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**UCDSUL
Executive Meeting
6 November 2014**

Present:

Feargal Hynes (President) FH
Anabel Castañeda (Graduate Education Officer) AC
Padraig Curry (Ag & Vet Convenor) PC
Conor Rock (Arts Convenor) CR
Laura Brohan (Business & Law Convenor) LB
Cian Byrne (Engineering and Architecture Convenor) CB
Dave McElliot (Science Convenor) DME
Éanna Ó Braonáin (Oifigeach na Gaeilge) ÉÓB

In Attendance: Devin Finneran (Secretary of Students' Union Council)

Apologies: Maeve De Say (Welfare & Equality Officer) MDS
Amy Fox (Undergraduate Education Officer) AF
Mollie Bruton (Health Science Convenor) MB
Melanie O'Donovan (Human Sciences Convenor) MOD

Meeting starts at 6.05pm

Approval of Minutes from last meeting

Minutes approved

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Reports

LB - I'd like to suggest that we make a running google doc to plan our weeks out more efficiently. This will help us to prevent clashes and give everyone more time to commit to different events.

Items to be Discussed

1. LEAD UCD

FH - Our two workshops next week are part of the LEAD UCD programme in association with AIB. We don't want to run these workshops any closer to exams. We have chosen two past UCD students who have excelled in each of their areas to give presentations on Social Media and Public Speaking.

DME - Define Social Media, what aspect is the focus?

AC - There would be a primary focus on how to promote different events and why would and wouldn't do specific things.

2. A Letter to Gregory Campbell

ÉÓB - Over the course of the past week an MLA got up in the middle of a Chamber sitting and used derogatory language against the Irish language. USI are thinking of sending a letter and I wanted to gauge Execs feelings to see whether we should send one on behalf of UCD students also.

FH - If he was a politician in a local community I could see this issue being a lot more relevant.

AC - We have to think and see are we doing this because USI are doing it?

ÉÓB - This issue was only mentioned by the Irish Officer in USI last night.

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CB - Would you be sending this on behalf of UCDSU?

ÉÓB - It would more than likely be sent by me.

DME - You should get backing from the Irish House or the SU if you are going to send it.

LB - I don't think it's relevant to us, it's very political.

AC - When were these comments made?

ÉÓB - This week.

AC - If it was a specific racial comment we would be in the same position and we wouldn't write a letter about it.

FH - We are a bilingual University and we should stand up for the Irish language but I'd propose more research be done before further actions were taken. I'd suggest you to send the letter from yourself unless anything else in relation to it that you feel Exec should hear comes up in the meantime.

3. UCDSU Strategy

FH - Our strategy runs out at the end of the year and we need to plan where the businesses are going to be in the next few years. A few processes will be involved and Exec will be a sub group in the process. We need to decide the backbone, the views, the services we should provide and overall the direction we should be aiming towards. Before, UCDSU would have worked with USI on many projects. As we are not part of this organisation anymore we need to make a path.

DME - We need to engage with students more. Will you bring a plan for us to approve?

LB - Will we make submissions?

FH - We hope to combine the views of a number of people, we will bring the report back for

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comments and approval. It requires the widest range of perspective as possible.

AC - What is the proposed timeline?

FH - Submissions should be made by next Friday, 14th November.

CB - Do we suggest a mission statement in our submission?

FH - It's a little longer than a mission statement. The UCD Strategy is coming out on Tuesday, have a look at the seven key objectives. There will be three drafts of the UCDSU Strategy, all of which will be circulated to Exec.

Items to be Noted

1. Comedy Festival

FH - This non-alcoholic event is receiving great feedback but we are still not sure how to best communicate a message to students.

CB - Selling tickets at the Engineering SU Clinic went really well. I think the best way to promote is by chatting to people.

FH - I'd agree that you would have to bring tickets to some buildings but we didn't have enough bodies to help aid this.

2. Exam timetable & Buses

FH - If there are any major issues with a number of exams falling very close to one another please let us know. The late study area will be open from the Wednesday of Study week from 11pm - 3am. The buses have been confirmed and booked.

AC - There will be no roll of buses this year, we are using double deckers!

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3. Revision Roadshow

AC - We put up posters for the roadshow this morning and flyered afterwards. We are giving out goodies to ease the stress amongst students at this time of year. Our exam guides have gone to print and should be ready before the weekend.

4. International Week

AC - The large international societies are working together and fundraising for VO next week. There is also an international dance showcase! Try to get to events and chat to people if you can, it's a great way to engage with people who may not necessarily be aware of services we provide.

FH - Please give it a push!

Any Other Business

Open Day

FH - On Saturday, if anyone is around we will need a hand manning the stand all day! Fill in the google doc in the page if you are happy to help.

Mind Your Mind

FH - Just a reminder to send your dates to Maeve!

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Graduate Open Day

AC - This is taking place in the O'Brien Centre for Science on the 24th November from 6 - 8pm. Contact your programme office to see if you can get involved!

AC - Just wondering about the gluten free sandwiches?

FH - They should be in the shops but I will double check with the Commercial Manager.

DME - Do you have any update on the shop in the science building?

FH - The space is there for it but there are complex issues as there is another convenience food provider in the building. I will let you know when I know more information.

Next Meeting: Thursday, 13 November at 4:30pm in the Union Boardroom.

End of Meeting: 6:48pm

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