

## UCD Council

### Meeting 1 – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021

1. Deputy president Carla proposed a new chair in Ruairi's absence
  - Niall proposed, Molly seconded, all hands in support
  
2. No minutes/matters arising from previous meeting
  
3. Adoption of standing orders
  - a. Gendered language removed rather than replaced
  - b. Essentially the same standing orders
    - i. Eoin will discuss report after standing orders
    - ii. Molly proposes an amendment
      1. Instead of his/her say they
      2. Seconded by Aoife Bracken
      3. Speakers for/against
        - a. Ripley engineering 1 (they/them) for the motion they are more representative for students on campus would include more students also in the campus
        - b. No speakers against
        - c. Majority in favour of
    - iii. standing orders put to vote
      1. Majority in favour
  
4. Eoin Fagan speaks
  - a. Council report promoting ENTsagram/mind body soul/ Camille workshop
  - b. Work and engage in other events
  - c. No questions for report
    - i. Vote majority in favour
  
5. Campaign co-ordinator elections
  - a. Stephen Crosby, Returning Officer presents
  - b. ENTs Forum / Campaign co-ord elections brief overview of process
  - c. Three campaign co-ord positions open to any UCD student
  - d. International students/ mature campaign/ student res co-ord
  - e. No campaigns last semester last term for international or mature co-ord
  - f. Applications by Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> students must provide a short speech by 6pm
  - g. ENTs Forum – only position open is first year promotions officer in first semester of academic year
  - h. Nomination forums are being shared after council – on the day of elections Crosby will be present on theatre L to administer elections but voting will occur online
  - i. Floor open to questions
    - i. Berat communication media post grad (he/him)
      1. How can more be learned about positions and duties associated with them

- a. All forum job requirements and responsibilities are available on UCDSU website
    - b. Only allowed to hold one position if you are a current class rep you must void class rep seats
  - 2. Business college officer – elected every year with other exec officers, no contestations last year, byelection also empty seat next election is at the councils discretion if council wants to pick from their members they can do so however a by-election attempt can be made
  - 3. Decision will be made by council and Crosby will be informed
  - 4. Questions put to the floor – no questions
- 6. Forum elections
  - a. None but information will be distributed afterwards
  - b. Same for campaign co-ord
- 7. No motions on notice
- 8. Items for discussion moved to after reports
- 9. Items for noting none
- 10. Items of approval – none

## REPORTS

Ents discussed first

Emma Gregg- Promotions Officer (she/her)

- 1. Meetings, 3-25 to 7461
- 2. Helped run workshops and events, good engagement
- 3. Organisation of self-defence workshops and further engagement from students, ENTS cards still available at the SU Office
- 4. Floor opened to questions
  - a. No questions asked
- 5. Put to vote
  - a. Majority approval

Aine Nangle Productions Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> year ag (she/her)

- 1. Questions
  - a. Darragh Kane O'Toole Disability campaign co-ordinator (he/him)
    - i. IOSH Training Institution of Safety and Health
  - b. Sarah ENTS officer – good job by Aine at orientation week and has done a lot
  - c. Put to vote
    - i. Majority in favour

Co-ordinators

Darragh Kane O'Toole Disability campaign co-ordinator (he/him)

1. Met with sabbats up on four times for ideas and plans for semester
2. Attended EDI meeting
3. Plan further events and support workshops on how to access government supports i.e medical supports
4. Campaign for educational psychologist
5. Disability mentoring within schools
6. Dyslexia app – easier to read if you're dyslexic
7. Name phonetics
8. WAM – disability internship programme
9. No costs – just time 😊

Moved to questions

No questions

UCD run a professional doctor in psychology so could contact further there

Report moved to vote

Majority approved and passed

Niamh Scully Gender Equality (she/her)

1. Most of the work on orientation
2. Working with sabbats Daryl and Molly on a reproductive rights week in semester two since latest information on abortion campaigns still huge issues on how to access abortion promoting what the union offers to student who may not be aware
3. Working with Daryl and Noah on trans healthcare
4. Opens opportunity to class reps who may want to work on gender equality

