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**UCDSUL
Executive Meeting
15 January 2015**

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
Éanna Ó Braonáin (Oifigeach na Gaeilge) ÉÓB
Dave McElligott (Science Convenor) DME

In Attendance: Devin Finneran (Secretary UCDSU Council)

Meeting starts at 17:40pm

Approval of Minutes from last meeting

- Minutes approved

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Items to be Discussed

1) Constitutional Changes for Referendum

FH - There is a lot to take in with these changes especially if you are not used to the language but it is all easily explained. We need to go over the changes once again and ensure that all of the changes are the best for the Union going forward.

Main changes include bringing the C&E Officer back leading to Convenors no longer receiving pay, allowing a provision for online voting, removing Ents Forum elections and taking their seats off council, recreating the Graduate Officer who will specialise in all things graduate student related and the change of the Convenor position.

FH chaired a discussion surrounding the proposed changes to ensure that all members of the Executive understood them. A number of questions were taken and suggestions were duly noted.

2) Refreshers Training

AF - This will take place all day on Friday, 23 January, beginning at 9:30am. Please remind your reps and let us know who cannot make it in advance. The reps will be working in teams and the exercises are designed to get people thinking on their own feet making it a lot more interactive. We have guest speakers in who will enhance the day also.

CB - Will the team be made up of same faculty reps?

AF - First idea was to mix all of the reps up in order to get them mixing with other reps.

Evening activities can be done in faculties!

FH - We want to keep attendance up as it has kept increasing over the past semester!

AF - Mollie I will check with you after about reps who may be on placement!

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3) Grad Ball

AC - The ball will take place on February 5th and tickets will be on sale next week. We won't turn away undergraduates even though it's a postgrad ball!

FH - Reach out to postgrads in your faculty and try to get them to attend this social activity!

LB - Would it be possible to hold informal meetings with postgrad reps once a month, like a focus group once a month or so to see do they have any specific issues?

AC - I always check in with them but that could be a good idea going forward.

MB - Where will tickets be on sale?

AC - They will be on sale on the corridor but please let me know if you would like to set up a stand in your building.

4) Coffee House Sessions

FH - This event worked well last year but we need to push it more this semester to increase attendance.

CR - Could we get a list of the acts who have previously performed and those who are interested? We can get them to promote the event, especially if they are performing that week!

DME - Do acts have to be UCD Students?

FH - Nope, we had several last year who weren't! Would convenors be interested in taking hold on one session each, get onto reps and drive attendance?

Convenors were assigned weeks and this list will be circulated to Exec after the meeting.

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5) Bookshop

FH - There are still quite a few books left over and we need to clear the stock as soon as possible. Next week we will have a stall in the student centre, could you all share the lists of the books available amongst classes and if possible pick a time that suits to help out with selling the books at the stand?

MOD - Is there any way to bring the book sale up campus towards the library?

FH - We can look at it again and see can we organise any spaces, we would need help from convenors for this to work!

LB - We could incorporate the bookshop into SU Clinics if we allow students to search for books on the laptop!

AF & FH - Great idea, we will definitely try to do this!

Items to be Noted

1) Calendar

FH - Did everyone get access to this calendar I circulated? It's an online document and so will be constantly updated over the semester. Could you all make sure to include your own projects? Devin has also made a structured deadline excel to help us keep up to date regarding when reports etc are due for both Council and Exec.

Any Other Business

1) Student Consultative Forum

FH - We are working with the registrar at the minute to try to ensure that students will have official Union representation in all areas across the University.

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2) Status of Ball

FH - An enormous amount of work has been going into the ball both over summer and during the first semester. This will not end in semester two and we will keep you updated as we go along.

3) Gender Neutral Bathrooms

CR - The Newman Joyce project may be the first time at which we can get these bathrooms in UCD so we need to push for them.

FH - An extension to the Engineering Building is also taking place in the coming years.

End of Meeting: 19:30pm

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