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**UCDSUL  
Executive Meeting  
26 February 2015**

**Present:**

Maeve De Say (Welfare & Equality Officer) MDS  
Anabel Castañeda (Graduate Education Officer) AC  
Padraig Curry (Ag & Vet Convenor) PC  
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

**Apologies:**

Feargal Hynes (President) FH  
Amy Fox (Undergraduate Education Officer) AF  
Conor Rock (Arts Convenor) CR

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

**Meeting starts at 18:25pm**

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### **Approval of Minutes from last meeting**

- Minutes approved.

### **Updates on Reports**

**CB** – I have been working a lot towards restructuring labs in the engineering building with lecturers of the school.

**MOD** – Diversity week is going well. The Social Science Ball was a great success, we had a representative from our chosen charity, Childline to speak to the crowd at dinner and the silence and respect was astonishing. They are a fantastic charity and I'd urge you all to consider fundraising for them!

**MDS** – Coffee House Sessions was packed, I hope you are happy with it, this time we got more people involved which proved to work! Get in touch with societies and keep an eye out for talent across the campus.

**CB** – There is a band based in engineering who are ready to go for the week 8 session.

**PC** – Just to remind you all that Relay for Life is taking place on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. They have changed the times slightly to accommodate for Race Day so it's from 12pm – 12pm now.

**ÉÓB** – I am currently giving the second year Irish class some help organising a bus to the gaelteacht for the mid-term trip as they do not have a representative at the minute. I am attending meetings with regards to the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sceim also. Ball na Gaeilge is coming up on the 8<sup>th</sup> April and I am attending Cumann auditor handover discussions.

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**AC** – I attended an innovation conference which discussed third level funding, and leading undergraduate research to postgraduate studies. We would like to host something similar.

**MOD** - Was this focused on a specific discipline or would it be feasible to have it university wide?

**AC** – No, it's the first time it was done, they were talking about how to get Ireland more research driven and to shift our focus from outcomes to the look at what impact it will have. For our own conference we believe it will make sense to host a campus wide discussion as things are interdisciplinary. We will pick an interesting topic and work a lot with the incoming executive officers.

**MDS** – We discussed this before but just to note that in Mollie's absence during her abroad placement she has appointed a member of the council from the Health Science contingent to attend Executive Meetings as a non-voting member until week 10.

Also, a reminder, we are hosting an Ag Clinic tomorrow at 10am and we will be visiting Res next Monday evening.

## **Items to be Discussed**

### **1) Diversity Week**

**MDS** – Melanie and members of Campaigns Forum have put a seriously great week of activities and events together and it has gone very well for them. Joe Little will be chairing a panel discussion on 'Overcoming Barriers' this evening and we'd really appreciate a shoutout on social media to boost attendance!

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## **2) Elections**

**MDS** – For those of you not on campaign teams we are pushing the ‘Get out and Vote’ message once again.

**LB** – How many voted in the referendas?

**MDS** – Over 3,000. Our aim is to at least reach 4,000 this time around! Ger has ordered pop up banners for every polling station.

**ÉÓB** – Just want to wish all of those involved the best of luck!

**MDS** – There was a great turn out at hustings and everyone was happy with how it was run.

## **Any Other Business**

### **1) Holidays**

**CB** – The date for the annual Eng Day, hosted by the society is to be confirmed but just to note that the stretcher race will be taking place again this year.

**End of Meeting:** 19:10pm

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