during summer so we gave them more money than before. I'm happy to support the paper.

PN: I.T. costs almost 1500 Euro per month?

BM: Small money gmail accounts subscription- 100 euro a week. Maintenance of IT we have our own server – buy a new desktop or mouse for someone.

UC: does the upkeep of the website go into IT costs?

BM: yes we are launching the new website with the exec elections. That comes from IT cost we had budgeted a high sum for this. We just wanted something really simple. Now it'll be a simple version to allow sabbats to actually be able to use it

UC: will it have all the coordinator and college officer info?

BM: Yes

NP: Tom under your budget – voter reg 200 euro, what is the breakdown of this?

TM: spoke with Barry at the beginning of the year. Due to success of last voter reg we decided to put some away.

BM: last year we registered a lot of people - had stamps and envelopes to buy – spent 400 euro on stamps last year alone. As there is no big upcoming thing to register for

DOT: is this the budget or final account?

BM: budget for this sabbatical team. At the end of the year we will have a full set of accounts. Accounts manager and I are discussing it bi monthly to ensure meeting targets.

EG : we have different figures on the one sent to us. We have different numbers on the one sent to us.

BM: will resend the new one when he works out to see the difference between the two docs. Will find out what went wrong.

GM: some of us weren't sent the last budget (bi – election class reps) however, received the council docs reports etc.

SC: for when people are flicking through tom and my budgets. these were budget breakdowns from the beginning of the year – expected spends - now knows posters are cheaper and food is dearer. Expected breakdown not exact spending

INMO Strike and nurses and midwives rally

MP: INMO have called a strike. They are striking Wednesday the 30th, we can't go to them and support them so we are holding a rally outside the health science building. I would hope everyone would come down and support them everyone knows someone who was sick or is a nurse etc. and they need our support. And if you have any questions come to me.

SG: can we strike somewhere more visible?

MP: we are hoping to entice the media to pay attention to us. You cant strike at a hospital and you have to get permission from a strike committee in the hospital.,

BM: its sounds terrible but we are creating a photo op – what about students standing up for their fellow students? We are thinking this will go down well with the media - rte. is just there across the road

PH: The SU changed their profile picture to support nurses. It might not be an issue that everyone agrees with.

BM: that's a really good question. At least someone is watching our social media. We were following the campaign who have been using the twibbon, we thought it would be a really strong show of solidarity for our students. I take it as a criticism.

NP: can we share the link to the signatures

MP: yes.

Barry Murphy report

GA - Extending onto new GA next month. Thanks to Stephen for working hard on exams. Christmas day well done Tom and Kaleigh. Issues - huge queues outside the clubhouse. Sustainable energy group

Sustainable goals, ucd has been ignoring them.

Engineering refurb working on it for a few months – engineering social space, said we would make an investment into it. Microwave, toaster, engineering building didn't want to do it. Should be a weekend job looking to get clearance to start

Rag: thanks to tom and volunteers

Plans:

Promotion of presidential awards. Darkness into light. Green week support for Katie. Elections opening soon.

ROK: What's the rag week total?

BM: money still coming in bucket collecting alone 5k. still selling raffle tickets.

Approved

Tom Report:

Exam stand - well done to Stephen. Myself, Barry and Kaleigh discussed rag - battle of the bands tomorrow final. Two johnnies very good. Promotion of rag week Facebook page – thanks for sharing and inviting your friends. Lots of help from the ents reps during the week. Lots of dedication from the ents reps and class reps - early morning bucket collecting. Had a text to donate this year - improvement. A big rag week doesn't really work in Dublin, the priority was to raise as much money as possible.

Green week.

Class rep hoodies being ordered.

Start back was very rag focused. We will be having a debrief on what worked and what didn't. we raised 320 euro in an hour for Pie-ing sabbats.

Want to grow social media numbers with international students . shag and rainbow week are coming up. Organising nightclub bands. Fashion show. Breaking world record at the end of Feb.

BT: Coppers on the Tuesday night of RAG wasn't free, people had to pay in.

BM: coppers sad it was free in Monday -Thursday : they messed up and eventually let students in for free. We apologise for that. Coppers were good to give us the free entry but it was a miscommunication from their promoter and the door staff.

CMG: hoodies are ordered but nobody has given the sizes?

TM: it's on the form you filled in to run for CR. We are on it.

Melissa report:

Student cases - always the priority sometimes has to drop out of meetings etc.

Student experience mapping committee with Stephen - he will discuss .

Direct provision : we are still supporting students from DP while highlighting what UCD can do to better support the students. Barry and I sit on board whereby we can discuss this. Mini MBS - self-care days. Animal farm went well, great feedback random act of kindness – thanks Sadhbh and her team of helpers. Exams was crazy, Stephen did great. Mental health campaign with IADT. International student fair – highlighting what we do and how to get involved. Rag was great – thanks for helping out. INMO strike on Wednesday.

Approved

Stephen report:

Exams happened, congrats to everyone who sat exams. Tell your classmates to email me if they had any issues. Student experience mapping committee- how do people interact with college? And how could ucd be better. Launched the Signet programme and scholarship. Signet entrepreneurship. Travel scholarship – Erasmus etc. around 800 euro, send me an email if interested. Rag raised money for great charities, got pied. Cream is gross. Post exam case studies – lot of emails.

