

**Minutes:**

**UCDSU Council Meeting 3**

**Monday, 16 November 2020, 6pm**

**Venue - Online**

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

**(b) Minutes arising of the previous meeting.**

Minutes approved. No questions arising.

**(c) Matters arising.**

**(d) Motions on notice.**

**Motion 1 - Packaging waste and environmental impact of food choices**

Daniel presented. Climate emergency - we should change dietary offerings and the packaging of those options.

Work collaboratively to explore this possibility.

Powerpoint presentation.

Questions:

- This will be tough with the reduced capacity of the shops. Pandemic impact on business.
- This mandate just opens a door really, and we should be welcoming of that! It doesn't force us to do some big actions during a pandemic, just encourages us to move in the direction of being more responsible in terms of the environment.

Summation by Daniel Cosgrave - this might be a good time to do the research and opens the door to future mandates. Hope this optional consideration is approved.

Vote - passed!

**Motion 2 - The right to disconnect**

Ruairi Power, Welfare Officer - this is being recognised as a right for workers, and we want it to be recognised for students.

No questions or speakers.

Summation.

Vote - passed.

### **Motion 3 - Birthright citizenship**

Míde Nic Fhionnlaoich - 2004 referendum removed this right. It can be fixed by legislation though, and that's what this mandate pushes for.

Questions and comments:

- I have a mixed citizenship and I only got the Irish citizenship now. It's tough, even if one of your parents is a citizen.
- Commending Míde and Emma for the comments. Shoutout to labour youth and Cormac, who lobbied passionately for this.

Summation - Míde.

Vote - passed.

### **(e) Items for Discussion**

Item 1 - Library opening on weekends

Oscar Ó Marcaigh

This has been brought to my attention and I wanted to discuss it at council.

Chair - anyone who wishes to contribute, please do.

Hannah Bryson, Education Officer - yes, I'm aware of this. I have brought this to management, and the school of medicine just sent a letter of support to open the library on the weekends to the registrar. Unfortunately, they have not been given the funds to open on the weekends. We are also facing the issue of students who are unable to return to campus who have late books and are facing fines, to get rid of them. If you wish to join a campaign on this, please get in touch with us.

Question:

- Could even one level be open for study, as a compromise? Reduce the money needed?

Ruairí Power, Welfare Officer - yes, thanks both for raising this. I think staffing is a bigger issue than opening the full capacity. But we will continue pushing for additional opening hours at any capacity.

### **(f) Items for Noting**

## **(g) Items for Approval**

### **(h) The reports of each Executive Officer**

Sabbatical Officer Reports

#### **- Conor Anderson**

8 PQs in the Dail about graduate med fees - woo!! Students took the initiative. Fair play.

A lot of town halls. Governing authority. Meetings.

Smurfit students issued their demands.

And co signed the announcement by the registrar that the spring trimester would be online.

Put to a vote for approval - passed

#### **- Hannah Bryson**

A lot of meetings! A few college class meetings - looking into workloads, leave of absences and accessibility issues.

We've elected some of the programme boards and have more representation there than last year.

Survey monkey survey about workloads.

Submission to the Oireachtas on disability matters.

Question - this would be a survey on a module by module basis, yes?

HB - yes, this helps me get accurate feedback about specific modules.

Put to a vote for approval - passes

#### **- Sarah Michalek**

Mostly as read. Primary objectives now to start the empowering the family volunteer program. And, a fundraiser for jigsaw and Christmas days!

Competitions, ents forum meetings, and a drink and draw workshop coming up!

Put to a vote for approval - passed

#### **- Ruairí Power**

Res disciplinary hearings.

Right to disconnect, a university wide pregnancy policy, and covid related student issues - all submitted to different meeting agendas with management.

A governing authority submission which will hopefully be accepted!

And workshops, which have been going well.

Put to a vote for approval - passed.

- **Leighton Gray**

A lot of crossover with the other reports we have heard so far, and the motion on birthright citizenship which just passed today.

Direct provision question in the Dail.

By elections online - almost ready, there were delays with the IADB of the Union but we are getting there.

Put to a vote for approval - passed

- **Carla Gummerson**

Mostly taken as read.

Coffee morning - changing the times a bit to try and increase participation.

Conference fund and events coming up.

Put to a vote for approval - passed

### **College Officer and Oifigeach na Gaeilge Reports**

- **Science College Officer**

Take as read.

Put to a vote for approval - passed

- **Oifigeach Dlí**

Helping reps in social events.

Chatting to students about running for class rep in the by elections.

