

Name	Constituency	Initials
Barry Murphy	President	BM
Melissia Plunkett	Welfare	MP
Thomas Monaghan	C&C	TM
Stephen Crosby	Education	SC
Niall Torris	Graduate	NT
Niamh Plunkett	3rd and 4th year biomedical, health and life sciences.	NP
Edward Leonard	Law College Officer	EL
Colm Maher	Economics Stage One Rep	CM
Alex Bolster	Business College Officer	AB
Una Carroll	Disabilities Coordinator	UC
Treasa Moloney	Irish Officer	TRM
Ailbhe archer	Science Stage one Class rep	AA
Katie O'Dea	Environmental Coordinator	KOD
Emily Bollard	Science College Officer	EB
Aoibhs Magills	Health Science College Officer	AM
Sophie Sheridan Burnes	Arts and social science College Officer	SSB
Sophie Gibbons	Arts and social science College Officer	SG
Conor Flannery	Stage three engineering	CF
Gregory Phelan Hendricken	Stage One Drama	GH
Niamh Scully	LGBTQ+ Coordinator	NS
Cahill Molloy Kileen	Stage two engineering	CK
Mollie Greenough	BCL Stage 2	MGR
Fergus Balfe	Stage two Engineering	FB
Emily Gallagher	Stage one Politics	EG

<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	
Minutes are Approved – No Changes	
<b>Motions on Notice</b>	
<p><b>UCDSU to support campaign for Climate Action Ireland</b></p> <p><u>Council acknowledges:</u> 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.</p> <p>Council notes: The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's report which states "rapid change needed to avert global climate chaos"</p>	

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.

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

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

**Discussion:**

LM: Motion for SU to pledge support for Climate Action Ireland. Countries all over Europe and rebelling against climate action, I feel that it's preposterous that Irish people are not doing this. I feel like this is a concrete way to support the environment.

EL: Proposes amendment: to "UCDSU and in particular the environmental CO.

SC: inclusion of C&C

BM: include President as well.

**Motion amended to:** UCDSU and in particular the president, C&C and the environmental co-ordinator.

DKT: I feel like it's unnecessary. Nobody here is against fighting climate change.

MP: It is important because every sabbat team changes, there might be a year whereby they don't prioritize it, it is important to use motions like this to hold sabbat team accountable

LM: they are a specific group with specific aims.

*Passed with amendments*

**Governing Authority Gender Balance Policy  
Motion**

**Council Notes:** The sixth Governing Authority (GA) of University College Dublin will come into effect on February 1-2019 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

**Discussion:**

NT: GA is the governing board which runs UCD. It has a lot of external members professors, councillors etc. new GA started in January. Ucdsu has 4 seats, 3 seats for sabbats and one for post grad. Gender balance policy – there is three categories of gender female, male and other.

The graduate officer seat is guaranteed, not under the gender balance, the ucdsu other seats breaks down as 2 and one. The president and welfare officer will always be on GA and that the education officer should be on GA if it doesn't mess with the gender balance, if that is not possible it should be another sabbat if not possible should be a member of exec.

UC: overall 4 sabbats?

NT: yes two panels

UC: if all male/female sabbatical team?

NT: exec choses

UC: who is prioritised?

NT: where possible it will be the current three, but this is only in the case where all three members are the same gender

CK: I'm assuming the gender balance is for diversity, why is it gender and not another diversity aspect?

NT: there is a wide range of people on GA. Part of the problem is that UCD got a bronze award for the Athena swan award and they want to improve this. This requires upper management to be balanced. This is a step goal to what ucd want to achieve.