Moved to questions

No questions

Moved to Vote

Majority approved and passed

Noah Savage LGBTQ+ Officer They/them

No questions

Moved to voting and approach

Mental Health Campaign she/her Míde Nic Fhionnlaoich

Flags reimagining mental health series talks with the help of counselling services

1. Moved to questions

Molly Greengough Welfare Officer she/her

Topic of event tomorrow

Addressing loneliness in college and how to build a social/network/community and how to build after COVID

Moved to vote

Majority approved and passed

Robyn O'Keefe environmental co-ordinator

Creating UCD ECO group in coming weeks

Moved to questions

No questions c

Moved to vote

Approved

College officers

Billy Egan Science College Officer he/him

Taken as read

Moved to questions

No questions

Moved to vote

Majority approved and passed

Mirinda Bauer she/her AHSS

Moved to questions

Gary Ward Politics stage 3 – how are office hours advertised

Currently on Instagram

Daryl Disability co-ord

Referendum in the social sciences and AH – further discussed

Splitting the constituencies in manifesto for last year needs to be elaborated further initially a conversation on the referendum in splitting arts and humanities and social sciences

Gary Ward – motion passed about splitting constituencies last semester there must be a consultation made before a referendum is called

Starting a conversation – not yet to pass a referendum

No further questions

Moved to vote

Majority approved and passed

Ronan Cloney he/him AHSS

Majority can be taken to read - open to discussion about splitting constituency and support from both faculties

Working with molly and Ruairi on a motion about food banks inspired by UCC meeting with welfare officers from UCC later in the week

Questions from the floor

Berat communication and media post grad he/him

Careers network – lack of careers fair for social sciences and dominance of business law and engineering – any places to introduce a careers fair specifically for social sciences students

Answer – reason for establishing a strong relationship with careers network going to try and promoting more careers fairs, opportunity to approach Ronan about selecting particular interests or affairs that aren't being highlighted to go to either himself or Miranda

No further questions

Put to vote

Majority in favour

Meserah Engineering and Architecture she/her

Taken as read

No questions

Moved to vote

Passed

Louise Costello Health Sciences she/her

Highlights how other college officers and herself to have college councils class reps must be nominated to college boards (medicine sports college board)

Moved to questions

No questions

Moved to vote

Majority approval

Eoin Martin Law he/him

Mainly taken as read

EDI committee and attended council work with the LGBTQ Officer for survey on campus on how conditions can improve generally

Working with Molly on campaign for LawSoc and Aoife Bracken for book supplies for students, working with library on availability of books for law students

Moved to questions

No questions

Moved to vote

Majority approved and passed

Louise Mahon Irish Language Officer she/her

SU Constitution translated into Irish and more bilingual social media posts workshops with language commissioner

Moving forward planning Irish Language day and why the social space in the Irish school isn't open – not in line with restrictions

Moved to questions

No questions

Moved to vote

Majority approved and passed

Maria Ag officer she/her

Document could not be accessed

Moved to questions

No questions

Majority Approved

Sabbats reports

Ruairi Power SU President he/him

Bulk is taken as read – delighted with orientation, thanks to Exec and volunteers

Working with rent will be discussed further later

Focus on next few weeks is building engagement with students

Looking to replace voting system currently and will meet with RO moving forward

Media engagement high in terms of housing

Attended demonstrations inc homeless and housing coalition demo

Protesting against government job scheme

Meeting with UCCSU in establishing foodbank scheme currently adhoc voucher system not enough

Prebudget submission worked on

Starting tomorrow 12<sup>th</sup> October health roadshow giving leaflets etc eginning with health science and ending with science

Significant housing details

Moved to questions

Dayrl Kane O'Toole Disability Campaigns

Looked into Food Cloud working with local businesses

will look into it further

No further questions

Moved to vote

Majority approved and passed



Carla Gummerson Graduate Officer she/her

Thanks for orientation and helping out

Work over the summer and summer training Thesisin3

Worked on pre-budget submission

Free provision of period products across campus, not just in Newman, passed (yay Carla!!!)

