

Council 6 Notes (pending Approval of council)		
Name	Constituency	Initials
Barry Murphy	President	BM
Melissia Plunkett	Welfare	MP
Thomas Monaghan	C&C	TM
Stephen Crosby	Education	SC
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
Úna Carroll	Disabilities Coordinator	UC
Treasa Moloney	Irish Officer	TRM
Christine Brown	Secretary	Secretary
Katie O'Dea	Environmental Coordinator	KOD
Emily Bollard	Science College Officer	EB
Rachel Duffy	Chair	Chair
Sophie Sheridan Burnes	Arts and social science College Officer	SSB
Sophie Gibbons	Arts and social science College Officer	SG
Brian Tracey	Stage three Social Science	BT
Gregory Phelan Hendricken	Stage One Drama	GH
Ari Shields	Stage four Science	AS
Lucy Dornan	Stage one Science	LD
Conor Mc Grath	Science Stage 2	CMG
Sadhbh O'Flaherty	Mental Health CCO	SOF
Andrew Grossen	International Students CCO	AG
PJ Nee	Science Stage 2	PN
Alyda Marincovich	Stage 2 History	AM
Lauren Higgins	Stage 2 Social Science	LH
Gary Mahon	Stage 1 Social Science	GM

Approval of Minutes

Minutes are Approved – No Changes

Motions on Notice

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)

KOD: As Campaign Co-ordinators we had a slow start to email accounts and missed emails as a result. This motion will limit the likelihood of this happening again.

Passed

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)

KOD: I hadn’t been involved with the SU, it can be difficult to know what resources and supports are there. This handover guide will give them a good bases to run their campaigns. Guides will include initiative and links they have made. Summary of supports available to them.

Passed

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.

Council 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)

KOD: There is a mandate expiring in a couple of weeks for the SU to support segregated waste on campus this would renew this motion.

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)

NP: This vaccine is very good, it is both recommended and free of charge for people living with HIV. This is something which the welfare officer should have information on and should be able to offer students this information.

Passed

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)

NP: Three year time limit is up on previous mandate. This is important as important motions are often passed at council. Things that people don't necessarily know we offer can be told about it through this motion - such as giving out tampons, pads etc for free through the welfare officer.

BT: Is it just the FB page or the website as well?

NP: it can be any platform, in the past a combination has been used. Whatever the C&C Officer thinks is most applicable

Passed

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 by: Barry Murphy (UCDSU President)

Seconded by: Niall Torris (Graduate Officer)

BM: This motion follows on from the town hall meeting. It has been created by people who have been in the Union in the past. Things that were wrong with the union and didn't allow us to run properly through the constitution have now been fixed. There are two ways that a constitutional referendum can happen in the SU – gathering signatures from the student body or council can put the referendum forward. I would like for council to put forward this constitution for referendum during the exec elections this year. If you have questions feel free to air them here.

I know some returning reps have issue with some things in the constitution. It outlines how we are run, in the current constitution council can put forward the referendum to the students. We are proposing that “do you support the adoption.....” would be the wording of the referendum.

Chair: To clarify this is not you ratifying the constitution, you are just putting it forward to the student body, for them to decide on

NP: Can I suggest issues that I have with the new one? 14.6.5.3 disability rights Co-Ordinator is responsible for events being wheelchair accessible, there is no mention for this within the entertainment officer role. It is highly important and it should not be the sole responsibility of a part time officer. Especially when we have a full time officer to run events.

BM: Our Events and Marketing manager is responsible for running inclusive events, this is within the job description. In the group it was said that disability Co-ordinator will often question if events are accessible etc.

NP: If you included in conjunction with the entertainments officer? So that it is not solely their job

AS: POI if we are bringing it to the student body, how will they see the constitution? People are just about aware of who is running in the elections, how will we show them the difference of the constitution.

BM: The team running the constitution ref, will be prompting the final few pages of this document, where it outlines the changes to the constitution. Our platforms will not be promoting the yes side.

AS: Will it be easily accessible?

BM: yes

EL: If we take on suggestions do we not have to bring it back to council again if it is edited? Or are we amending the edits that are here? Is this the final draft?

