

President Report – Council 5

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Official Meetings Attended

President Andrew Deeks
University Relations
Safety Office
Academic Council Executive Committee
Vice President for Finance
Vice President for Staff
Registrar
Director of Student Services
Governing Authority
Forum Executive

Main Activities:

1. Exams – RDS

- a. UCD Semester 1 exams were held between Monday 8th – Friday 19th December. We had a support and advice stand at the RDS every day. We also ran a number of programmes leading up to the exams such as group grinds, and a number of stress reducing events. Everything ran very well, and the Education office, although under a huge amount of pressure, performed very well.

2. Future of Teaching & Learning – Research

- a. On Friday the 5th December, I gave a talk on the Future of Teaching & Learning in UCD at a staff seminar. From this has come a number of new initiatives which we are involved in. The most notable of these is a programme to make research more relevant to undergraduates, in line with the President's ambition to make UCD a research intensive University. We will be working with the seven UCD teaching fellows, the Registrar and Vice

President for Academic Affairs, and also the Vice President for Research, Innovation and Impact on this project.

3. SU Clinics – Library

- a. We continued our commitment to being present in different faculties and engaging with students as much as possible. The focus during this period was on a 'Revision Roadshow' which was centred on the library coming up to exams.

4. Registrar Selection Committee

- a. I am a member of the Selection Committee for the new Deputy President, VP for Academic Affairs, and Registrar. This has required a considerable time commitment. We have met a number of times to consider all the applicants. Four candidates will be interviewed on Friday 23rd January in Newman House. I also spent some time at the briefing sessions for the stakeholder groups from University Management Team, Academic Council, and the Student Body.

5. Constitution

- a. We have reached the final draft of the updated constitution in anticipation for the constitutional referendum on February 11th & 12th. I will speak in more detail about this as an agenda item. Please note the updated (unmarked) constitution as part of your documents. I will also provide a short document highlighting the changes.

6. Strategy

- a. We have been working on teasing out the key elements, structure and objectives of the upcoming strategy. While a large piece of work has been done on it, it is behind schedule because of the workload of the constitution and that time will be caught up once the constitution is officially filed as the final document. The strategy will be launched at the Anniversary Dinner on Friday March 20th.

7. UCD Fashion Show

- a. The UCD Fashion Show will return to the Astra Hall on the 18th & 19th February this year. The show will be managed by a paid Executive Producer, the Entertainment and Events manager and a committee of volunteers. The show was made possible from Campus Sport & Leisure Ltd guaranteeing €10k worth of costs. We are also actively approaching sponsors and are confident of doing a deal in the coming weeks.

8. Student Holiday

- a. We are considering becoming an advertiser for a student holiday at the end of exams. This is based on a successful model run by a professional company a few years ago. This is likely to be launched soon.

9. Facilities Upgrade

- a. From successful campaigning, there are currently a number of facilities upgrades on campus. Work has been completed in the Health Centre, work has commenced in the Arts block and work is due to commence in the coming weeks in the Library and Engineering social areas which we hope will have a positive effect on our shops there.

10. New Board Members

- a. I am delighted to nominate Anthony Kelly, Justin Sinnott and Ciara Brennan to become directors. I believe that their diverse range of expertise will compliment that of which is already present on the board.

11. Anniversary Dinner

- a. We have set the 20th March as the date for a Gala dinner in the Astra Hall to celebrate our 40th anniversary. This will also mark the official launch of the Union Archive, and the Union's Strategy. President of UCD Andrew Deeks has confirmed for the event.

Plans for Next Council

- 1. UCD College Carnival**
- 2. Constitutional Referendum**
- 3. Marriage Equality Referendum**
- 4. Board Meeting & AGM**
- 5. FRAMC**
- 6. Governing Authority**
- 7. UCDSU Strategy**
- 8. Registrar Selection Committee**
- 9. UCD Fashion Show**
- 10. LeadUCD**

Welfare & Equality Report – Council 5

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Summary of Christmas Work

Since the last council I have:

