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## Minutes:

### UCDSU Council Meeting 1 Monday, 10th October 2022, 6pm Venue – Fitzgerald / Hybrid upon request

Molly Greenough President proposes Niall Torris as chair of council: Approved

Chair declared the first council meeting of the year in session.

Adoption of the standing orders by chair.

MG Pres: Propose we change all pronouns to gender neutral.

Chair: Will dig up the one from last year which should have this.

Standing orders adopted as is.

#### **A. The declaration of a quorum by roll call.**

Declared quorum by Council Chair.

#### **B. Niteline Presentation**

Important points to relay to classmates:

- Confidentiality
- Non-Judgemental
- 9pm - 2:30 am
- 7 days a week
- You can become a volunteer.
- Let your classmates know.
- 1800 793 793 to call
- Message on the website



**C. Minutes arising of a previous meeting.**

No previous minutes.

**D. Officer Reports**

*Campaigns Officer Report: Approved*

Key points:

- Thank you regarding class rep training
- Vigil on Wednesday
- More elections coming up
- Working groups

Questions arising from report:

MNF Welfare: When is the Vigil?

ROK Campaigns: It will be on Wednesday

KM Stage 3 Mechanical Engineering: Would you accept a round of applause for graduating?

ROK Campaigns: Thank you very much.

*Education Officer report: Approved*

Key Points

- Contact if you want to get involved with an arts showcase
- Proposal to keep library open longer
- HEA Bill

Questions arising from the report:

None

*Entertainment Officer report: Approved*

Key points:

- Engagement
- Events for the year

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- Daytime events based on feedback from.
- Sold out event - volunteer options
- RAG week & Christmas Day
- Accessibility in event

Questions arising from the report:

None

*Graduate Officer Report: Approved*

Key Points:

- Peer volunteer program for grads
- WOW - Writing on Wednesday Scheme
- Post Grad tour
- Blog work
- Post Grad workers alliance

Questions arising from the report:

Nanda MPH: Opportunities for the students of the school of Public Health because there is not a fair that some of these schools . Noting of the alumni email and the issues regarding this.

MM Graduate: Thank you

RC Science College Officer: The bus for blackrock campus is awful and it may be something to be aware of.

MM Graduate: Yes, looking into the possibility of a shuttle bus. Completely noted.

Grad Med stage 1: Bank of Ireland have stopped giving out loans as it affects our funding

MM Graduate: Ready to listen to any ideas that are had.



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MG President: We had a meeting with Minister Harris last week where we raised that issue with him, like a state funded loan. Plans to reach out to other Students' Unions across the country. This is a course to allow people from different backgrounds walks of life get into medicine and the removal of the loan eliminates this. Minister Harris to review this.

B Sociology and Social Policy stage 1: Question regarding letting alumni be a part of societies and clubs and regarding the removal of the alumni email.

MM Graduate: We have a petition up for the alumni email.

ROK Campaigns: They allow for a year of grace.

MG President: One of the reasons could be due to child protection laws and also the lack of monetary contribution.

*President report: approved*

Key points:

- Meeting with Minister Harris
  - SUSI Reform
  - Grad entry Med
  - Accomodation
- Crossover training
- Digs Drive
- Great donate

- Charities and work with UCD Global
- UCDSU Submission on the Constitutional Right to Housing
- Cost of Living Coalition
- 15 Microwaves
- Consent week, active consent workshop for student leaders.



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Questions arising from the report:

KC stage 4 Science/Zoology: Question about the SUSI conversation regarding students who are emancipated from their parents.

MG President: We raised the issue of estrangement as it is nearly impossible to apply for SUSI. As this was a meeting that included many other groups this will be brought in a meeting that will be had in November.

SM Physiotherapy stage 1: Placement of microwaves

MG President: Everywhere, working with Robin Law College Officer and Ryan Science College Officer. Confirmation from Science, Law, Newman, Health Science, Village.

Science Stage 1: Question that if resit fees are abolished will it diminish the effort made by students

MG President: No students would still work for it as they would like to avoid having to do an exam again, but should not have to pay extra should they fail. Unfortunately UCD has the highest resit fees and other colleges such as Trinity do not have resit and repeat fees.

*Welfare report: Approved*

Key points:

- Food Bank - keep in touch as volunteers will be needed and will be in building 71.
- SHAG Week
- Licence agreement for students living in Digs
- Digs Drive
- Awareness of dignity and respect on campus



- Active bystander training for all 1st years. Dean of Students will review feedback, will then be rolled out to all next year depending on feedback
- UMT - importance of lecture recordings
- Period Poverty - products in 12 buildings, including gender neutral bathrooms.

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Questions arising from the report:

None

*Health Science Officer report: Approved*

Key Points:

- Repls contact Sarah
- Follow the Instagram

Questions arising from the report:

None

*Law Officer report:*

Key points:

- Taken as read mainly
- Farm on the way
- Coffee morning and woodland walk on Wednesday.
- Repls reach out

Questions arising from the report:

ROK Campaigns: What is the name of your coffee morning?

RJ Law College Officer: Keep (C)up with your mental health



*Science Officer Report:*

Key points:

- Meeting with Martha regarding
- Assessing the recycling bins
- Placement of microwaves

Questions arising from the report:

Y Psychology high diploma: Why 70

RC Science College Officer: It cannot go to 60/40 as then it would mean passing without doing exams which the university will not agree with.

GC Science stage 3: Question regarding the increase in price of takeaway boxes in Pie restaurant.

RC Science College Officer: I am meeting with Pie tomorrow and will speak to this.

