

Council One Minutes
6pm, 6th October 2014
Fitzgerald Chamber

After rising of standing orders for elections, Council resumes at 6:45pm.

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| Stephen Whelan | Chair of Council | Chair |
| Rachel Breslin | Deputy Chair of Council | RB |
| Feargal Hynes | President | FH |
| Michael Goldsworthy | Stage 3 History & Archives | MG |
| Matthew Carroll | International Students Co-ordinator | MC |
| Cian Ahearn | Stage 1&2 BAFS | CA |
| Sam Blackensee | LGBTQ+ Co-Ordinator | SB |
| Sinead Gaughan | Disability Rights Co-Ordinator | SG |
| Aideen O'Keefe | Stage 2 Sociology | AOK |
| Bill Thompson | Stage 3 Languages & Literatures; Music | BT |
| Shadi El Morsy | Stage 2 Engineering | SEM |
| Maeve De Say | Welfare & Equality | MDS |
| Amy Fox | Undergraduate Education | AF |
| Lorna Ní Shúilleabháin | Stage 1 Science | LNS |
| Éanna Ó Braonáin | Oifigeach na Gaeilge | ÉÓB |
| James Barden | Stage 1 Science | JB |
| Maeve Kelly | Doctorate Human Sciences | MK |
| Louise Flanagan | Environmental Co-Ordinator | LF |

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(a) The declaration of quorum by taking attendance.

- Quorum declared by the chair.

(b) Minutes of the previous meeting.

Minutes were accepted.

(c) Matters arising from the minutes.

(d) Motions on notice

- There were no motions on notice.

(e) Items for Discussion

i. Budget

The President gave a short presentation on the budget for the upcoming academic year.

FH - There will be open hours held by both our accountant in UCDSU and myself on Thursday 16th October from 11am. The budget which has been passed by both the board and the Union Executive will go for approval in second council.

MG – It is surprising that only 7,500euros per month is contributed towards UCDSU from the UCDSU Shops, why is this?

FH – Both the SU and the Commercial services operated by the SU are two separate companies.

MC – Why is there still a payment for USI Affiliation?

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FH – We are in the middle of paying three lump sum payments and the last USI payment is one of these.

CA – Why is there not enough printed copies of the budget to circulate?

FH – There was a motion passed last year to avoid unnecessary printing for council.

SB – At the minute why is there no budget allocated for UCD Ball?

FH – Essentially due to the losses made by the Ball last year there is uncertainty as to whether the ball will take place this year or not. It is usually planned that the UCD Ball is to break even and therefore if it takes place the figure should be the same on the bottom line.

Chair – The budget will be up for both discussion and approval next council when you have all had a chance to read over it.

(f) Items for Noting.

i. Class Rep Responsibilities

FH – Three documents will be circulated to council over the coming days, these include: the hoodie ordering procedure, a class rep party booking form and a class trip advisory form.

ii. Council Format

FH – Went through the deadlines for motions, items for the agenda and reports for council.

SG – Question on council members not sending apologies.

Chair – Responsibility of chair to notify the returning officer of any resignations which arise if members are both not attending and not sending apologies to secretary.

AOK – What is the deadline to notify secretary?

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FH – Let the secretary know as soon as possible.

iii. Academic Council

FH – Elections for Academic Council will take place at next council (October 20th 2014).

(g) The reports of each Executive Officer.

A brief description by each officer is given on their own report and the acceptance of each report is put to vote by the Chair to Council.

President – Accepted

BT – You mention in your report about the Ball Report, will this be published any further?

FH – It was reported to the board two meetings ago, it may be made available but for now please email to request a copy.

Welfare – Accepted

SEM – What are the SU Clinics?

MDS – Both the full-time and part-time officers have been spending time visiting the different faculties of the University in a two week rolling order. Generally we visit a particular faculty for 1hr 30mins every two weeks and speak to students.

Undergraduate Education – Accepted

BT – Could you tell me a little more about the ASK program and the Online Library please?

AF – In Science there are 26 mentors and in Law there are 14, these students lead seminars as the peer mentors did previously. At the minute 20% of the books from the book shop are

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online, it is a very time consuming process. We held a book sale and of the remaining stock, 25 – 30% of it was sold in this time. A list of books available within a faculty will be distributed by convenors.

MG – Why is the ASK program only being adapted by Science and Law? And what is the timeline to bring it across campus?

AF – This program requires a lot of “man-power” to roll out successfully, Science showed a lot of support for the programme and I come from a Business & Law background so it made sense. If everything continues to go well I would hope for the programme to roll out campus wide next year.

Graduate Education – Accepted

FH pass speaking rights to Chris Wong – What advertising has been done for the Graduate Mixer and was there a push on recruiting graduate representatives?

AC – It is hard to touch every class but we tried our hardest with both full-time officers out on the ground, convenors lecture addressing in their own faculties and we also used the postgraduate online Facebook chat. We have flyered and postered for the event.

CW – Why do you think Graduate Reps should attend class rep training as there is no graduate specific module to counteract undergraduate education?

AC – It is important to get to know the other members of Council, learn about the the SU and how Council works! I will be meeting graduate reps in week six to get to know them and run through information.

Agriculture & Veterinary – Accepted

Arts and Celtic Studies – Accepted

Business & Law – Accepted

Engineering & Architecture - Accepted

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Health Science -

Accepted

Human Science -

Accepted

Science –

Accepted

Irish – Accepted

LNS – Is there a plan to make the minutes and agenda for council available in Irish?

ÉÓB – I will look into it.

FH – You could look into bringing a motion forward to council.

(h) Questions not on notice.

JB – Are all of the elections finished?

Chair – Res and Academic Council are left.

JB – What about Societies/Sports?

Chair – These positions need to be nominated by relevant bodies.

FH – The nominations are brought to Council to be ratified.

(i) Motions not on notice.

No motions on notice.

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

- Equal Civil Marriage
- Food Labelling

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- Repeal of 8th Amendment

MK – There is a march taking place this weekend – Right2Water. It's taking place in town and it's against the water charges being implemented. I will be partaking and wanted to bring a motion to Council about it.

Chair – As you would have known about the date for the march for quite a while, I'm afraid it is not deemed as an emergency motion for council. For a motion to be discussed at Council it must be submitted a week prior to Council. They may discuss it as an item in Exec.

(k) Any Other Business.

Louise Flanagan (Environmental Co-Ordinator) –_Could we please make sure that all of the paper is gathered at the end of Council so that it can be recycled!

Next Council: Monday, 20th October at 6pm in the Fitzgerald Chamber.

End of Meeting: 7:30pm

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