- Ran ASIST Training on 22nd & 23rd of November
- Hosted the Sports & Mental Conference on Nov. 25th.
- Attended & spoke at the Please Talk Candlelight Vigil
- Ag memorial
- Attended University Management Team Student Experience Group
- Met with the Clonskeagh Residents Association
- Had two Welfare Fund Meetings
- Met with Trinity Welfare officer x2
- Better together awards with UCDSU Disability Rights officer
- Repeat meetings with the student counseling service
- Governing Authority
- Forum Executive & Forum Assembly in place of Feargal
- Student Engagement survey
- Headstrong meeting
- UCD Clubs&Societies re: UCD Community Programme
- Marriage Equality semester two programme
- National Mental Health and Stigma conference
- Morning Gloryville Dublin RE Sober morning Raves
- Dealt with 170+ personal cases

Main projects undertaken

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Sex Out Loud:

I have decided to change the name of what was previously known as SHAG Week to alter the focus of this campus wide event. This year's event will focus on sexual health but will also have a very heavy focus on the importance of consent and what consent really means. I have been making the bookings for this week, placing the bulk orders and planning the events. If anyone has any ideas or something they would like to see as part of this week please let me know as soon as possible as it is taking place in week 3 of semester.

Love you For you

This week focuses on healthy attitudes to oneself. Not just in regard to body image but how we view ourselves as a person but also what we can do to look after ourselves on a day to day basis. This event intentionally is on the same week as the fashion show so that the two events work in harmony with one another. Things such as laughter yoga, body&mind, mindfulness and healthy eating demos will all take place during this week.

Plans for next council

By next council I will have finalised the programme for the "Taking Control Week", have made further work a long-term wellbeing plan for the future both within the SU but mainly with a focus on how the SU can work with the various stakeholders in the university.

Constitutional referendum, marriage equality referendum signatures and voter drives, further progress on the Student Mental Health Policy.

I also hope to pop around to the students on Res in week three if anyone would like to join me as week three tends to be the week when students begin to find things tough again.

Welcome Back and I hope you all had a lovely Christmas! Maeve

Education Report – Council 5

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Welcome back to Semester 2!

Main work since last Council (Exam period & January)

Exam time supports * RDS

- RDS desk from 8am - 7pm every day of exams with exam goodies, pens, pencils, study guides etc.
- Queries ranged from lost student cards to extenuating circumstance for accidents and bereavements.
- Other responsibilities included supporting students who were having panic attacks, illness or were refused entry to exams.
- Arranging accommodations/extra support with UCD access for last minute disabilities eg. broken arm
- Student cases and enquiries (100+ emails a day)
- Meetings with UCD Assessment and campus services (re:buses & weather delays).
- Academic Council & ACEC

Academic Meetings

- UCD Fees & Admin - Review of start of year registration. Report has been approved and we successfully lobbied to have every student receive a student card at the beginning of the year, regardless of start of year payments. The library will also no longer be blocked as a result of SUSI delays.
- UCD Examinations - Post exams review & results trends
- ACCE - Academic council committee for examinations.

Quarterly meetings with College Deans

- Dean of Law (Joe McMahon) - Meeting to discuss ASK progress, Exam results, Book rental scheme, careers events, staff/student coffee mornings and two long-term personal cases.

Student Personal Cases

- 20 approx student cases today (results day) and I expect similar number for tomorrow.

- 5-10 personal cases in Week 0, regarding registration and assisting students returning from a leave of absence.

UCD Research Fellows

- The UCD Research fellows are a group of academics who are currently conducting a report on bridging the gap between research and T&L in UCD. The group have asked to hold a feedback group with all of Exec, more details to follow.

Skills for Life

- Barista training
- First Aid
- Formal writing
- LinkedIn
- Driving lessons

LeadUCD - We have began planning the Leadership events. The main event will be our development training on the 6th & 7th of February. We are working with corporate and social partners to facilitate site visits during the month of February. I've been speaking with RTE, AIB, Twitter, SurveyMonkey, LovinDublin & LinkedIn to begin with, all suggestions welcome.

- Women in Leadership seminar
- Election masterclass prior to SU Exec & Society elections

UCD International Welcome & Accommodation talks

- On wednesday this week, we gave an introductory welcome and accommodation talk to incoming international students to help them find accommodation. We also attended the international welcome evening in the Global lounge to chat to new students about UCDSU services and supports

Semester 2 planning

The activities of the Education office for the coming semester will include...

