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**UCDSU Council 2**  
**Monday, October 24th 2016**  
**Agenda**

Stephen Devine	Chair of Council	Chair
Conor Viscardi	UCDSU President	CV
Lexi Kilmartin	Education Officer & Deputy President	LK
Cian Casey	Graduate Officer	CC
Liam Brady	Arts & Human Sciences Officer	LB
Rebecca Hart	Health Sciences Officer	RH
Sean Kilgarriff	Science Officer	SK
Roisin O'Mara	Welfare Officer	R'OM
Francis Roche	Arts and Human Sciences Officer	FR
Joseph Millerick	Agriculture and Vet Officer	JM
Jonathan Byrne	Business & Law Officer	JB
Eoghain Mac Domhnaill	Irish Languages	EMD
Joshua Gorman	Engineering Stage 2 Rep	JG

Alannah Bellamy	Guest Speaker	AB
Nial Torres	Graduate Student Cooridantor	NT
Luke Doyle	Engineering Stage 2	LD
Justine Foster	Sociology Stage 2	JF
Arinjoy Bhanja	Science Stage 1	ArB

## meeting starts 6pm

### [CV]

I would like to raise standing orders to elect a vice chair - Danii Curtis nominated as vice chair.

*(Seconded by ROM and passed by majority vote)*

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

*Quorum Declared by the Chair*

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

***Minutes from Council 1 to be approved***

*Approved*

**c) Matters arising from these minutes.**

*None.*

**d) Motions on notice.**

***i) SU Promotional Material - Shane Grogan***

*SG not present - As not proposed by proposer motion falls.*

**e) Motions not on notice.**

***i) Emergency motion - Jobstown motion - Niall Torris***

**Chair:**

In my opinion this doesn't need to be dealt with before next council. I propose we move it to next council as a motion on notice to allow people time to read and think about it and engage with their class about the topic.

*(brought to vote and passed by majority in favor)*

**f) Items for Discussion.**

***i) Free the Nipple Campaign - with Alannah Bellamy - Joshua Gorman***

**[JG]**

I would like to pass speaking rights to Alannah Bellamy

**[AB]**

- It was the peaceful protest acted on by Gardai at the Irish KnockanStockan music festival that has encouraged me to engage with the student body about this issue.
- Would like to educate people on equality, censorship and laws.
- would like to do panel discussion and work with societies and the student's union.
- I feel it is feasible to run on campus as affects all women on campus.

**[LK]**

Clarification - is this just to raise awareness among council or are you seeking support from union?

**[AB]**

Looking for support from council as they offer better support than a single society could.

**[ROM]**

Are you looking to focus on one aspect of this or a whole campaign?

**[AB]**

The whole thing.

**[NT]**

I believe the breastfeeding centre on campus closed, could I speak to you after about this?

**[RH]**

I believe it's open? You might want to look into that further.

**[Chair]**

I suggest alannah talk to someone on council and get a motion on notice to take this further.

***ii) Winging it, Dear First Year Me and Information Campaigns for First Years - Joshua Gorman***

**[JG]**

- There was strong campaigns in place at the start of year.
- Dear first year me - advice from current to new students - mandated to continue and branch out to specific academics to further help students with course specific help.
- I believe we can expand on this year on year.
- If anyone has thought or opinions on the handbook etc, would appreciate any contribution, feedback or ideas for improvement.

**[JG]**

Shane Grogan - ideas about master handsheets, talking to david about online encyclopedia, but currently is very hard to organize due to size of ucd and amount of information.

**iii) Scare tactic - RES fines for recycling - Shane Grogan**

*SG not present - As not proposed by proposer discussion falls.*

**g) Items for Noting.**

*none*

**h) Items for Approval.**

*none*

**i) The reports of each Executive Officer.**

**[CV] - President:**

Taken as read, thanks to students for attendance of demos on 19th, budget was supposed to be presented at this council but will be moved to next, Trad Tuesdays tomorrow.

**[JG]**

What is situation with the refugee campaign?

