

Exec Meeting #6

Agenda:

1. Demonstration
2. Events
3. Transport Town Hall update
4. Mindfulness/Wellbeing collabs
5. Consent update

Notices:

6. College Officer website bios
7. Council reports

Updates from last Exec

AOB

Attendance: Graduate Officer, Entertainments Officer, Education Officer, Welfare Officer, President, Campaigns & Engagement Officer, Oifigeach na Gaeilge, AHSS officers x2, Law CO, Engineering CO, Science CO, Health CO

Item 1:

Worked on the messaging of the demonstration over the last two weeks. There is a need to do the demonstration soon in order to push before Deeks leaves and election season. President mentions possible dates.

Valentine's Day theme, unrequited relationship, here's what we need from our next relationship/president, we don't normally support ultimatums in relationships.

SU contacted clubs and societies outlining the potential for a protest and asked for their support.

President opens the floor for feedback about the ideas from Exec.

Positive feedback on the valentine's day theme and feedback is given on logistics, timetable and potential events in the run up to drum up support.

Town hall on Maintenance issues in UCD residence working with the Residence Coordinator. We will ask RAs to distribute leaflets throughout residences.

Working with a videographer to do up vox pops and videos to promote demo and town hall etc.

One vox pop idea is one thing you love about UCD/one thing you hate.

Social media: Exec is asked for Tik Tok ideas, potential to do something about the gym in relation to booking slots (gym townhall, potential stunt, social media content.)

C&E doing up timetable for lectures for lecture addressing.

University Staff Trade Union's still on board

Exec considers ways to get people who can't be on campus engaged with protest through use of a specific color, hashtags etc.

Potential hashtag ideas: **#ItsnotmeitsUCD** #ImjustnotthatintoUCD

President to work with Oifigeach na Gaeilge to look into potentially doing a Vox Pop as Gaeilge.

Sticker campaign ideas where stickers could be done up saying "There is Nothing Sexy about Commercialization" with a QR code that links to a webpage which has examples of UCD not putting staff and students first e.g. counselling waiting lists.

Item 2:

Ents runs through events for the trimester.

DJ gig in Soundhouse with DJ collective, Rainbow Week, Saturday the 19th Drag Brunch fundraiser for Empower the Family asks for volunteers, Culture Week which is on during International Solidarity Week so emphasis on Palestine events alongside broader intercultural based social events, county colors event and working with OnaG to potentially have some events in Culture Week as Gaeilge, Seachtain na Gaeilge and menstruation week (ents, graduate and OnaG meeting).

Big event planned for the end of March as a collaboration with a society, more information to follow.

Mind Body Soul different events over three days.

Plans for a gig later in the semester.

Issues with Ball or festival type event on campus, UCD will not allow this due to issues of insurance and crowd management. In the past when UCD ball was held it got out of control and students were injured and some died and so UCD will not allow a big festival type event. Want to consult students about this, we can go out to students and explain what the constraints we are running under and then asking students based on this what they'd like to see.

Item 3:

Transport Town hall went well, roughly 50 people present. Biggest mention 175, 17, 77x express bus mentioned as a possible style to emulate.

175 cancelling in Dundrum causing students to take two buses, not turning up, starting at wrong stops, missing stops. Consideration given to having a Demo at Go Ahead Ireland, but depo is far away from campus but there appeared to be an appetite for students to do this if a bus was provided by the SU to bring them there, social media campaign where we get students to spam their social media accounts, idea of setting up a go ahead email for the SU to take complaints to use the info, students appreciative of the space to rant and express their annoyance. Good mix of new faces. Option of protesting Transport Office and write a letter to NTA and Ryan about the issue to keep engagement on these issues.

Item 4:

Welfare had a meeting with the new Arts & Humanities Student Adviser. Put forward the idea of having specific mindfulness events with Dave Delaney in UCDSU in each college. Would need buy in from College Officers and Class Reps along with Student Adviser. In the lead up to exams. President suggests we do a trial run in one college where we put lots of effort into one to see how it goes.

Welfare officer asks if any CO wants to volunteer their college for the trail run before the midterm. Law CO says that he'll do it.

Item 5:

Welfare Officer has an update around Consent. Harris said he wanted mandatory consent training in third level and following emails from Welfare a subgroup off ESHTe about consent and mandatory consent classes has been formed.

Welfare Officer is trained to facilitate Active Consent Training and wants feedback on a plan to host consent training on campus, with Pizza etc. Asking for help and feedback and attendance from Exec. Plans to raise it as an item at council hopefully with the dates. Do exec think they should do one session pre midterm and if it goes well then book one in for after midterms or two in the one week. Needs to work with Ents as plan to hold it during culture week. President congratulates Welfare officer on her work with this and for continuing to push it. Exec suggests one week and then another after midterm.

Reminders:

College Officer need to send their bios to the SU Social Media Manager.

Reminder for updated Reports for next Council to be sent to the Council Chair at the end of the week.

Updates from last Exec:

President met with team involved in the project team for the Collab between UCDAFC, UCDSU and our chosen charity.

UCDSU logo will be on the AFC jerseys alongside the logo of our chosen charity.

They want a charity that benefits students currently and big push for mental health.

Jigsaw is proposed as a potential charity as they work on mental health with a focus on young people and we have worked with them before.

Different than outline from previous meetings and President asks for input from Exec and whether they have any other charity suggestions or inputs.

AOB:

AHSS Ball is back in the running, Arts Soc is due to announce details of the reorganised ball soon. With restrictions easing the hotel reached back out saying they would still like to run the event. AHSS Officers will continue to help Arts Soc run the event.

Exec elections: Reminding exec to keep an eye out for class reps, students who might like to run for CO and OnaG or Sabbatical position. Also, if any COs/OnaG are considering running for Sabbatical positions they are encouraged to talk to the relevant sabbatical officer.

Science day: This is an annual day where Science students are given the day off and partake in different events to raise money for Crumlin. Ask Science CO to follow up with Sabbatical team as being told can't book rooms by estates.

Feminist society: AHSS officer asking about if there can be something done to have a feminist society set up. There was a Feminist Society in the past, but this was disbanded and was subject to some

controversy. As it stands there is a moratorium on new societies and as the SU has no involvement with societies in UCD there is not a lot the SU can do but we can look into it.

Consultation on splitting the AHSS constituency happened facilitated by the Graduate Officer. Feedback was small and while some students said they were unsure of why the split would happen the overall feeling was supportive of splitting the constituencies. Graduate Officer suggests they push form further and use google form feedback to ground their submission to IADB when asking for the constituency to be split.