- Skills for Life
- ASK mentoring
- Class rep refresher training
- Lead UCD
- Careers (Summer jobs & volunteering fair, internship application prep, mock interview training, etc)
- Exam results support
- Repeats Buddy system
- Second hand online bookshop
- Networking breakfasts
- SU College clinics (Fortnightly basis)
- UCD Research links

Plans for next council

- Exam results supports
- ACCQ
- Class rep refresher training prep

- Meetings with UCD library
- Second hand bookshop
- Academic Ethics (Plagiarism) hearings
- Continue #SkillsforLife
- Student Cases
- LeadUCD planning
- UMT Student Experience Group
- Widening participation committee - Improving supports for UCD HEAR, DARE and mature students.
- Preparation for Marriage Equality referendum

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ACEC: Academic Council Executive Committee

ACCQ: Academic Committee for Control & Quality

SUSI: Student Universal Support Ireland

SPARC: Supporting Partnership and Realising Change

RIOG: Registration implementation & oversight group

ACCE - Academic council committee for examinations

UPB - University Programme Board

HEAR - Higher Education Access Route

DARE- Disability Access Route to Education

Graduate Education Report – Council 5

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Regular Meetings attended:

- Personal cases
- Academic Council, Graduate School Boards, RIOG (Registration Implementation Oversight Group), University Programme Board (UPB), ACCE, Exec, and Sabbatical/Staff meetings.

Since Last Council

Library Quality Review

This was an opportunity that many of you helped with and we were able to provide feedback to the library on improvements we would like to see. Many of the topics discussed dealt with issues that students see daily from plug space to access to more online journals to name a few.

Quinn/Smurfit Future of Learning

Feargal and I participated in the Future of Learning workshop run by Maeve Houlihan to grasp where the business school should look to improve its teaching and learning. Feargal and I presented on the aspects that we see will play a large part such as more technological use, research made relevant to undergraduates, further intercultural and diversity driven courses, and much more.

Exams

During the study week we made study planner/ candy cane drops in the library assuring to be as quiet as possible so we wouldn't disturb studying. Also, as many of you saw we were based in the RDS during exams time. While at the RDS we answered questions and dealt with various issues ranging from panic attacks to missed exams. In addition, during the first week we provided goodie bags to many students.

Residence Review Oversight Group

In December, Amy and myself were invited to participate in a subgroup of a UMT Student Experience Group. This review is looking at the future of residence allocation and the manner in which guidelines will help with percentage increases for once the new residences are open.

International Fair

Amy and myself gave an accommodation workshop presentation to the incoming international students for second semester. We also participated in the international fair in which many parts of campus life have stands and answer questions about what to expect this semester and other tips and advice.

Student Body Stakeholder Engagement Group for Registrar Selection

I was selected as one of six students to participate in the student body stakeholder engagement group. This is an opportunity in which we had discussions with candidates and were able to ask different questions on various topics. The group was made up students from all backgrounds in order to gain different insight on campus life.

Smurfit Visibility

I will be back to Smurfit this week half days on Tuesdays and Fridays. I can be found in Syndicate room 1 when I am on campus unless stated otherwise.

Postgraduate Ball

The tickets have gone on sale. The Ball will take place February 5th down in the Hilton Charlemont.

AGM

The SU AGM will have taken place and there will have been resolutions discussed and voted on.

Plans for next council

By next council we will be working on having more Mind Your Mind days, constitution and getting people motivated to vote on the referendums, update on how the ball went, working with graduate reps to discuss input on SU strategy, and continuation of College X.

Ag & Vet Report – Council 5

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Introduction

Hi guys,

Hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year! Hopefully you're all happy with the exam results too, if not please don't hesitate to contact any of the Exec members for help! 😊

Since Last Council

A.I. course for Ag and Vet students:

- Researched the possibility of running an A.I course for students (A.I stands for artificial insemination in case some of you are wondering). Unfortunately its not possible to run it for large groups so it won't be going ahead.]

1st/2nd Year Ag and Vet Mixer:

- Organizing a night out for 1st and 2nd years with class reps. This has been done for human nutrition, food science and vet students already and worked really well so hoping it'll be just as successful with the Ags.

Constitutional Changes:

- Worked with the rest of Exec on discussing and amending constitutional changes for the referendum. Any questions on them please ask! 😊

Farm Safety Talk

- I'm working with AgSoc to run a farm safety talk during Ag week, which will be on during week 3 of this term, hoping to have a few different speakers from the Farmers Journal, the Health and Safety Authority and others!

CV and Interview Workshops

- Planning to run these for students doing placement in future years of their chosen course. Hopefully these will help students secure their desired placements.

Also helped out selling tickets for the Post Grad ball, in the SU bookshop and attending Exec meetings.