Wednesday workshops for PhD students with O'Brien centre

Smurfit students – get in contact to work around difficulty attending office hours or what can be done in Smurfit

Partnership with Gradguide – online career network

Plans for upcoming period

Postgraduate week being planned

PhD Conference funds made available

Non-EU PhD students overall issue with PhD students r.e workers rights post-grad alliance groups made available highlighting unfair treatment of PhD students particularly for non-EU PhD students as they cannot work under their visa system

Expenses for taxis to and from Smurfit

Moved to questions

Lauren Walsh MSc Physiological Science she/her – any plans for campus tours for post-grad students

Not normally done – could be arranged via student ambassadors will be discussed with Barbra Dooley in regards to scarfing ceremony no plans yet but hopefully will come to fruition in future

Berat Postgrad communications he/him

Moved in late and has missed certain events how to attend future post-grad events in future

Social media, participation in societies, become involved in ENTs and more will be updated on insta in future, emails also a good resource on events and other campus activities

Emily Bollard MSc Environmental Policy she/her

Offers help as student ambassador, discuss with Ronan O'Rourke to create a post-grad campus tour

Moved to vote

Majority approval and passed

Daryl Hornan Campaigns Officer he/him

30,000 students in orientation/ class reps 120 lectures addressed by himself/ class rep training appy with result

Main thing to be addressed – engagement is great in response to housing, townhall 8-100 people attended

Protest is called outside Dublin city council offices for Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> October, asks class rep to attend lecture addresses

Working with estates on Greening campaign and hoping to launch harm reduction campaign and scambridge campaign

Planning for environmentalism – protest in November and more town halls

Moved to questions

Daryl Disability Campaigns he/him

Mandate for drug testing kits – deemed not safe for use – more clarification on drug test kits availability or why they were made unavailable

Prior strips were party strips and were incredibly cheap, in the middle of procuring a drug testing kit that is appropriate alongside HSE guidelines

No further questions

Moved to vote

Majority approval and passed

Aoife Bracken Education Officer she/her

Case work – still fairly quiet but is picking up via email and drop ins

Boards, meetings, and committees mainly meeting secretary and moving to second meeting

Library meetings and lecture recordings

Academic advising pilots board meeting

Student support meetings

Plans for forthcoming period – winging it education booklet

Plans to attend more meetings and councils within schools

Rename academic education week to pre-exam week for in-person exams opens to floors about events they would like to see

Renters weeks and education week

Autism friendly spaces with Molly

Wheelchair accessible picnic tables with estates few issues with purchasing these tables

Caping exam % at 75%

Training completed and expenses

Moved to questions

Aaron Joint honours English stage 2 he/him

Return of exams if a student is deemed high risk what will the outcome be

Will fall under extenuating circumstances best bet is to contact school office ASAP

Main issue is that it is difficult for schools to allowed a two-tiered examination process could possibly sit the exam in Newman by themselves Contact the school office

No further questions

Moved to vote

Majority approved and passed

Sarah ENTs officer she/her

Increased followers on ENTsgram

ENTsforum date established for meeting and merch purchased

Encouraged involvement for student engagement

ENTs discount cards

Nightclubs open on 22<sup>nd</sup> October organisation meeting with free wristbands how many people to include in nightclubs cannot ensure that Halloween free entry

ENTs workshops gone very well DJ workshop and cooking demo from Camille

Self defence on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup>

Calls for ideas from the floor on ENTsgram

Working on harm reduction campaign with Darly Cara and Molly

Working with Empower the Family

Mural for the student centre

Moved to questions

Daryl Kane O'Toole

Further elaboration of gigs

Sarah waiting on further government restrictions

No further questions

Moved to vote

Majority approved and passed

Molly Greenough Welfare Officer she/her

Majority case work pretty intense

Trainings over the summer trained to be facilitators for active consent workshops plans for consent workshops around campus

Building relationship with UCD Staff boards and committees

Switching consent video showing at orientation instead showing cycling for consent

Free provision of period products passed products available in all bathrooms for inclusivity

Provision of welfare supplies upward of 100 packages of products

Active consent collaboration with LawSoc on ISBA

Reimagining Mental Health collaboration/ Food Bank/Mental Health Forum

Mandated students for sensible drug policy email Molly for further support

Moved to questions

Robyn O'Keefe Environmental Campaign she/her elaborate on further report

Developing a culture of consent of campus and motion for next council encouraging the welfare officer to facilitate active\* consent training with student body as much as possible

