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Agenda:

UCDSU Council Meeting 2 Monday, 24th October 2022, 6pm Venue – Fitzgerald / Hybrid upon request

A. The declaration of a quorum by roll call.

B. Minutes of the previous meeting.

- a. Approved

C. Matters arising.

- a. Introduction of council chair by chair Niall Torris. Contactable at:
councilchair@ucdsu.ie
- b. Part time Officer elections
 - i. Introduction of Darryl Horan the returning officer.
 1. Explanation of the election process (1 minute speeches, followed by voting on a google form)
 2. College Officer speeches: Engineering and Business
 3. Campaign Coordinator speeches: Disability rights, Student Residences
 4. Ents speeches: 1st year promotions officer, RAG promotions officer, Non-alcoholic officer, Entertainments rep.

D. Motions on notice.

- a. Motion supporting E-books (Education)

Supporting the #ebooksos Campaign

Council notes: the ebooks crisis is creating major issues for university and public libraries in regards to publishing practices, pricing and other licensing conditions.



Council recognises: that the current ebooks crisis is causing further inequality in third level education and creating issues surrounding accessibility.

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Council therefore mandates: that the Education Officer and the Campaigns and Engagement Officer support the #ebooksos campaign.

Council further mandates: that the Education Officer and the Campaigns and Engagement Officer engage with management within UCD Library, and where they see fit with other Students' Unions and Librarian groups such as the Librarian Association of Ireland, to campaign for more sustainable ebook publishing practices and less onerous licensing agreements.

Proposed by: Martha Ní Riada (Education Officer)

Seconded by: Robyn O'Keeffe (Campaigns and Engagement Officer)

Speakers against: None

Put to a vote: **approved**

E. Items for Discussion

- a. Exploring our relationship with the Union of Students Ireland. (President)

MG President: Explaining about the student walkout that USI had and that UCDSU exec had to talk about it ahead of class rep election and now there is the possibility for a council discussion.

Options are to:

- work with them on
- not work with them are

Digital marketing: Why did we leave? Has anything changed?

MG President: We had debt from it at the time and internal debt, so the need was to sort internal issues first. There were also governance issues at the time.

KM stage 3 mechanical engineering: Question on the fee to join

MG President: Thoughts to talk to the university about a contribution

EG Mental Health campaign coordinator: Highlighting what it would mean for rejoining.

RJ Law College Officer: Is it worth putting energy into our internal campaigns rather than focusing on an organisation that we may not join.



CH AHSS College Officer: In numbers we have more power, yet in the work over the summer UCDSU had a strong media presence. Look into our own impact and see what suits.

RC Science College Officer: How do the events relate to UCD students and do they have the possibility to actually engage UCD students

MG President: The walkout being the starting point and it would have matched the values that this team worked on over the summer. Some UCD students still walked out, it is hard to measure success concrete until Minister Harris follows through on the commitment to review. Plans to bring USI into council and exec.

SD: Questioning would it reflect poorly on UCDSU by not being a member but

Y Psychology: Would the support clash with focusing on our own issues, can we do both, as it looks like we can.

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Discussion closed

F. Items for Approval

a. UCDSU CLG 2022/2023 Budget

MG President: Presentation of the budget. Detailed breakdown of all costs in a very clear manner.

- Investing in student outreach
- Explanation of grants
- Explanation of our Shops and that the money goes back into student activities.
- Costs of sabbatical officers and budgets to run events.

Questions:

KM Mechanical Engineering: Question on the deficit? Question on shop income?

MG President: This is following covid where there was a need to dip into the reserves, however, now the shops are getting more students, so the hope is that it will continue to rise.

Move to approve: **Approved**

G. The reports of each Executive Officer

Ents Officer:

Key points:



- SHAG Week
 - Doughnuts, clay boobs
- Monster Ball
- Volunteering system

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Questions:

MG President: How did it feel to lead out on the biggest event that UCDSU has done over the past 5 year?

CM Entertainment: It felt great, but it is great that is a collective thing that we did together.

