

UCDSU Exec Minutes



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Date	12/09/22
Location	SU office
In Attendance	Molly Greenough, Marc Matouc, Martha Ní Riada, Robyn O’Keeffe, Míde Nic Fhionnlaoich, Ciara Moroney, Rosín Alff, Robin Jowett, Sarah McGrath, Hannah Tilly, and Shane Mac Amhlaoibh.
Apologies	Caillum Hedderman & Ryan Corely (attending later)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Actions
1. Introduction and Round-table update	<p>Róisín:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Mental health awareness day on 10th of October - plans to raise money for Jigsaw. <p>Robin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Microwaves - working with Molly on this aspect. In conversation with estates - agreed to reassess lecture theatre over the next couple of weeks in regards to plugs. Internships opening soon - applications workshops. Potential panel discussion - still in process of organising. <p>Sarah:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campaign on rights - discussed with Molly and Martha. Research talk series - Louise previously worked on this and they may work together this year. Sorting out a digital clinical guide and placement support packs to students. <p>Hannah:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on class rep recruitment and outreach of the students union. <p>Shane:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Translation of constitution - final stages and hoping to put up online in the next few weeks. Discussion on the translation of SU media - plan to use a company rather than individual student translators. Arrange a meeting between Shane, Molly and Dave with the translation company. Floated idea about getting Fáine óir into SU shops - waiting on the company to follow up on this. Coffee morning with Newman students who study Irish - will lease with Cumann Gaelach re this. 	
<p>2. Orientation/Freshers</p>	<p>Molly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Availability of College Officers during orientation/freshers. Overview of societies tents, our activation outside Cafe Brava, and our stand in the sports hall. Sabbats giving orientation talks with first year students. <p>Ciara:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Re-orientation' week - outside JJ giving out goodies, big welcome back event outside Sutherland 11am to 3pm open to all College Officers to help if they're available, Irish Film Festival/Cinema day on Thursday - panel discussion, Irish movie screenings, and reception after in the clubhouse, Tramline Tuesday starting this week - presence during Freshers event, Speed friending at 3pm at Cafe Brava with Philsoc on Tuesday of Freshers. <p>Oktoberfest;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday night Disco theme, 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday night Oompah band with €20 tickets includes a Stein of beer, • Thursday Drag night with LGBTQ+ soc. 	
<p>3. Class Rep recruitment</p>	<p>Robyn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class rep nominations close on September 30th - online elections. Can collect nominations online or through physical forms. Big push for class rep recruitment, trying to fill as many seats as possible. College Officers can play a big part in recruitment. • Roadshows scheduled for each School. Working on a master timetable with all the biggest lectures in order for COs and Sabbats to lecture address. Spread the word through group chats, lecture addresses, and societies. • Will be handing out nomination forms throughout this week and next at roadshows. If any student has issues with nominations they can send on any queries to Robyn. • College roadshows happening in week 3 at each school. <p>Molly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexibility with College roadshow times, would like College Officers to be there if available. COs required to be at Class Rep training - good opportunity to set a good example for class reps. Would love as many people as possible to lecture address in order to push class rep recruitment. • Busy few weeks for COs in comparison to the rest of the year - important to have a strong base with class reps in order to have a vibrant college council. 	
<p>4. COLC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-budget protest - attended a demonstration outside the Dáil before the recess, major protest will be on the 24th. • <u>Townhall on Wednesday the 21st of September at 6pm in the Village for UCD</u> 	

	<p>students. Same day as the March for Choice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Press launch on Wednesday at 11am - our social media campaign for COLC will be launched at the same time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Student demands within the COLC; bills, housing, abolishing student contribution charge, increasing financial assistance etc. ○ Meeting at UCD bus depot tbc. 	
<p>5. Relationship with USI</p>	<p>Molly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An issue which will be brought to the first Council. Overview - UCD not a member of USI since 2013 disaffiliation. UCDSU will be bringing forward a referendum this year on affiliation. Molly is working closely with one of their officers. USI is planning a walkout on the 13th of October, however, we're not a member so want to gauge opinions at the first Council. Issues which they fight on impact UCD students too, therefore, inclined to support the movement but up to the student body as we're not members. USI is keen to work on similar issues to us. Don't need to make a decision on supporting the walkout at this meeting, however, would need to before the first Union Council as too quick a turnaround. <p>Shane: Query on details of a walkout.</p> <p>Molly: Students will be walking out at a time on the 13th of October and marching towards the Dáil to congregate there.</p> <p>Míde: Unsure on success of the walkout, needs a good buy-in to be successful.</p> <p>Robyn: Highlights success of our protest, but notes that some UCD students didn't attend as they were in class therefore would they walkout for a USI protest?</p> <p>Sarah: Many students on placement, therefore, <u>not allowed to walkout</u>. <u>Health science students are very unlikely to take part</u> as many lecturers wouldn't allow it and many on placement.</p>	

	<p>Ciara: Students attended previous Climate Crisis protest which was successful as they didn't have to leave class and was early in the term; larger pressure as lecturers will remember that you left their lecture, also a protest may be more effective.</p> <p>Míde: Could be some form of action to support however nothing too major.</p> <p>Molly: Would like some form of direct action before semester one - unsure on the walkout. College Officers feel free to get opinions from friends etc. and can revisit at the next Exec.</p> <p>Ryan: Will we be focusing on our own protests or the USI protest?</p> <p>Molly: We'll be putting forward a referendum on USI - however in the meantime it's up to the Union, no harm to engage with their campaigns but up to the student body. Possible criticism of engagement with USI, but as long as it's in our interest and within our policy it's okay with the backing of Council. Will have to make a decision on the walkout prior to the first Council.</p>	
6. Annual plan	<p>Molly: Run through the annual plan. Week one/two/three already discussed. Subject to change.</p> <p>Semester One:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Week four: volunteering week - encouraging people to get involved in working groups and campaigns, allow people other options rather than only joining ents forum. Class reps training. ● Week five: Consent week and Week six: SHAG week ● Week seven: Reading week - Stand.ie doing a promotional campaign on Gender based violence and other gender issues. ● Week eight: Housing and transport - potential time for an action. ● Week nine: Workshops/presentations on extenuating circumstances, running for election etc. ● Week ten: Rainbow week - name subject 	

	<p>to change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week eleven: open to ideas • Week twelve: Palestine Solidarity week, panel discussions - Christmas day including market Revision week: Library breakfasts/lunch/etc. - exam support. <p>Semester Two:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Great Donate collection, • Welcome Back, • RAG week 2, • Beer Pong competition, • Careers and Trade Union week, • Leadership workshops, • Seachtain na Gaeilge, • SU elections - hustings, campaigning, voting, • Wellbeing week, • Green week - environmental, weed, 4/20 protest in town, panel discussion etc., • End-of-Year Gig, • Union Awards, • Revision and Exams. 	
<p>7. College Officer Bios and headshots</p>	<p>Molly: 120-200 word bio for COs on the website - will touch base with COs about arranging time for headshots.</p>	
<p>8. AOB</p>	<p>Robin: Query on the stance on recorded lectures?</p> <p>Molly: Unlikely to have recorded lectures as cannot mandate lecturers to provide recordings, issues with intellectual property, not in lecturers contracts. Provided under extenuating circumstances as a result of Covid, up to individual lecturers if they want to provide recordings.</p>	