*Passed*

Item for discussion – ISSE Survey	
<p>Sc: this survey is really important. National survey of first and final year students personal and academics. Used by government to see how they can improve. Reach out to your friends and classmates. Opened to postgraduate taught students. Managed to get keep cups, jumpers, pop sockets etc as a competition to do it. All for one voucher competition for people who take the survey. One activation for graduate students in Smurfit</p> <p>NT: also open to graduate research students. Looking at organising prizes – possibly travel grants for conferences</p> <p>BM: explain how it is going to be used</p> <p>SC: looks at students in first year how they integrate into ucd. Final year – do they feel like they are equipped to leave now. In ucd are we noticing that a certain cohort feels like they won't get certain skills.</p> <p>MGR: can we get free stuff if we aren't in first or final year?</p> <p>SC: if you can prove you have promoted it to a first or final year</p> <p>EB: Is this annual?</p> <p>SC: yes</p> <p>BM: for the last few years it has been saying that students are finding their experience here better.</p> <p>NT: this survey can be used to pressure ucd into improving things. Good chance to extend opinions</p> <p>NP: ucd can be threatened with funding if the results are bad. Good to use.</p>	
Item for approval – college officer constituencies	
<p>BM: The are currently: law, business, science, arts and social science X2. Health science, Ag, food and vet, engineering and architecture and the Irish Language officer.</p> <p>UC: why are we not approving campaign coordinators?</p> <p>BM: in last year's council we voted to change B&amp;L to Law and Business as separate constituencies . we voted to agree that we could do that. Currently not the same for campaigns. In the new constitution it will be the same.</p> <p>UC: we currently have roles empty, sports and clubs.</p> <p>NT: they have to come from sports and socs council. That's why they aren't advertised.</p> <p><i>Approved as they currently stand</i></p>	
President report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DP think in in NCAD on Friday, how to combat against direct provision.</li> <li>- Planning an end of year ball back to ucd.</li> <li>- GA: for the first time ever it will be gender balanced and hopefully there will be a female chair.</li> <li>- Darkness into Light in aid of Pieta house, May 11<sup>th</sup> – if you Want to get involved reached out</li> <li>- World universities student forum – delegates from all over the world to discuss cost of education, environmental issues, etc</li> <li>- Met returning officer</li> <li>- Selling raffle tickets for RAG</li> <li>- Spoke to students who are looking to run for pres.</li> <li>- Worked with Treasea on Seachtain na Gaeilge</li> </ul> <p>KOD: there is a motion that president discuss with returning officer about reducing the amount of printed material for candidate.</p> <p>BM: there is a huge amount of waste. The RO is halving the amount of manifestos that you can order. Will still be allowed to buy posters - capped at 20 instead of 50. The Poster will also be on screens around campus</p> <p>UC: what is the possibility of online voting?</p> <p>BM: for class rep elections. Trialling with a referendum first.</p>	