Move to approve: Approved

Education Officer:

Key Points:

- The Vigil
- Representation of boards and committees for class reps
- Case work
- SHAG Week, Consent Week,
- Academic regulations working group
 - Review ongoing

Questions:

ER LGBTQ Campaigns Coordinator: Can students come to this board wanting to remove a module?

MNR Education: That is a programme office and module coordinator decision, but I would chat about it after.





President Report

Key Points:

- Consent Week
- SHAG Week - The Kind of Sex You Might Have At College play
- GEM Reps meeting
- Vigils
- Townhall
- Food insecurity - food vouchers
- Alumni email access

Questions:

R Economics stage 1: Question regarding alumni email

MG President: It has become a financial issue, but it is an issue that is pressed at all meetings

Move to approve: approved

Graduate Report:

Key Points:

- Focus on institutional knowledge
- Presence on Smurfit
- Post Grad society events and meetings with auditors
- Grad connect event was successful

Questions: None

Move to approve: Approved

Campaigns Report

Key Points:

- Concentrating on other manifesto points
- Campaign crews, **open to all students**

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- Campaign Coordinators
- Townhall with international students
- March for Savida
- Mock Dáil

Questions: none

Move to approve: approved

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AHSS College Officer Report:

Key Points:

- Animal farm
- Arts Ball in the works
- College council pending
- Instagram posts pending

Questions: none

Move to Approve: Approved

Oifigeach Report:

Key Points

- Meetings
- Looking into getting fada's on the UCard and want to see the change without imposing a fee on students

Questions: none

Move to approve: approved

Health Science Report:

Key Points:

- program talks
- college council
- survey
- clinical uniform sales
- relaxation rooms



Questions: none

Move to approve: Approved

Law Report

Key Points:

- Farm tomorrow
- Keep (C)up with your mental health
- Plugs progress, waiting for
- College Council

Questions:

RA AHSS College Officer: Where is the farm

RJ Law College Officer: 11-2pm

ROK Campaigns: What kind of animals?

RJ Law College Officer:Llama, piglets, lambs, ducks and more...

Move to approve: Approved

AG Food Vet Report:

- Emails sent out to reps about college council
- Instagram, might have to make a new one

Questions: None

Move to approve: Approved

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Science Report:

- College council
- PI chips are back
- Speaking to Trinity and NUIG

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Questions

ER LGBTQ Campaign Coordinator: Question regarding hiring more staff to cut down on queues.

RC Science College Officer: It can be mentioned to the staff.

Mental Health Report:

- Make mental health a global priority for all
- Helping people to make small changes
- More woodland walks

Questions:

ROK Campaigns: How many lollipops did you hand out?

EG Mental Health Campaign Coordinator: We handed out 800 lollipops

Move to approve: Approved

H. Questions on notice.

- a. None

I. Questions not on notice.

- a. **MG President:** Could you fill out the feedback form from training?

J. Motions not on notice.

- a. None

K. Items for noting

- a. Savita 10 Year Anniversary March 29th of October
 - i. **ROK Campaigns:** The march is in town on Saturday at 1pm, starting at the Garden of Remembrance. Explanation of the purpose of the march.
 - ii. There will be a group from UCDSU going, you can

L. Submission of motions to be on notice for next meeting.

- a. **Deadline is Tuesday the 1st of November at 5pm due to Halloween**



b. Reports and all other items due on the 4th by 5pm

M. Any Other Business.

MG President: Constitutional review will happen, should you want to be part of the working group email president@ucdsu.ie

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ROK Campaigns: explanation of post council food

RJ Law College Officer : Please repost the farm event, so we get enough people to see it.

Results of the election to be announced:

College Officers:

Eng & Arch

James Kennelly

Business

Jack Finnegan

Campaigns Coordinators:

Disability:

Kylie McCardel

Student Residences:

Chandini Lokkashri

Ents Forum:

First Year Promotions Officer:

James Connolly

RAG Committee Coordinator:

Saskia McCormack Eiffe

Entertainments Rep Coordinator:

Andrew Kaung

Non Alcoholic Events Officer:

Neil Holdcroft



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