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**UCDSUL
Executive Meeting
12 March 2015**

Present:

Feargal Hynes (President) FH
Amy Fox (Undergraduate Education Officer) AF
Anabel Castañeda (Graduate Education Officer) AC
Padraig Curry (Ag & Vet Convenor) PC
Conor Rock (Arts Convenor) CR
Melanie O'Donovan (Human Sciences Convenor) MOD
Éanna Ó Braonáin (Oifigeach na Gaeilge) ÉÓB

Apologies:

Maeve De Say (Welfare & Equality Officer) MDS
Laura Brohan (Business & Law Convenor) LB
Cian Byrne (Engineering and Architecture Convenor) CB
Mollie Bruton (Health Science Convenor) MB
Dave McElligott (Science Convenor) DME

In Attendance: Devin Finneran (Secretary UCDSU Council)

Meeting starts at 18:20pm

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Approval of Minutes from last meeting

- Minutes approved.

Items to be Discussed

1) SU40 Dinner

FH – The reception will take place in the Atrium at 7pm with the dinner beginning at 8pm, the attire is business formal.

CR – Will there be speeches?

FH – President Deeks will welcome guests, Mr Eugene McCague will give a reflection on the launch of the archive and I will be speaking just before this at the dinner and Maeve will be acting as a host. We will also show a video commissioned to promote the archive with clips of interviews to launch the archive. Our executive team will essentially be hosting the dinner so it is important to make all of our guests welcome and ensure they are looked after.

CR - Is there something else that will take place on campus which will be a little more interactive for students?

FH – The archival wall in the kiosk will remain there for the immediate future and we will also be hosting a Throwback Thursday on April 2nd with reflections from past officers. This event will be open to everyone and it's sure to be a great evening.

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2) UCD Sport Merger

A short discussion took place surrounding the beginning of the old student centre, the building of the new student centre and how the buildings are run at the minute.

FH – The aim of the merger between Campus Sport and Leisure and UCD Sport would be to create more synergy and move to a more efficient system making it more ‘user friendly’. This

would greatly aid the booking of pitches, sport halls and rooms as currently you have to go through different desks. All facilities in UCD Sport need are currently in line for immediate refurbishment. We need to receive a guarantee that the student levy forms no part in the refurbishment of these facilities which include renovation of pitches and upgrading of machinery in the gyms.

The board of directors reports back to John Peppard, the accountant in Campus Sport and Leisure.

CR – Is there a lack of representation from students on the board?

FH – The representation on the board is through the SU President, however it is a for-profit company and as the President is a director of the company under good governance and not a representative of students. It's more of an opportunity to be in the loop as to how the facilities are being run but the political lobbying would be done away from the board table. A provision has been made that there is always space for Student Societies, the SU etc. to use spaces in the centres. When it comes down to the commercial / student breakdown for use students will always come first and this is important to maintain as the company is run for the benefit of students.

AC – When will the final say be given?

FH – Within the next three weeks a decision will be made as construction will need to receive the go ahead by June 12th in order to be ready for September.

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3) Crossover Reports

FH – Just a heads up that crossover reports will be due before study week. Devin will circulate her report from last year as a template. It is important that these are compiled in order to give the incoming officers as much as a head start as possible! They will be due Friday of Week 11, 17th April.

4) Plans for After Mid-Term

FH – The google doc has been updated to include the plans for the end of the year, please take a look at it and if we are missing anything from your faculty please add it in and inform us. Everything needs to be put in the main calendar.

Items to be Noted

1) Students from University Bethlehem

FH – These students will be visiting from June 2nd – 4th and they will take part in a number of activities which include a reception with Michael D Higgins and a lunch in Leinster House.

2) Academic Dicipines

FH – The work being done in Academic Council at the minute is more so to do with individual school and academic issues, the document which alters the school groupings will not change things in the Union that much. Let us know if something is specifically brought to your attention surrounding the changes.

CR – Does the Academic Council use a constitution?

FH – They use the Universities Act from 1997.

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AF – It has its own governance structure.

MOD – Will these changes affect the amount of reps we have next year?

FH – It will be up to the team next year but in my own opinion I do not think it will need an immediate change.

Any Other Business

1) Direct Provision

MOD – I'm sorry but I didn't realise the times, there was a talk held tonight from 6-8pm.

FH – Would you be able to reach out to a suitable member of staff and invite them to speak before next Exec?

2) Poster Run

AF – Postering is back next Thursday, 19th March! We will be promoting the #VoteForMe campaign so it's important that anyone who can make it comes!

End of Meeting: 19:30pm

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