<p>CF: what's the plan for the ball?  BM: traditionally there had been a ball in ucd, used to have Calvin Harris and diplo etc. it was previously cancelled due to behaviour. Then an external company ran the ball in Dun Laoighre. This year we have partnered with MCD – which run EP etc, they have access to big acts. Last Friday of term - gig on campus, 5000 people in the quad. The campus will be shut down - no lectures and staff will be sent home.  NP: in the past shutting down the campus has been too difficult, has that been sort?  BM: the main question estates have is how to pen the students in. Going to build a tunnel from the n11 gate to the stage, where you can't leave. We are meeting the guards next week. Also meeting registrar.  EB: how is that going to work around labs etc?  BM: will leave that to the register  DKT: why not Saturday?  BM: we are apprehensive, students go home and people have part time jobs. we don't want it to half sell which it might happen on a Saturday.  MGR: isn't trinity ball that day?  EL: Price? As expensive as trinity?  BM: we just want to break even, it will not be very expensive. Currently 40 Euro looking at bringing it up to 50 – 8 hours long. – Hudson Taylor confirmed  AA: not on same date as trinity – strictly ucd students?  BM: you can bring one other person.  UC: we should be conscious to not market this as a piss up  BM: We will be running a form of drink awareness campaign on the run up to it  UC: in addition to that, will they limit the amount of alcohol?  BM: Students are not allowed to bring in any  TM: this could be one of the biggest events we have ever done. This will not happen if all of the union is not backing this. We need everyone to pull their weight with this. Going the full mile with this.  CF: can you put emphasis on the advertising. First year of the Dun Laoighre Ball was really good, second year not so good.,  BM: the team worked really hard last year but it just didn't work. Going to focus on face to face interaction – paying for ticket online and collecting it in person. Creates queues and creates hypes. we will have posters and event pages.  FB: For Pieta house darkness into light is there anything we can do about the date?  BM: it's a pain to have it during exams however, that is the national date for Darkness into light, it is not possible to rearrange the dates for the exams</p>	
<b>Education officer report</b>	
<p>SC: Post results case work, final results out on the 14<sup>th</sup>, as always my office is open. Most around appeals etc. Changes from leaving cert to college system. Student mapping experience – mapping the services that students use and when they use them. ISSE Survey. Please keep an eye on the emails about this.  Future plans: science programme board - key concern- article on labs in science - the quality of these, and the students opinion of this. Myself and Emily are meeting the chair of the programme board. Bringing it up in March at that programme board. Thanks to Aaron in the college tribune for carrying out the survey.  Research showcase – launch - all should attend, free food.</p> <p><i>Approved.</i></p>	
<b>Graduate officer report</b>	
<p>Changes in policy that he is working on for next year. Seanad campaign is going well, increased numbers from last year. Signed up 5 percent of all newly registered people last year. Talking to Belfield FM about the slot of the radio show. Starting a campaign encouraging people to register for local elections. no matter where they are from as long as they have an address in Ireland they can vote. Promotional videos. MEPs have</p>	

been contacted to get people to register to vote for MEP elections, any European citizens can register for this who are living here.  
 Seanad video will be released soon. General policy reviews – changes to late submission policy. Annual leave - Thursday and Friday.  
 NP: for Seanad registration. if the date is coming up soon, what about people graduating in September, will they re open it before the next election?  
 NT: they might - it depends on the demand. The SU might release a third video. Will take signatures off people now and then submit them after their graduation.  
*Approved*

**Previous report to be approved**

Casework – settled long standing cases.  
 Rag week - three days of events at Smurfit, free professional headshots. Thanks to Kaleigh and Matthew Rose Nel.  
 Due to the loss of one student advisor, June hire pushed back to September hire for Graduate student advisor - wants to have functioning team before adding in new role.  
*Approved.*

**Campaigns and communication report**

TM: Growth on social media – method document would be helpful for growing social media accounts. Assisting class reps and exec who are updating CVS. Battle of the bands was excellent. Rally for nurses and midwives and protest on Saturday – great to see – thanks to everyone.  
 In discussion with a company to see how to improve Class trips away. Artic Stone meeting about world record break. Ag week milk race. Documented green week KOD you are an absolute star, one of my favourite weeks so far. SSDP talk on Saturday - how they can work with their SU. Have bands from Dtwo Thursdays.  
 Hoodies – will be here next week - you can come down to get them once they get here.  
 RSA Drink Driving Campaign.  
 Supporting Niamh Scully on rainbow week  
 Supporting Shag week with Melissa - crazy cabaret.  
 Sc: Want to elaborate more on the ice cream?  
 TM: Artic Stone rolling ice cream - the week after we come back from midterm, I would like everyone’s help on that. Lots of sponsors etc. there’s going to be loads of free stuff, one of our biggest events all year - 24hrs free ice-cream  
 DOT: can I take more than one ice-cream?  
 TM: Yes  
 TM: Guinness wont acknowledge the record if there’s loads of waste. We will combat this by running tag along events  
 EG: Road Safety campaign?  
 TM: can’t give you all the details, go onto your Instagram and look up Mick Mukhurn, and you should follow him and that’s all I can say  
 NP: relay for life is on at the same time?  
 BM: we thought about that however, we want to put our charity buckets out from RAG and relay for life is for Irish cancer society. This would be unfair of us to try and collect on the same day