Aaron Joint honours English stage 2 he/him

Consent work to discuss disclosures in a private setting bring it up after council in a non-public settings

No further questions

Moved to vote

Majority approved and passed

Item for discussion Ruairi Power 'Responding to the Student Accommodation Crisis'

Link to event hosted by SU

What direction should be taken on the housing issue

Discusses renters town hall on what actions should be taken on campus

Action to be taken on campus directly from students

Opens to floor as to what the major issues of policy should be looked at and what ideas should be taken in the next few weeks

PBSA turned into tourist accommodation really insecure tenancy situations and commuting

DCC converted to hotels, wrote to DCC, discusses DCC CEO response

Motion going into the dail discussing the DCC CEO tenure

Planning on running a demonstration outside the city offices

Thursday panel discussion on housing political officers discusses speakers at the event missing FG speaker

Demonstration on Wednesday, pre-budget submission on Tuesday, building up for a bigger demo on campus next week

Moved to floor

Jeisun Poornaselvan he/him Med 2

International student trying to find accommodation incredibly stressful issues with real estate agents who did not rent to students and issues arising from this

Greta Jursys MCL Stage 2 she/her

Currently homeless/couch surfing – currently found a place having to work FT very painful experience

Berat communication post-grad he/him

Currently living in Glenomena, from Turkey, alternative housing

Paying 1,050 euro monthly private renting at donnybrook court private renting same price

Services not adequate response time

Ryan Corley Science stage 3 he/him

Trying to get in touch with landlords but inaccessible with no response back landlords not responding to students

Reagn Barry medicine stage 2 she/her

International student 24 hours given to sign a lease parents had to sign the lease haggle with student accommodation issues arising from international students

Lee Fitzpatrick stage 4 social justice

Unable to find accommodation back in Dublin after moving back home for COVID

Carla Gummerson graduate officer notes to contact Berat through email on his issues with accommodation

Miranda Bauer College Officer AHSS

Landlords unwilling to accept a couple.

Darryl explained that we will endeavour to livestream the housing panel

Aoife Maguire UCDSU Accommodation Officer- Big issue with Digs and lack of tenancy rights. Deposit retention is a big issue, we need to focus on tenancy rights within digs and how to secure them further

Daryl Kane O'Toole Disability Campaign Officer he/him

Equality acts relating to tenants and discrimination young people being discriminated against in terms of accessing housing and rent

Ruairi speaks on issues and promoting events and SU work relating to housing and accommodation

Target social media engagement and a base for interactions going forward

Sharing details on social media or in their group chats steering discussion around further action to be taken

Yusuf Alraqi Architecture stage 1 he/him

Talked to other universities in Dublin about the issues regarding housing

All other universities /USI will not be support on Wednesday as they will have to pass it through the councils / discussion later in the year on how to relate to other universities

Emma Gregg Promotions she/her

Renting cost is too high cannot afford to move out from family

Daryl Horan Campaigns joining CATU will be sharing on social media need to pick a speaker

Questions for class reps for demonstration on Wednesday book buses going into town – point from audience about lectures – show of hands around 8 show of hands

How many could attend around 6 each

Marco Cleary stage 1 science he/him

Alternative option if cannot attend due to lectures

Ruairi demand for on campus demonstration but will rely then on a bigger demonstration on campus

Ripley they/them engineering

POI for engineering students cannot attend due to classes/ tests

Ryan Corley stage 3 science he/him links will be put into the minutes a pint will be bought!!

Aaron cantell joint honours English he/him may have a potential FG speaker

Robyn O’Keefe Environmental Campaigns she/her

Making a FB Council group to share links and other information show of hands majority yes and approved or some social media chat

No motions on notice for submission next week

Motions for council on Monday to be submitted by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 5pm

Other business

Berat Communications Post-grad he/him

Maths support centre doesn’t help post-graduate students how to outsource a textbook for a particular problem but maths support centre could not offer help possibility to get some post-grad math support

Carla takes the Q – mandated to try to get some provision for post-grad math support given reasons as to why its not needed for post-grads trying to work with maths center but not coming to fruition

Aoife Maguire – reached out to Newstalk, looking for students to speak to Newstalk about housing crisis [accommodation@ucdsu.ie](mailto:accommodation@ucdsu.ie)