VLE oversight committee: Brightspace – let him know any feedback. Let me know if the academics haven't been trained.

Green week: great week. Will be there to help.

Insomnia training day in February

Arthur Cox women in leadership conference - wants to attend.

Delighted with the exam season - glad to have a template to build on for next exam season.

MG: can you view your lectures before they happen? Is it a setting thing?

SC: yes it is a lecture thing

CF: is there different rules for when grades have to be returned

SC: there's a change in the academic regs but not in Brightspace

FB: What is the criteria for scholarship?

SC: same as susi bracket, I can send you on the full doc, all blind assessed just have student number.

FB: so it's a financial thing not an academic grade thing

SC: yes

SOC: For barista training how do you sign up?

SC: By email

SOC: when is it

SC: February 5th

Approved.

Sophie Sheridan

Report not circulated.

Continuing to work on sparac project

Had college council.

Queries about Erasmus

Generally helping reps

Social science programme board meeting,

Apologies for missing rag week .

No expenses.

Approved

Sophie Gibbons Report:

Sparac waste management project going to do it during green week. Survey of how much disposable coffee work usage. Art competition with art soc to design your own keep cup. Promoted rag, sorry to not be around that much. Promoted green week. Social science programme board.

Going to hold a town hall styled meeting for arts and social science students. Going to attract people with free pizza.

To be honest I am disappointed at how slowly long term plans are moving along. Disillusioned with the bureaucracy of ucd. Previous CO's have worked really hard but it seems that nobody cares about arts and social science as it doesn't make a lot of money for the uni. Feels other buildings are being prioritised. However, is going to continue to push ahead. Have added arts café furniture to the café.

Ag and vet CO.

Absent

EI: what is the status of this role

BM: Amy has vacated her role through the lack of turning up to exec and council. Retuning officer says we are not in the position to hold a campus wide election but we are able to elect it from the current members elected to council from this constituency .

MG: if they put themselves forward do they lose their spot as class rep?

BM: yes

Edward Lennord report

Thanks for organising the coffee mornings - sponsorship

Approved

Niall O'Donoghue report

College council later in the week

Approved

Treasa Irish officer report

BM: Treasa is working on seachtaine na gaeilge contact her

Approved

Emily Bollard Report:

EDI committee – showcase outside pi. All about empowering women in science

TM: cycle to Galway ?

BM: anyone who is interested in raising money for children in Crumlin Children Hospital I strongly recommend getting involved. George Merrin has done it four years in a row. It's a great thing to get involved in.

NP: monitoring the microwaves in Pi?

EB: a few issues, they seem to have just been plugged out and the fuse has been taken out.

Approved.

Alex Bolster Report

Approved

Questions Not on Notice

DOT: other Uni's taking stance on pharmaceutical students issues, do we have a stance ?

BM: USI are taking a huge stance. There is actually no pharmacy degree in ucd we have a pharmacology but it is slightly different.

SOF: checking status on mental health straining for all sabbats?

MP: I did assist training in September

BM: Some of us have some of us haven't - for us to take two days off to do an assist programme something else will fall down. It will be added to training for sabbats for next year.

SF: students in Ec and Fi get subscription to the final times and economics don't get it

SG: the library have it but just don't tell you. Ill link it to you.

MG: College council? is there supposed to be one for every faculty?

Chair: better for question on notice next council.

AOB

AG

To final year reps and graduate reps : please share my event that I shared on the Facebook page for international students who want to stay here and work

NP: is it possible for non- class reps to nominate themselves for ag and vet

BM: have to check with the retuning officer

TM: Received an email from hugs homes for unwanted greyhounds. Looking for volunteers for meet and greet days, dog festivals bucket collecting etc.

Rally on Wednesday : sent email to exec wants them to contact reps and do a widespread lecture address at 9 and 10 am. Could reach many students... Would be great to have a big turnout. This is something which is really important. They are really passionate and have studied really hard to do what they do.

If you could give me feedback on rag week - social media posters, was there enough? What worked what didn't work.

EB: maybe week 2, as people are just back to college

TM: week 2 societies week, week three ag week, week 3 rainbow week, week four shag week

There was a downside and an upside. Most students weren't fully back into the swing of things. There were some benefits too.

EB: I think it was better success than last year. But it needs to be advertised earlier via social media.

Sabbatical elections:

- Would really motivate you to run for something, you can come and chat to us, we like to see as many people run as possible in this years elections.,

For semester two come in and visit me.

LD: Is council going to be at 6 or 6.30?

Chair: it is always at 6.30

UC : in relation to the nurses twibbon and statement is there a process as to how we can put these ideas to you?

BM: sometimes these are put by you. Save our Shepard supported automatically. Somethings you can mandate.

UC: if it was last minute/sudden?

BM: can bring it to exec or just send an email. To get consensus exec or council

BM: Everyone is invited to the bar afterwards

Emma O'Kelly education correspondence for RTE 11:15 – about consent education. Email Barry if interested.