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**UCDSUL  
Executive Meeting  
27 November 2014**

**Present:**

Feargal Hynes (President) FH  
Maeve De Say (Welfare & Equality Officer) MDS  
Amy Fox (Undergraduate Education Officer) AF  
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  
Mollie Bruton (Health Science Convenor) MB  
Melanie O'Donovan (Human Sciences Convenor) MOD  
Dave McElliot (Science Convenor) DME  
Éanna Ó Braonáin (Oifigeach na Gaeilge) ÉÓB

**In Attendance:** Devin Finneran (Secretary UCDSU Council)

**Apologies:** Dave McElligott (Science Convenor) DME

**Meeting starts at 17:25pm**

**Approval of Minutes from last meeting**

Minutes approved.

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## Items to be Discussed

### 1) Constitutional Referendum

**FH** - Currently both an internal and external strategy is being compiled, this will help lead towards a constitutional referendum in advance of the executive elections. Exec Elections will take place in Week Seven of second semester, just before the mid-term break, this should suit many more candidates and they can catch up on study over the break. The Campaigns and Communications Officer was removed through a referendum a few years ago, these changes were compiled quickly and mostly comprised of financial edits.

*FH ran through suggested dates.*

Can I get opinions?

**CR** - Should we walk this through with our College Council's?

**FH** - The notice of referendum will be brought forward to Council on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015. We will be working with incredibly tight time constraints and will need to meet quorum for two sets of polls in second semester. It will be a full team effort!

**LB** - Can we look at online voting?

**FH** - Part of our current constitution says that we may not use an online system. For the minute any college's using online voting are finding it difficult as they are deemed mostly untrustworthy.

**CR** - What days of the week would the referendum take place?

**FH** - It will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Week Four.

**PC** - Will there be an opportunity to speak about this more openly for feedback?

**FH** - Due to the tight deadlines it will make it difficult.

**LB** - Could we do the referendum after the break?

**FH** - If we require a C&C Officer after the referendum we will have to run a by-election then.

**CR** - We should have no problem working as a team to meet the deadlines but we will

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require a well-structured work schedule in advance.

**FH** - It will require as much time as people can give to it and we will all have to improve time management.

**MDS** - Second Semester will be very tough; we cannot let our normal work be neglected during the referendum and elections.

*FH ran through proposed constitutional changes and a brief discussion was held.*

## 2) Ordinary Board Members

**AF** - Were any nominations received?

**FH** - We are currently looking for five ordinary board members. The reasoning behind this is that we do not want the board to have too much power for future cases. The AGM takes place every year and as an OBM you will be expected to attend. I've emailed you all with the details of how to apply.

## 3) Strategy

**LB** - When will the first strategy of the draft be ready?

**FH** - It should be ready tomorrow.

**CR** - Will amendments be put from Council or will there be an open meeting after Christmas?

**FH** - During Week 0 we will be looking at the strategy with regards to the referendum.

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### **Items to be Noted**

**FH** - With regards to Direct Provision, Enda Kenny wrote to Obama this week and so it is an interesting time to bring it up. I will be in contact about it.

### **Any Other Business**

**CB** - Just wanted to bring something to Exec to see what your opinions were. We worked with a past art teacher of mine to set up a though provoking art installation in Powerscourt for Pieta House. It's aimed to be an interactive mental health campaign which makes you think.

**FH** - Sounds very interesting and there are opportunities there, everything would need to be passed by services first especially if it would be done in the middle of the night. We will look into it.

**MDS** – Have a lovely Christmas break everyone.

**FH** – Best of luck with the exams.

**End of Meeting:** 18:29pm

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