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*AG Science Officer report: Approved*

- Taken as read

Questions arising from the report:

No

*Oifigeach na Gaeilge report: Approved*

- Insignia for Student Centre workers and SU workers to show that they are happy to speak as Gaeilge with students.
- Checking the Irish of the Constitution
- Translation of SU social media

SC Stage 1 history: any facilities for Irish natives to improve their Irish language.

SMA Oifigeach na Gaeilge : Gaeltacht UCD run classes and there are options in the applied language centre.

*AHSS College Officer Report Róisín: Approved*

Key Points:



- Coffee Morning
- Boards

Questions arising from the report:

None

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*AHSS College Officer Report Caillum: Approved*

- Careers advisors,
- Mental health week, not burning out in activism - contact me
- Transportation

Questions arising from the report:

None

**E. Matters arising.**

None

**F. Motions on notice.**

None

**G. Items for discussion.**

- a. Introduction of sugary drinks in the SU shops: Food (drink) for thought  
(President)

MG President: Explaining that UCD is a sugar free campus and that coca cola was banned before. Not mandated to not stock sugary drinks. Benefit of this would particularly be to students with type 1 diabetes. 25% of the drinks can be full sugar.

Discussion open.

R Biomed Engineering Masters: There have been studies done that the sugar free ones can have worse effects.

RC Science College Officer: Full support of this, there are a few that are on the shelves that are below the sugar tax limit.

DOB Stage 1 history: Note making that pricing should be the same as the healthier drinks. Idea that profits from the sugary drinks from the shops be ring fenced and go to support a medical cause.



MG President: As the shops are a sub unit the way that we sort the profits is that profits go back into student activities.

MNF Welfare: We need to make sure that we remind everyone that there are negative impacts of everything and everything has a place, so we need to change this one size fits all narrative.

CH AHSS College Officer: feasibility of alcohol in shops.

EOH Environmental Campaign Coordinator: The vending machines have questionable branding in terms of eating habits and feasibility of getting that changed.

GradMed Stage 1: Question regarding the decision that 25% is the max amount.

MG President: It is a directive from Estate Services.

Chair: Explains to council about Estate Services role on campus and their influence on decisions for anyone who is new to UCD.

Chair: Closes discussion.

**b. Staff Student Partnership Agreement & Forum (President)**

MG President: Explains the purpose of the forum and how student representatives should be elevated and that in regards to the student partnership forum, it is to provide a space for student representatives to speak on these issues and boards too. Meeting to be chaired by Molly Greenough SU President and the Dean of Students.

Purpose of the discussion explained by chair: This discussion to now discuss ideas that council members believe should be spoken about in this forum.

Discussion open.

SC stage 1 Art History: Issue of accommodation and what is being done



MG President: Explaining how commercialised UCD is, that phase 2 of rez is not going ahead unless the government. Explaining that the change in President and Acting President has made a slight change as they now want to have a townhall. SU townhall to be had prior to this.

RC Science College Officer: Standards of regular accommodation

Master Stage 1 Information Systems: Scams and that the international students should be prioritised.

Stage 2 Childrens and General Nursing: Placement student being kicked out of res before their placement is actually finished.

RS Stage 1 general nursing: Lecture recording especially for commuters

MNR Education: This has been pushed for with UMT and guidelines have been sent out to staff. Main objections are the intellectual property rights of lecturers and lack of engagements. A potential idea that has been floated has been putting it up later, it cannot be mandated due to intellectual property rights.

NH stage 1 computer science: focusing on disability accommodation and mental health awareness. LGBTQ+ training.

**c. Exploring our relationship with the Union of Students Ireland. (President)**

Deferred to next meeting

**d. Public Transport in Dublin: what's what working and what should we do (Welfare)**

MNF Welfare: Emphasis put on bad service and students missing college and dropping out.

ROK Campaigns: There will be a townhall on the 17th quad room 3pm. Will be hybrid.

B Social Science: Desire for UCD to have a free pass for students included in the fees.



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MNF welfare: UCD will argue that there have been price drops in travel cards and therefore there will be no need to supply this. They would also more than likely not take it form fees already in place but rather add on to fees, which are already high.

S stage 3 Biochemistry: Request that intercounty/national buses be added to the discussion in the townhall.

#### **H. Items for noting.**

- a. College Officer elections via council.
  - i. Business College Officer
  - ii. Engineering and Architecture College Officer
- b. Campaign Coordinator elections via council.
  - i. Student Residence
  - ii. Disability Rights
- c. Ents Forum elections via council.
  - i. RAG Officer
  - ii. Non-alcoholic Officer
  - iii. 1st year Promotions Officer
  - iv. Ents Rep Coordinator

ROK Campaigns:

- If you are proposing yourself it has to be seconded.
- Next Friday 21st of October is them.
- Email Robyn or Ciara.

#### **I. Items for approval.**

- a. UCDSU CLG 2022/2023 Budget

Deferred to the next council.

**J. Questions on notice.**

None

**K. Questions not on notice.**

None

**L. Motions not on notice.**

None

**M. Submission of motions to be on notice for next meeting.**

- Motions in by 5pm on the 17th to [councilchair@ucdsu.ie](mailto:councilchair@ucdsu.ie) and [secretary@ucdsu.ie](mailto:secretary@ucdsu.ie)
- Anything else to be submitted by 22nd of October by 5pm
- Next council is 24th October

**N. Any Other Business.**

CM Entertainments: 13th of October 2pm Ents meeting should anyone want to come

RC Science College Officer: Science class reps get in touch.

Council adjourned.



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