Chair : The motion today is to have a referendum on the constitution which was circulated. If council vote against this constitution this council, then it will need to be brought to council again

AB: Is it necessary that the whole student body vote on the constitution? I agree with getting feedback on it. I feel that council should vote on it as we are elected to represent out constituencies. Referendums are a lot of time and money.

Chair: constitutionally you have to .

BM: When you look at a national platform such as the Dail, it is important that every big vote goes to the public for constitutional changes.

KOD: I don't think this is ready. There is a lot of recommendations and typos, I'm not comfortable passing this motion today, I have written down a good few things over two articles, some of these are very technical.

BM: I welcome the feedback, this is a place to air it

TM: I agree with Katie if there is a lot of recommendation to air it, if people think the constitution isn't ready, this is something that needs to go alongside the exec elections, I am currently doing three jobs events, campaigns and communications. I am stretched across three platforms, I am not giving enough time to it. Coming from that standpoint it is important that next year's c&c has this.

LD: I agree there are a couple of articles that are wrong. We could run it alongside rep elections in September. This is not something which we should rush.

EL: We won't have the Ents officer for a full sabbatical term. I believe there is a need for it. You will have to vote in an Ents officer. If this gets put off it becomes too late, makes it difficult for students to take up this role. We run the risk of losing an important sabbatical officer

CMG: there is a time constraint I acknowledge this. If people were only given this last night our only opportunity to give any feedback was today

SC: article 6.6.2 of current constitution says any referendum by direction has to be made by quorate council. Has to be given a week in advance

BM: I acknowledge that there is frustrations on this, if it is not run alongside exec elections we will not be quorate. The reason you didn't get edits, I acknowledge your

points Conor, you have had almost the finalised document for 4 months now. Maybe people would be willing to come back for an extraordinary council.

Chair : I have grave concerns about outing forward a motion with no notice, you are now on notice, I would recommend that we hold an extraordinary council next Monday. I propose this extraordinary council under the current constitution
Vote Is put to floor - passed, one opposed.

EB: We have exec on Monday?

BM: It'll be before exec.

SOF: My main query is do we need a full time Ents officer as well as a full time member of staff? This is now two full time salaries?

BM: I was c&c once, but the job role requires you to do a lot of different things, individuals run for the role and are normally either "entsy" or campaign focused. We have a events manager at the moment who is already over worked. We could employ another events assistant, however, a sabbat is cheaper. We would be losing the opportunity to bring Ents back to the students. I want to bring back the SU to the students, Ents can be used to do this. Our Events organiser is young at the moment but it is important to have the sabbat to keep in touch with the students.

I think we need an Ents officer to bring this back.

TM: we have a lot of events, sometimes we struggle to have reps or volunteers to help out this requires sabbats to run stalls/ talks etc at events, that goes to show that our welfare officer was helping with an event when sometimes students need them. It would be the Ents officer job to ensure that that we are well supported at events It would help to get volunteers for other weeks e.g. Disability and SNAG.

Np: In 10.2.7.3 of the old constitution. The c and c officer is in charge of upkeep of website, in the new one not in it.

Motion is kept as is. Motion proposing the constitution as circulated, need to have emergency meeting as one weeks notice was not given. If we now start changing things within this document, we lose this weeks notice.

Chair: this is a matter for the constitutional review group. I'm going to strike out this motion.

AB: if we take out the time constraints, it is important to voice opinions.

Chair: There has been a reasonable debate. We are coming back to it.

SC: This doc will be proposed to general public of UCD, we are giving more people time to consider it, there's no requirement in the constitution for the constitution review group to propose these changes. There is no provision either way.

AG: I think that is why it's a week in the advance, we only had that one session, and there was no follow up until this motion. Is the group going to meet again? can we submit submissions and then you can take them to the review group over the next week.

BM: I think we need to get consensus from the group.

AG: We didn't do that at the meeting in November.

BM: Some of the feedback was taken. Some of this is because its in other constitutions and they have seen it, it is really difficult to get consensus from a group this large

AG: I think it's a channel to get the opinions without spending an hour on this

Chair: next week the motion will be the same.

PN: if we feel we want to make any changes how do we voice that?