Plans for next council

- Hold the first CV/Interview workshop and run the Farm Safety event.
- Push the Marriage Equality Campaign and Constitutional Referendum.
- Help out with Ag week events, this will be the main project for me over the next couple of weeks.
- Re run the Ag and Vet 5-a-side.

Arts Report – Council 5

Conor Rock

What I did:

1)	Held a tea and coffee exam results morning <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Handed out exam result booklets, students were extremely receptive- Dealt with some personal cases
2)	Comedy gig in process of being finalised <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Have our theatre booked for week 4- Acts to be confirmed
3)	Still in process of organising academic student tea and coffee mornings for week four
4)	In touch with the Dean of Arts, regarding several issues
5)	Helping Draw Soc organise a society day in week 5

Plans for next week:

1)	Meeting with Dean of Arts
2)	Have all student academic tea and coffee mornings organised
3)	Help students deal with provisional results and prepare for final results
4)	
5)	

Business & Law Report – Council 5

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Since Last Council:

- Looked over constitution and proposed changes to the constitution. I propose that the constitution should include a requirement for postgrad only meetings once a month as I think that postgrad issues differ greatly from undergrad issues, which can dissuade postgrads from running for class rep and getting involved at council.
- Brainstormed ideas for the leadership programme, LeadUCD.

Plans for Semester 2:

- Attend the Class Rep Training Day and encourage as many reps from my faculty to attend, particularly those who were unable to attend the first training weekend.
- Work on the LeadUCD programme.
- Engagement with Smurfit: Try and tackle the disconnect between the Belfield and Blackrock campuses.
- Hoodies and trips: Assist reps in planning their trips; distribute my 'trip tips' to my reps; ensure hoodies have been ordered by class reps
- Work on the yes vote campaign for the upcoming marriage referendum campaign
- Promote the upcoming constitutional referendum and encourage students, in particular class reps, to run in the SU elections.

Engineering & Architecture Report – Council 5

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Since last council

Results Talk

There have been multiple talks put on for all Eng and Arch students to explain the resit and repeat system in UCD and to help offer advice about the best route possible if results weren't as expected

Eng Ball

Eng ball was launched last week and will be taking place on the 12 feb.

Results night

Results night was on last week for all years of Eng. A gumball challenge list was put out by EngSoc with a prize of ball tickets.

Plans for next council

Eng Day

Eng Day preparations are underway, The usual pubs have been contacted for the stretcher race. The charity for the event hasn't been selected yet.

Craic Hypnotist

After some trouble of getting the event sorted. I hope to have the date set for the night to take place in week 4.

Constitutional Referendum

the referendum will be taking place by the time of next council. A lot of time will go into letting people know its happening and getting people to vote.

Health Sciences Report – Council 5

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Introduction

Hi everyone, I hope that you all enjoyed a restful Christmas break and a happy start to 2015. Below you'll find a summary of my work since the last Student Council meeting. As always, please don't hesitate in contacting me at the above email if you have any questions or feedback. Looking forward to working with you all during Semester 2!

Recurring Meetings

College Council
Student Advisor meeting
NMHS Student Forum
Individual Class Rep meetings

Summary of work since last Student Council

1. Exam support services

During revision week I drew up and circulated an online exam guide to each of the Health Science groups. The guide contained practical information such as transport to and from the RDS, what to expect upon arrival to the exam hall, and support services available both in the RDS and back on campus. I also promoted Education Officer Amy's study blog by sharing it alongside the exam guides.

2. NMHS Student Forum

I attended the Student Forum meeting on Thursday 20th November 2014, in which items such as the Mater Lean Academy, National Preceptorship Framework and UCD Strategic Plan were discussed. Students gave feedback regarding the staging of assignment submission deadlines and the maintenance of facilities in Health Sciences. The event was also attended by 3 of the Class Reps within the NMHS School.

3. Charity fundraisers & awareness campaigns

The *Candy Cane Sale in aid of Childline* was held during Week 12 of Semester 1 and was very well received. As the Health Science building is also used by Engineering and Science

students, the campaign extended beyond the Health Science courses. This event was proposed by Aoife Larkin (Radiography Stage 1&2). The *HIV Testing Awareness Week* was also held during Week 12. The aim of the event, which included an information session, movie screening and discussion panel, was to raise awareness regarding the European HIV Testing week. This event was organised by Aoife Lacey (G.E.M. Stage 1).

