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**Council One Minutes**  
**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015**  
**6pm – FitzGerald Chamber**

Stephen Whelan	Chair of Council	Chair
Hugh O'Connor	Union Returning Officer	URO
Marcus O'Halloran	President	MO'H
Cian Byrne	Campaigns & Communications Officer	CB
Hazel Beattie	Graduate Officer	HB
Dannii Curtis	Education Officer	DC
Clare O'Connor	Welfare Officer	CO'C
Lexi Kilmartin	Arts & Human Sciences Officer	LK
Ryan Oakes	Business & Law College Officer	RO
Dónal Ó Catháin	Oifigeach na Gaeilge	DÓC
Neil Mac Dhonnagáin	Mental Health Coordinator	NMD
Nicholas Cargin	BSc/Dip Sports, Stages 2 & 3	NC

**Meeting starts: 18:15**



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**a) The declaration of quorum by taking attendance.**

*Quorum declared by the Chair.*

**Chair:** Good evening everyone and welcome to the first meeting of Union Council for this year.

**CB:** I'd like to call propose Order IX (G) to raise standing orders for the nomination of Deputy Chair, Secretary and Deputy Secretary.  
*(Order IX G is seconded by MO'H and approved by vote)*

**Chair:** These positions are vital to the running of Council, and Marcus, as President, has nominated:

- Grace Williams as Deputy Chair of Council *(approved)*
- Paul Dockery as Secretary *(approved)*
- Matthew Carroll as Deputy Secretary *(approved)*

**CB:** I'd like to propose Order IX K to re-adopt standing orders.  
*(Order IX K is seconded by MO'H and approved by vote)*

**b) Minutes of the previous meeting:**

**Chair:** These will be circulated in due course by the Secretary and voted for approval at Council 2.

**c) Matters arising from the minutes:**

**d) Motions on notice:**



**e) Motions not on notice:**

**f) Questions on notice:**

**g) Questions not on notice:**

**h) Items for discussion:**

**Budget:**

MO'H: This year's budget is very similar to last year's, and will be forwarded out to you all in next week's documentation. There are some changes worth noting:

*i. Decrease in both Welfare and Education funding:*

This was for two reasons; Mind, Body & Soul was reallocated from the Welfare Fund to the general events fund. Similarly, the exam shuttle buses are now being paid for by the University with the funds raised by the new parking permits. This saves the Education Fund between €15,000 and €18,000 per year. In both cases, the same event and services are still being provided, but from different resources, so this offsets the decrease in funding here.

*ii. €10,000 increase in Ents budget:*

This is simply to fund more on-campus events, which is something we will be working hard on over the next year.

**i) Items for noting:**

**Chair:** There will be an election for the position of Residences' Coordinator at next Council hopefully. This allows time for public notice of the election, a nomination process, etc.



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**j) Items for approval:**

*No items for approval.*

**k) The reports of the Executive Officers:**

**Chair:** At each Council meeting, each Sabbatical Officer and College Officer must have submitted a report of their activities in advance of the meeting. Sabbatical Reports will be explained and talked through, but College Officer reports are taken as read, before being voted on. Tonight, these will be longer, due to reports covering the last few months, but in general, they will run much quicker.

**President's Report:**

*Report is explained and approved by Council.*

**Campaigns & Communications Report:**

*Report is explained.*

**LK:** Could you clarify what "YSPI" is? It is included in your report but not explained.

**CB:** This is Youth Suicide Prevention Ireland, who we will be working with on our Class Rep Skydive later in the year. More info on this will follow.

*Report is approved by Council.*

**Welfare Report:**

*Report is explained and approved by Council.*



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**Graduate Report:**

*Report is explained and approved by Council.*

**Education Report:**

*Report is explained and approved by Council.*

**Ag, Vet & Food Science Report:**

*Approved.*

**Arts & Human Sciences Reports:**

*Both reports are approved.*

**Business & Law Report:**

*Approved.*

**Health Sciences Report:**

*Approved.*

**Engineering & Architecture Report:**

**CG:** Amy Crean (LGBTQ+ Coordinator) and I have been planning a campaign on tackling derogatory and offensive language used against LGBTQ+ people across the campus. More details of this will follow, but we would love for as many Class Reps as possible to get involved!

*Approved.*

**Science Report:**

*Approved.*



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**Oifigeach na Gaeilge Report:**

**DÓC:** I just want to remind you all that An Cumann Gaelach are running a production of An Triail soon with DramSoc, and auditions are being held this week.

*Approved.*

**l) Submission of motions for next Council:**

**Chair:** There are two motions already on notice for the next meeting of Council, related to the removal of the Irish Daily Star from the campus shops and the introduction of a Deputy College Officer role. Please read over these motions, and submit any amendments you have to [secretary@ucdsu.ie](mailto:secretary@ucdsu.ie) in good time, so that people have a chance to read over the amendments before voting on them.

**NC:** Can you amend a motion that isn't your own?

**Chair:** Yes.

**Chair:** Other than that, motions are due in by next Monday at 5pm.

**m) Any Other Business:**

**NMD:** During Freshers' Week, elected SU representatives took part in the Iron Stomach and Pizza Eating competitions. This contradicts our mandate to promote health and well-being across UCD and goes against the ethos of the Union's objectives. I suggest that all elected representatives, at all levels, be very mindful of how inappropriate such instances are.



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**Chair:** The point is noted, but generally, this would be a matter for Items for Discussion or Items for Noting. When raised in Any Other Business, I can't allow for anyone to respond to your point, or allow for questions.

**DC:** I will be sitting on Programme Boards for BSocSci, Human Sciences and Science over the next few days. If anyone has any feedback or ideas, please talk to me about them.

**LK:** Could you compile an official list of all Human Sciences subjects, as it can be confusing for Class Reps and for students?

**Chair:** Again, I can't allow for discussion on this, so I would advise you to add similar items to Items for noting in future.

**CB:** Quick reminder that Healthy UCD takes place on Wednesday in the Science Centre and it would be great if some of you could be there.

**Chair:** Next Council will meet on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**Meeting ends: 19:25**