Chair: you can voice them now

CMG: any meeting next week should be postponed by several days?

Chair: these are people that are working and we would only be sending them edits on by 9 o'clock

The motion before you next week will be the same constitution

CMG: it won't be passed

Chair: The Emergency Council is only being held as constitutionally we are required to give a weeks' notice

NP: what I would like to highlight is my dissatisfaction on how this is being handled - either we don't get the Ents officer or we have to put forward a document we aren't completely happy with. I disagreed about the last council of semester being changed to a townhall meeting. If I want to make changes I now have to choose between not having an Ents officer and making these small changes. I don't think this is fair or right. Do I vote this down over small changes?

TRM: I think everyone has perfectly valid concerns, I don't know why people are now having lots of concerns

PN: while I understand that people don't agree with the amendments, we can pass this one and hold another referendum in a year or two .

BM: KOD you had issues, I'm happy to debate current issues with this document, to encourage people to vote on this constitution., I would like to hear issues, and then vote on the doc and if it fails it Fails

KOD: ARTICLE 12. Grammatically incorrect. An Gaeilge.

- Campaigns engagement officer 10.7.3 typo. "maintenance OF Policy"
- 10.7.4 CE new CE position input - not sufficiently strong, no obligation to the CE officer to maintain these
- CE should have responsibility for this
- Same article: input into socials doesn't make sense
- Would suggest adding coordinating these publications
- Proposed changes: they shall have chief input and coordinate the day to day publications of the union.

Edward Lennard (Law CO) calls a IX B. A motion that the meeting proceed to the next order of business.

Motion Passes.

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

EL: Aren't all motions mute now as there was not a week's notice given ?

Chair: this is a special case I received this five days ago

Sectary: The week's notice is only for referendum motions, not for regular motions.

Motion Continues to be put forward.

EL: this mandates that a c and c officer must receive training to ensure that they are adequate on all social media platforms.

Passed

SC: post results case work, this has gotten busier, a lot of walk ins. A Lot of midterm cases. EB and I met associate Dean of Science, we will be presenting the data to the next programme board.

Safetalk training: had it last Thursday missed GA due to this.

ISSE survey promotion – anyone who promotes the isse survey can get a bag of free stuff. If you do the survey you can win all for one vouchers.

Undergraduate research lunch in the red room.

AG: what if you don't have a class page?

Sc: email them.

AM: if we are second year and you promote it to a person who can do it can we get the free stuff?

SC: yes

LH: can we email them through the peer mentee portal

SC: No due to GDPR

Approved

C&C Officer report

- World record break - atrium is booked
- Hoodies being circulated
- Congrats to Niamh Scully on rainbow week
- Thanks to Melissa for shag week - information was good, very positive feedback, from talking to people, people were happy.
- Talked to Marie Keenan to discuss screening her movie.
- Talk to reps about class trips etc
- Blurb for elections on website
- Recruiting volunteers for MBS, SNAG and world record break.
- Working with Una on disability week
- March 15th climate change protest with KOD.
- Lip sync battle in the clubhouse
- Did his safetalk training
- Meeting candidates who are running in the election

Supporting Treasa for SNAG, wants to lecture address in the different buildings

SC: what are those lovely posters?

Tm: we were short for volunteers for shag, apologies we didn't recruit volunteers early enough. Here is a list of our SNAG events, I will send an email looking for help with these events this week .

Disability awareness week : ISL class, panel discussions, disability awareness workshop, mindfulness colouring etc. please get involved we would really appreciate it.

Getting involved in things like this is what stands with you when you leave college. You make contacts and friends. Use this time in uni to help yourself out as much as you can

GM: there are a few events that the disability soc run, and they were not contacted by Úna. Why didn't Úna contact he society?

UC: the socials only went live today, the only people who knew before today was Tom, Union staff and friends who helped me organise it. We will create events and add people into them after .

LH: movie with Marie Keenan is it going ahead?

