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**UCDSUL
Executive Meeting
23 October 2014**

Present:

Feargal Hynes (President) FH
Maevé De Say (Welfare & Equality Officer) MDS
Amy Fox (Undergraduate Education Officer) AF
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

In Attendance: Devin Finneran (Secretary of Students' Union Council)

Apologies: Anabel Castañeda (Graduate Education Officer) AC
Dave McElliot (Science Convenor) DME

Meeting starts at 5.05pm

Approval of Minutes from last meeting

Minutes approved

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Questions on Reports

President

LB – Are physical tickets available for the comedy festival?

FH – They are available in SU Shops now!

CR – Can you tell us a little bit more about the smoke free campus taskforce?

FH – After the referendum the first goal of the taskforce was to disallow the selling of cigarettes on campus, now they are looking at how to work towards the desired end goal. At the minute the next step is forcing people to smoke away from the doorways.

CR – Could this be done with a cool smoking area away from the buildings?

FH – This probably wouldn't work straight away, it doesn't seem fair to reallocate resources into building smokers huts. The aim would be a smoke free campus in three – four years, right now, services are going to focus along the centre concourse.

MOD – Would it be possible to move the Newman smoking area into the courtyard in the centre of the building?

MDS – That area is deemed unsafe as the cobbles are projecting so much. This area is also surrounded by classrooms.

MB – Are there other students on the taskforce?

FH – It may just be me the Welfare Officer and I but I will have to check with the Societies Council as they may have sent apologies.

MB – Will the Class Rep of the Month go ahead?

FH – I will leave it up to you guys, if someone wants to lead it I think it would be a great idea.

FH excused at 5:20pm

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Welfare

MOD – Could you talk a little about the HIV awareness?

MDS – We will be working with Beaumont Hospital to set up information stands with information, flyers and rapid testing clinic. Councillors and private rooms will also be available for students. The aim is to bring awareness and change the mind-set so that getting tested will be more common.

MB – There are many students in Health Science who would love to help you out with the campaign.

Business & Law

AF – What day will the positivity/ mind your mind day be taking place next week?

LB – I am still waiting on confirmation because at the minute the receptionist in the Quinn School is doing the Law emails as well.

CR – Just for you all to note, we have a burko which you can borrow if you wish just please understand that the electricity lead is very short and an extension lead would be required.

Engineering & Architecture

MDS – How are you getting on with the number of people in the shop?

CB – I'm finding it very hard to gauge an accurate answer.

LB – Could you do it by the number of transactions per day?

CB – It could be looked into?!

AF – You may have to get a clicker and sit at the shop.

MOD – When is winter formal?

CB – The date is yet to be confirmed.

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Oifigeach na Gaeilge

MB – What is the language survey?

ÉÓB – It's something I'd like to do in order to see how many students speak Irish. It will be done in person so that it will be easier to determine the standard of fluency.

MDS – It wouldn't be possible to survey 25,000 people?

ÉÓB – It will be a lot of work but it will be done proportionally.

AF – Would you think about doing this survey in Irish? People won't lie about having Irish so you could send it out in emails from all of the programme offices or student advisors?

MOD – Then you would be able to analyse the students who claim to have Irish. There's actually a brilliant app called DuoLingo which really helps with learning a language!

Items to be Discussed

1) Mind Your Mind

MDS – So far we have had one in Arts with the help of both the Arts Convenor and the Human Sciences Convenor. I couldn't make it down myself but I heard that the reps worked really well.

CR – There was a very good interest in what we were trying to do, maybe next time we will get reps to go around to students who are sitting down in pairs/ groups to interact.

MDS – These days help to remind people who you are, give them a chance to get to know their rep and you could end up making somebodies day which is always great!

CR – It would be a good idea if we could all co-ordinate and work together.

AF – We understand that you guys are feeling the pressure of your academics but this is the best time to host these days, even though they are relatively simple to run, they are very effective.

MDS – We need to remind students of the services available to them, such as student

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advisors, the full time officers etc so that they can get help and support. Even if you can't run the whole day please let me know and I can be there to help. Try to pick the busiest day in your faculty!

2) **Beat the Stress Week**

AF – This will be taking place in Week 8 as it has been noted that most assignments and mid-terms occur during this week. It's important that students take effective breaks when studying.

Short description of the events was given by AF.

MDS – Please let us know if you have any suggestions.

AF – An online presence when promoting these events will be essential!

3) **SafeTalk Training**

MDS – At the minute I am filling with students who couldn't make it in the summer, society representatives and staff from sport & fitness and registry. The dates and times are as follows: Tues 28th October from 12pm - 4pm or Thursday 30th October 12pm - 4pm.

CB – Will ASIST be going ahead again?

MDS – Issues with funding, a compromise will have to be made.

4) **Taking Control/ Wellness Workshop**

MDS – Groups of seven will be able to participate in workshops. The first one will take place on Friday, 14th November which is the night after the Please Talk vigil. Workshops are for people who primarily look after other people.

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Items to be Noted

1) Ents Events:

Little Green Cars - it is a free gig and vouchers are available on the Ents app, they are currently in very short supply! The gig takes place on Wednesday, 29th October in the Astra Hall. An email will be circulated if help is needed on the night.

Comedy Festival – Tickets are available both from the Ents App and the SU Shops. It is a 3-day festival taking place from 4th – 6th November in the Astra Hall. We need to push this on the ground, social media and by lecture addressing!

Next Meeting: Thursday, 30 October at 5:00pm in the Union Boardroom.

End of Meeting: 5:50pm

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