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**UCDSUL  
Executive Meeting  
5 February 2015**

**Present:**

Feargal Hynes (President) FH  
Maeve De Say (Welfare & Equality Officer) MDS  
Padraig Curry (Ag & Vet Convenor) PC  
Conor Rock (Arts Convenor) CR  
Laura Brohan (Business & Law Convenor) LB  
Cian Byrne (Engineering and Architecture Convenor) CB  
Melanie O'Donovan (Human Sciences Convenor) MOD  
Éanna Ó Braonáin (Oifigeach na Gaeilge) ÉÓB  
Dave McElligott (Science Convenor) DME

**Apologies:**

Amy Fox (Undergraduate Education Officer) AF  
Anabel Castañeda (Graduate Education Officer) AC  
Mollie Bruton (Health Science Convenor) MB

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

**Meeting starts at 18:15pm**

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### Approval of Minutes from last meeting

- Minutes to be approved at next Executive Meeting.

### Items to be Discussed

#### 1) Referendums

**FH** – Great job so far guys, a massive amount of work has been put into these campaigns so far and we need to continue to push for the next week.

**CR** – We launched the like page and have posted in groups to start organising canvassing rotas. We will launch the campaign video on Sunday! We will hit the faculties on both Monday and Tuesday.

**MOD** – We need to ensure that all of campaigns forum are involved.

**LB** – Can we just go through the benefit of having both a like page and event page on Facebook?

**CB** – What I have noticed from talking to my friends at home is that people are more likely to 'like' a like page than click attending on the event.

**FH** – Remember that next Wednesday these referendums will all be over. It's a monumental challenge and if we get through it, it will be a massive achievement. This is all about getting numbers on the first day so that pressure is somewhat alleviated for the Wednesday!

**LB** – What exactly is in the video which is going out?

**MDS** – General points of information as to the changes involved!

**MOD** – Are there any 'No' campaigns?

**FH** – Nothing is registered but it is great that both campaigns being run at the minute are for the 'yes' vote!

**MDS** – Building managers are required for all buildings, these people basically manage the canvassers and ensures there is someone there at all times!

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**FH** – It's best to have two people per building in case of the unexpected! Speak to people in your own faculties and get canvassers to focus on smaller lectures and tutorial groups for some of the time.

**MOD** – Will we be getting tshirts?

**FH** – Standard tshirts which can be used again for executive elections will be ordered, they are yellow and blue.

### Items to be Noted

#### 1) Please Talk Day

**MOD** – Just to note that Please Talk Day will be taking place in Week 5, I am working with Andrew, the new Mental Health Coordinator but please let us know if you want to get involved! We want to ensure that something is going on in every faculty! Also send on ideas if you have any!

### Any Other Business

#### 1) Holidays

**FH** – Just wanted to ask permission from Exec, a family holiday has been planned and I wish to request to take both Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> as annual leave.

**VOTE:** Passed unanimously.

#### 2) LEAD UCD

**MOD** – Can we have more information about this?

**FH** – Anabel is working on it, please email her if you would like to get involved.

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### 3) Executive Elections

**ÉÓB** – When do nominations open and does the fact the constitution could change result in people not being able to collect signatures until we know the outcome?

**FH** – I will confirm with the returning officer, circulate all relevant information and ensure it is posted online. The deadline for signatures is February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**LB** – Should we look at putting a document online detailing the various roles and responsibilities of the different officers?

**FH** – Do you all want to put a few points together?

**MDS** – We could all write a piece each and Brian could post it in a word doc?

**MOD** – Make sure to run through the election process with your reps at college council!

**ÉÓB** – We also need to run through what is allowed and what isn't given our positions!

**FH** – Convenors will have more of an opportunity to campaign but you may not be paid. Nothing can be posted from Union pages promoting candidates either. You must not promote any candidates running for your own positions!

### 4) EY

**DME** - What is happening with the EY deal?

**FH** – There was a two part payment contract, there were some complications, a semester review took place and I don't know the full outcome as of yet but I will keep you all updated!

**End of Meeting: 18:45pm**

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