TM: it is an incredible movie,

BM: it is going to be on the 5th

TM: looking to hold a Q and A afterwards

Approved

President report

<p>Working to recruit student advisor for engineering. Talking with estates about the ball, some issues with the guards. Is slow moving. Meet returning officer about reduce waste during elections Meet reps about arts ball Heavy student cases. Stephen and I sat on SAC and helped choose presidents awardees. Met USI to discussion relationship between USI and us. Res review – hoping to get them to present at council, will have new student centre in the first round of res building Had GA Got pied by science soc.</p> <p><u>In the future</u> Meeting people running for elections. Launching daffodil day Would like to see more people running especially those from outside the union.</p> <p>NP: why do you have student cases? Are they overflow from Stephen, Niall and Melissa? It seems weird to me. BM: you would think that if you didn't work there, if the welfare officer isn't there and a student is upset sometimes you deal with them. Students getting large fines from res is mostly my case work CM: New shop in the new Student centre in res can we lobby for a Lidl and not an expensive shop? BM: the uni works on a procurement process, Lidl will be entitled to put in a bid, and they will only have it for a certain period of time. From a student perspective we will ask for a student and environmentally friendly. CM: could you lobby the governing bodies to get them to reduce the cost of the food in the shop? BM: it is down to the people who put the bids into the process, depends on the shop, it is up to them to set their prices. This is not something that ucd can tell them what to do. NP: did you have that meeting with Mark Rodgers about the ball that you had planned BM: no meeting head of estates tomorrow, often what happens with these groups is that they go off and plan and then come back GP : what is the problem with donnybrook guards? Chair: from a legal perspective, UCDSU have to apply for a licence and the guards needs to sign of this. BM: we will be at 4999 so we won't need a licence. CM: why can't you get cider with the token in the bar after council? BM: We have an agreement with bar management that is it okay however the individual bar staff are not always aware.</p> <p><i>Approved</i></p>	
Arts and Human science officer report (Sophie Gibbons)	
<p>Taken as read <i>Approved</i></p>	
Arts and Human science officer report (Sophie Sheridan)	
<p>Taken as read <i>Approved</i></p>	
Welfare Officer report	
<p>Student cases. DP: continuing to highlight the gaps in support for these students - just at a meeting for Failte refugees. SHAG Week good feedback from students, each game had info with it.</p>	

<p>ESHTE meeting - discussing it stops now Well done to Niamh and LGBTQ+ soc on rainbow week Ucd healthy eating week now – lunchtime talks etc. Student experiencing mapping project - sessions with students are going well Access talks - gave them to prospective students to encourage them to come here Organising MBS Made a meeting with consent at UCD Went to GA Had two days off sick. <u>Plans for coming period</u> Meeting about DP supports Continuing to support healthy eating week</p> <p><i>Approved</i></p>	
Science officer report	
<p>Taken as read <i>Approved</i></p>	
Law CO report	
<p>Taken as read <i>Approved</i></p>	
Health science Officer Report	
<p>Absent NP: can all reps talk to me about college council after this council?</p>	
Business Officer Report	
<p>Taken as read: FAI league is still on. Turnout is really good. The society is doing the dragons den final, even though there are union events I would appreciate if you could come along. There is free linked in headshots. And entered into a raffle for drink tickets. For business reps: if there is anyone you know running for CO tell them to get in touch with me</p>	
Engineering and architecture Officer report	
<p>Taken as read. <i>Approved.</i></p>	
Irish Officer Report	
<p>Taken as read. SNAG: if you are free to come to events that would be great if you want to get involved email/text me . TG4 want to do a feature on people who can speak Irish to do with the housing crises. If anyone knows anyone who is interested in taking part in RAS UCD contact me. BM: I think it would be a good idea for people to use their cupla focal during SNAG,</p>	
Questions not on notice	
<p>UC : are we going to publicise the constitution for the student body to read and if we are can we change it to an accessible for all, larger text and contrasted colours font... this is an accessibility issue. BM: that is doable</p>	
AOB	

<p>SC: at the last meeting of the exec Brian Mullens came to talk to us about Marchathon it is a competition that tracks your steps in teams of people. You can register online for free. There is collective team steps. There will be prizes. You need to register your team before the start of next meeting. It is really good craic. This year it is going to be inter – degree based</p>	
<p>Council Closes at 19:45</p>	