**[CV]**

Students from UCD SVP- group of students working on it - will eventually be extended to council.

*(Report Approved)*

**[ROM] Welfare**

Thanks to all who attended class rep training and also CPR classes, meetings regarding consent, liaising with RH, prep for mental health week - including looking into budget cuts in Government to mental health.

**[JG]**

There is about 20 million euros made in cuts, is it to do with employment factors again?

**[NT]**

there was a proposed cut - Government said they wouldn't cut mental health budget and then did when it was published. I am unsure of the logic behind that decision.

*(Report Approved)*

**[LK] Education**

Fitness to study policy working group - advice welcome, organizing things for upcoming christmas exams - supplies and buses, spark - 1000 euros worth of funding for a student project, will meet Dean of students and Undergraduate Dean next week, annual leave Friday.

**[JF]**

what is meant by Fit to Study?

**[LK]**

UCD are looking at bringing it in - people with a mental health problem/ disability may be advised to withdraw to take a leave of absence by the University. Currently in place in some European universities.

**[JG]**

Is it a block to disabled students?

**[LK]**

It is not a block - policy was recommended by a lawyer to UCD - if you are too sick to study or pose a threat or danger to other students then the university can go through procedures and ask you to take leave of absence until you are fit to be part of the student body and complete your degree again.

**[NT]**

It's for cases of extreme impairment.

**[LK]**

If you are likely in the public world to get sectioned then it will come into action.

**[LD]**

If a lawyer was involved is it for legal reasons?

**[LK]**

The University has an increased duty of care to students with an illness/vulnerability - the University could be sued by student for not meeting this duty of care.

**[JG]**

What are SU hubs?

**[LK]**

We will spend an hour at least in all buildings over next week or so to answer questions and concerns and increase UCDSU visibility to students.

**[NT]**

Like a clinic?

**[LK]**

Yes, but that word is less appealing.

**[ArB]**

Has there been any past events that this policy would be use as cases to be based on?

**[LK]**

It would be based on existing policies in universities elsewhere, UCD has past experiences also.

*(Report Approved)*

## **[CC] Graduate**

Thank to rep for attending training, also sabbats, David and PK. Congrats to Roisin on her restart a heart event. Remained the person of contact in union corridor for duration of protest. Graduation ceremony group - currently majority of event is in Latin -will be removed -going to be in English, Degree certificate also -may affect NUI -dress code may be implemented and a possible introduction of a keepsake eg. a pin.

**[ROM]**

Would you able to request the certificate in Irish?

**[CC]**

I believe you have to pay for a translation.

**[CC]**

Implemented to make the changes from now to December 2017.

**[NT]**

Certificates could be dual language to cover both aspect and maybe meet NUI requirements.

**[JG]**

How are the office hours in Smurfit, Blackrock?

**[CC]**

I'm located down there from 10am-2pm every Tuesday.

*(Report Approved)*

**[JB]**

Report taken as read.

*(Report Approved)*

**[LB]**

Arts Newman Halloween promotion, College council - poll online to see when best suits all members.

*(Report Approved)*

**[FR]**

Report taken as read.

*(Report Approved)*

**[SK]**

Report taken as read.

*(Report Approved)*

**[RH]**

Report taken as read.

*(Report Approved)*

## [EMD]

Report late - apologies, taken as read. Attendance to La Na Gaeilge up on last year.  
*(Report Approved)*

### **j) Questions on notice.**

*None*

### **k) Questions not on notice.**

*None*

### **l) 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.**

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

All motions, reports and agenda items are due before 5pm Monday, October 31st.

### **n) Any Other Business.**

## [CC]

Halloween event in clubhouse run by ENTS and Food Soc. Free pig on a spit. First come first serve. Games in bar and photobooth.

## [CV]

Referendum is on the 2nd and 3rd of Nov - lecture address classes to vote



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*approved by majority vote to move unfinished motions/items for discussion to next council*

**Meeting Ends: 6.50pm**