**Welfare report**

MP: As always student cases come first.  
 DP Think In organised by USI, was very informative. Environmental week was great - well done to Katie. Went to Nursing, Midwifery and health Programme board. SHAG Week is this week - informative and fun filled - that is not easy. Woman in leadership conference - it was very good would highly recommend. Presentations for the new head of counselling with ucd, each candidate came in and gave a presentation, I got to ask questions. INMO rally happened. I went along with Stephen

<p>and Christine as well as our student nurses and midwives. On Wednesday and Thursday in the atrium - lot of games and info and a doughnut wall taking place. AISTE meeting - its stops now campaign. Rainbow week shout out to Niamh Scully and the LGBTQ+ society. Student experience mapping.</p> <p><i>Approved.</i></p>	
<b>Law CO report</b>	
<p>EL: Tomorrow the law soc is having a debate, Stephen and I are speaking at it. Please come along. Free food afterwards.</p> <p><i>Approved.</i></p>	
<b>Science Officer Report</b>	
<p>Happy international day of women and girls in science. We had an exhibition in pi. College council on Thursday. Seating situation in science -still an ongoing issue.</p> <p><i>Approved</i></p>	
<b>Health science Officer Report</b>	
<p>Shout out to Katie for great week This week shout out to Melissa and Niamh. Both weeks are very important for students.</p> <p><i>Approved.</i></p>	
<b>Eng. and arch. Officer</b>	
<p><i>Conor Flannery Spoke on Behalf of Niall Donoghue</i> CF: thanks to Fergus, Cathal and Conor for helping out with the stream talks</p> <p><i>Approved</i></p>	
<b>Business Officer Report</b>	
<p>AB: Taken as read BM: how is the soccer tournament going? AB: it is going well, it is on in the cages from 5-7.</p> <p><i>Approved.</i></p>	
<b>Arts and social science Officer Report</b>	
<p>Taken as read.</p> <p><i>Approved.</i></p>	
<b>Irish Officer Report</b>	
<p>Taken as read</p> <p><i>Approved.</i></p>	
<b>Arts and Social Science Report</b>	
<p>Taken as read</p> <p><i>Approved.</i></p>	
<b>Question on notice</b>	

<p>Np: question was asked last week, however answer unclear, I want to confirm if the sabbats have gotten the mandated training and if they have not can they clarify why?  SC: I have only gotten sexual disclosure – safe talk on in February  BM: I am doing assist training in February, he has the others.  NT: I have had them all  MP: I have done them all.  TM: Has Had sexual assault disclosure training, Is having safe talk in February. He has not done the assist.  NP: it’s a bit late now to get these trainings - this is something which should be done over the summer during the sabbat training process  BM: I’d like to acknowledge that last summer we had a day with the student advisors with how to look after some of these situations.</p>	
<p><b>AOB</b></p>	
<p>MP: Would like people to share rainbow and SHAG week events</p> <p>KOT: Is in contact with the returning officer – about changing constituencies as random subjects are paired together  EL: for a PhD for B&amp;L they are amalgamated into one constituency. Sometimes It makes sense to group.  NT: the reason that those two are combined is because a lot of them are based off campus.</p> <p>TM: it would be great if everyone could share the su socials into your class pages.</p> <p>BM: the team had to make the decision to cancel the fashion show, I can talk about it now or at next council  EL: was it decided after or before exec?  BM: after  EL: exec should have been told, its one of our biggest fundraisers  BM: we only raised 7kish last year and it cost 19k, we would have loved to have it but we had to make a decision as we had no producer.  TM: getting a producer in during the summer time and getting them to put all their weight behind it. The amount it lost is not that far off from a sabbat salary  EL: I didn’t like reading it off the observer  BM: the event isn’t happening as there was no production team to run it. There was nobody this year. We just had to make a call.</p> <p>BM: Pints and food in clubhouse, as per usual</p>	
<p>Council Closes</p>	