4. *Health Science ENTS* update

After contacting each of the society auditors, the *Health Science ENTS* page was updated accordingly. I also ensured that upcoming SU events such as the Fashion Show castings, Postgraduate Ball and Constitutional Referendum engagement sessions were promoted. I met with the auditor of Nursoc to discuss the Marie Keating “*Powering Kindness*” competition, which takes place during Week 1 of Semester 2.

5. *Careers Week* in Health Sciences

I met with Áine Murphy (Student Advisor) regarding the proposed *Careers Week* in Health Sciences. The aim of this event is to broaden the students' perspectives by encouraging them to consider alternative or niche career markets as they complete their undergraduate degree. As such, past pupils of the College of Health Sciences will be invited to speak with current undergraduate students about the less-traditional career route that they took following their undergraduate degree.

Plans for next council

Before the next council I will have:

1. Completed fundraising work for the Marie Keating “*Powering Kindness*” competition
2. Followed up on the Class Rep Refresher Training session with the students undertaking Clinical Placement/Internship
3. Continued work on *Humans of Health Sciences*
4. Focused on the promotion of the upcoming Constitutional Referendum
5. Booked the Health Science social event in UCD Clubhouse

Human Sciences Report – Council 5

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Projects undertaken

Social Science Open Evening

The evening was well attended and went really well. I spoke about my experience as a BSocScience student and my involvement with the union.

Unflattening

Conor and i worked with the programme office to announce the unflattening of stage two for BA and BSocSci students. The programme office has guaranteed that unflattening won't cause difficulty for current second years who haven't taken some of their third year modules. Although there was some confusion i think it was received really well.

Interfaculty Games

The games are set to take place before the midterm and will be in partnership with the Innovation Academy. The plans are coming along really well and we are currently looking for prizes for the winners.

Social Science Ball

The social science charity ball is on the 25th of February and Childline is our charity. Tickets are on sale this week and planning is coming along really nicely.

Social Science Networking Evening

I've begun planning a careers networking evening for social science student on the same week as the Volunteers Showcase so those who need 420 volunteer hours can start looking for placements.

Plans for next council

Down Syndrome Awareness Day: I've been in contact with a representative from Down Syndrome Ireland to organise a charity event as well as help recruit volunteers for their first ever bag packing event for Down syndrome. If anyone is interested in getting involved let me know

Social Science Ball preparation

Volunteering fair: I will be finalising the details about the volunteer fair which is now combined with the alternative carers fair in week five.

Meet with the **tutor focus group**

Meet with the heads of schools about plans for second semester

Science Report – Council 5

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Meetings Attended

Executive meetings, College Council.

Since Last Council

- I have begun working on creating the ‘Science Bible’, this will be an online collection of materials relating to all modules in each stage of UCD Science. I have started with just Computer Science.
- I have been in touch with Tesco again about securing discounted or free grocery deliveries for UCD students.
- I have been offering advice and support to students with regard to exam results.
- Between writing this report and the time of Council, I will have attended Class Rep refresher training.

Plans for next council

By next council:

- I will have completed the collection of materials for Computer Science and put it online for students to use and will be taking feedback.
- I hope to have gotten a final decision back from Tesco.
- I also hope to have a final decision back from two companies who are considering sponsoring products for Science students.



Oifigeach na Gaeilge Report – Council 5

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Work done since last council

- I met with Edel Ní Bhraonáin, Conradh na Gaeilge, re. progress made to this point and plans for the second semester.
- I have organised Seachtain na Gaeilge for week 3. All events and special guests have been organised with the official launch at 3pm on the 3rd February.
- I have met with Clár Ní Bhuachalla, Oifigeach na Gaeilge UCD, and run through the plans for Seachtain na Gaeilge and the rest of the semester.
- I submitted ideas and proposed changes for the upcoming Constitutional Referendum and Union Strategy.
- I have met with An Cumann Gaelach re. their plans for the forthcoming semester and campaigns and events that we will be working together on.

Plans for next council

- Seachtain na Gaeilge will be concluded and I will have an event report on the week's events and suggestions for next year.
- I will be working on the upcoming Constitutional and Marriage equality referenda.
- I will continue my work on ensuring the introduction of assignment sign in sheets as Gaeilge.
- I will be meeting with Clár Ní Bhuachalla re. the 15 year anniversary of An Scéim Cónaithe.