Some timetabling issues for exams, and concerns with 100% weighted final exams in covid times.

Meetings coming up.

Put to a vote for approval - passed

- **Business College Officer**

Mostly as read.

Outreach program with business students - a lot of issues with workload are coming up.

Issues with assignments and working with Hannah Bryson to address some problems.

Sent in the Smurfit letter of demands.

Students are finding the online delivery very disappointing, so I will be working with the management to try and salvage this situation.

Put to a vote for approval - passed

- **Health Sciences College Officer**

Taken mostly as read.

First college council on Thursday! Struggling a bit to engage with all the constituents, but still trying.

No other major issues to raise.

Put to a vote for approval - passed

- **Engineering and Architecture College Officer**

Taken mostly as read.

Put to a vote for approval - passed

- **Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Sophie**

Taken mostly as read. First college council went well!

Put to a vote for approval - passed

- **Arts Humanities and Social Sciences, Lauren**

Taken mostly as read. Lots of issues from the college council to raise at the programme board, and elected reps to join it, so happy out.

Put to a vote for approval - passed

- **Oifigeach na Gaeilge**

Report presented.

No questions.

Put to a vote for approval - passed.

- **Ag, Food and Vet College Officer (apologies)**

Deferred to the next Council meeting.

## **Campaign Forum Reports**

- **Residences Campaign Coordinator**

Taken mostly as read.

Put to a vote for approval - passed

- **Gender Equality Campaign Coordinator**

Not present. Deferred to the next meeting.

- **Diversity and Inclusion Campaign Coordinator**

Not present. Deferred to the next meeting.

- **Mental Health Campaign Coordinator**

Taken mostly as read. Launching an instagram tonight.

Put to a vote for approval - passed

- **Mature Students Campaign Coordinator**

Fb page is up, will be undertaking more training. Also, active with the mature student's society and with Carla on the homeless period project.

Put to a vote for approval - passed

- **LGBTQ+ Campaign Coordinator**

Not present. Deferred to the next meeting.

- **International Campaign Coordinator**

Not present. Deferred to the next meeting.

- **Environmental Campaign Coordinator**

Mostly as read.

Supporting Fridays for future, screening the True Cost, and the Great Donate.

Put to a vote for approval - passed

- **No report from the disability rights coordinator.**

## **Ents Forum Reports**

- **RAG Coordinator - David Dinca (apologies)**

Deferred to the next meeting.

- **Promotions Officer - Emma Gregg**

Report presentation. Posts coming up on the Instagram, competitions coming up.

Put to a vote for approval - passed

- **Non Alcoholic Event Officer - Steven King**

Put to a vote for approval - passed.

- **1st Year Promotions Officer - Louise Costello**

Mostly as read, only newly elected. Would be useful to have access to emails of first year students to share a survey with them!

Sarah - I have asked that from the returning officer, but also if the reps could also email Louise to be in the loop, that would be great!

Put to a vote for approval - passed.

- **Ruth Goulding**

Late - presented but deferred vote.

**(i) Questions on notice.**

**Jayson Pope (he/him pronouns)**

**BSocSc Social Policy & Sociology - Stage 3**

**1. Is there any update on the SU hoodies from last year?**

Leighton - they're all in the corridor, but we don't have the funds to post them and with level 5 restrictions, distribution is tricky. So until the restrictions change, we're kinda in limbo.

**2. Can the situation regarding the class hoodies be explained as there appears to be confusion about where to get the hoodies, how to get them, what delays there are, etc.**

Similar to the first discussion.

**3. Is there any course of action to be taken in response to misleading communication (or lack thereof) from UCD?**

**(j) Questions not on notice.**

Shane Brereton - will be designing a motion for the next council about student nurses not being paid. Would be great to hear what others think about it or wish to contribute to it.

**(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 1 report of Tadhg Ó Maoldhomhnaigh, UCDSU Oifigeach na Gaeilge.**

Passed en bloc earlier due to his time constraints.

- **Council 2 report of Carla Gummerson, UCDSU Graduate Officer.**

Presented the past report, similar to this one with many rolling activities.

Put to a vote for approval - passed.

- **Council 2 report of Ruairí Power, UCDSU Welfare Officer.**

Was discussed at the previous Council and no further questions were asked.

Put to a vote for approval - passed.

- **Council 2 report of Sarah Michalek, UCDSU Ents Officer.**

Taken as read.

Put to a vote for approval - passed.

**(l) Motions not on notice.**

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

**(n) Any Other Business.**

Conor Anderson - more seats for academic council - so please email if you would like to participate once a semester!