

Agenda:

UCDSU Council Meeting 5

Monday, 18th January 2021, 6pm

Venue - Online

(a) The declaration of a quorum by roll call.

(b) Minutes arising of the previous meeting.

Minutes approved.

(c) Matters arising.

No matters arising.

(d) Motions on notice.

Motion 1 - Repeal of the Industrial Relations Act 1990

Darryl Horan (DH) - 3 main aims. To curtail effective strike action, end political strikes, and to reduce the role of courts in industrial suits. Over thirty years, the act has declined. Those bits don't really work anymore, as seen in the Debenhams strike. Effective strikes still happen, just illegally.

Staff would not be able to support students on strike. A lot of groups like USI have called for its repeal and I think we should support them.

Chair - no speaker against, any speakers for?

- The debenhams workers and the Clerys workers were affected by this, especially in terms of redundancy payments. So we should support repealing it!

Summation, DH.

Chair - all those in favour?

The motion was passed by a clear majority.

Motion 2 - Developing a Trade Union week

DH - we should work with unions to educate student workers about their rights!

Chair - any speakers against, first of all? Any speakers for?

Ruairi Power (RP) - yes, fair play to Darryl and DCU students who have run such a week recently!

Summation

The motion was passed by a clear majority.

(e) Items for Discussion

None

(f) Items for Noting

None

(g) Items for Approval

None

(h) The reports of each Executive Officer

Sabbatical Officer Reports

- **Conor Anderson (late)**

Leaked some emails. Educational support for next term. Filmed a video with Ruairi for the nurses. And I will be planning a summit for students who have been rebelling. And, bi-elections are coming up.

Chair - any questions?

- I've heard that some other institutions are postponing assessments. Will UCD do anything like that, as a result of the ongoing assessment?

CA - UCC has passed a series of measures. We discussed this with Jason Last. They can't pass stuff now, because exams happened already. They are waiting for the data of how students did last term first.

The report passed.

- **Hannah Bryson (defer to the next meeting)**

- **Sarah Michalek (late)**

We did a mini Christmas day and launched our volunteer drive with Empower the Family. Now, just planning for the next semester.

(vote deferred to the next council).

- **Ruairí Power**

Lots of student queries, lots of case work and boards and meetings.

Plenty of upcoming plans too! All in the report.

Chair - any questions for Ruairí?

- On library opening hours - is it just a resourcing issue, or are staff concerned about work at this time?

RP - it's more a resourcing issue now and they don't have enough funding to bring in more staff. And we are not even receiving responses to our communications, so it's very disappointing.

RP - On PCR testing - UCD is looking for vaccine roll out staff, but not to get pcr testing in now.

The report passed.

- **Leighton Gray**

Worked on the great donate. Redistribution is not really safe right now, but we will go through it when we can.

Met with Jason Last on setting up supports for trans students.

Rent campaigns.

Working with student nurses, midwives and radiographers.

Working with EDI on policies.

And lots of upcoming plans there!

Questions?

- Is Dolores Cahill still on EDI?

RP - she's on the gender equality and expression sub committee and unfortunately, yes.

The report passed.

- **Carla Gummerson**

A lot of it can be taken as read. Just to shout out the new PhD student society!

Lots of case work and plagiarism hearings. We will need to do an information campaign on this because there seems to be a lot more than previously.

Working on the period poverty panel as well.

Chair - any questions or comments arising?

The report passed.

College Officer and Oifigeach na Gaeilge Reports

- Science College Officer

Take it as read!

Chair - any questions?

The report passed.

- Oifigeach Dlí

Take it as read.

Chair - Questions?

The report passed.

- Business College Officer

After the exams I started a survey as part of the student outreach program. I'll be bringing the feedback to the management team in the college of business. Some case work over the break, and still more work to be done in the smurfit school.

Looking to organise a business college council soon too!

Chair - questions?

The report passed.

- Health Sciences College Officer (late)

Defer to the next meeting.

- **Engineering and Architecture College Officer**

Taken as read.

Questions?

The report passed.

- **Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (Sophie O'Leary)**

Discord for all UCD students. It would be great to send an all student email, inviting them to it.

Questions?

- On expenses?

Sophie - it was a give away. We paid 50 euro out of our budgets as two college officers for the constituency.

Conor Anderson - also to note, expenses are personal expenses. Spending that comes out of a budget is not an expense actually!

Chair - okay, these points will be noted in the minutes. Now to a vote. And it passed.

- Arts Humanities and Social Sciences (lauren maunsell)

Take it mostly as read!

Chair - any questions? We'll put it to a vote. And it passes.

- Oifigeach na Gaeilge

Vote and passed

- Ag, Food and Vet College Officer

Take as read.

Questions?

The report passed.

(i) Questions on notice.

(j) Questions not on notice.

(k) All discussions deferred to the instant meeting from any previous meeting, which

discussions shall include the hearing of the report of any committee of Council and the taking of any vote consequent upon such report or discussion.

Council 4 Report, Ag, Food and Vet College Officer

Passed

Council 4 Report, Oifigeach na Gaeilge

Passed

(l) Motions not on notice.

(m) Submission of motions to be on notice for next meeting.

(n) Any Other Business.

Sarah - the empower the family volunteer program is really exciting and if you are at all interested, I'd love to see you get involved!!

Suzannah Berke - for first year science reps, science societies are working together this week with events for first years, so it would be great if you could join in and send the info to your classes.

Save the dates:

Next Council meeting: Monday, 1st February, 6 pm

Motion submission deadline: Monday, 25th January, 6 pm

Executive and Part time officer reports due: Friday, 29th January, 5 pm