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**UCDSUL
Executive Meeting
30 October 2014**

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
Laura Brohan (Business & Law Convenor) LB (5:05pm)
Cian Byrne (Engineering and Architecture Convenor) CB
Mollie Bruton (Health Science Convenor) MB (5:10pm)
Melanie O'Donovan (Human Sciences Convenor) MOD
Dave McElligott (Science Convenor) DME
Éanna Ó Braonáin (Oifigeach na Gaeilge) ÉÓB

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

Apologies: Maeve De Say (Welfare & Equality Officer) MDS

Meeting starts at 5.00pm

Approval of Minutes from last meeting

Minutes approved

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Officer Reports

FH - Need to start reporting less regularly, it is good for accountability and checking to see what everyone else is up to but takes up a lot of time. In the future we will keep the time spent on this to minimal.

Items to be Discussed

1. Class Rep of the Month / Class Reps

CR - Each month, a rep would be nominated from each faculty. They will be very active reps who are usually lecture addressing, attending Council and helping where they can.

MOD - Who decides?

FH - When nominating a rep there should be a brief description given as to why they are nominated.

CR - It would be possible to be nominated more than once but they couldn't win more than once.

DME - What would the Irish Officer do?

FH - They could nominate a rep promoting Irish?

LB - Maybe there could be a few ways to be nominated, for example through classmates or coordinators? Every convenor may not necessarily have a rep nominated every month.

ÉÓB - How about every member from Exec nominates a rep per month?

AC - The power of being able to nominate could be abused by classmates.

AF - Convenors are the link between full times and the reps, you should nominate.

FH - Things on the checklist would include posterage, lecture addressing, actively promoting SU events on social media etc. It can be made an Item for Noting on the Council agenda.

We can set a deadline and each of the part time staff should send brief descriptions to the Education Officer to evaluate.

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CR - What could the prize be? We could do free coffee for a week or something?

DME - Would it be possible to change the name?

FH - 'The Impact Award'?

MB - So we send Amy short descriptions and she will decide?

AF - The 13th November will be the first deadline for nominations.

2. Unituition

AF - In preparation for the Christmas exams we are working with Unituition to provide tutors primarily to Commerce, Engineering and Science students, however if you are aware of a problem area please let me know.

LB - Would you have anything to put up as I put up the Exam timetable in the class pages?

AF - I can send you a blurb!

LB - Is there a cost?

AF - You can get group or individual grinds so the cost ranges from €20/25per group grind and €40 for an individual grind.

3. Council

FH - From now on there will be more time to debate motions before voting, we had to restrict time spent on normal Council business before now as we were conscious of time when elections were being held. The chair is present to prevent the same point being made by multiple speakers.

LB - Would it be a good idea to register with intention to speak as you enter Council? It

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might help Council flow better.

MOD - It could discourage students who haven't registered to speak even if a twist occurs and they are passionate about a certain topic.

FH - We don't want to encourage people speaking for the sake of it at the same time.

MOD - I've heard that the workshop held surrounding the creation of a motion was really good.

AF - Another one will be held next Tuesday, please encourage reps to attend!

MB - Should we register for voting in Council by collecting a voting card as we enter?

DME - I think those cards are a waste of money.

FH - For meetings with staff of the college we wear name tags, we will price these and come back to Exec.

4. Ents Exec

FH - Ents Exec are keen to link up with Exec and get to know everyone better, it would be great to involve Campaigns Forum as well.

CR - Would we have formal meetings with the forums?

AF - Campaigns forum will be happy to get involved with anything.

FH - We could have a social night next Wednesday in the bar after the comedy gig.

CR - The following week we could have them as guests for Exec.

FH - We could do some brainstorming.

LB - Will a rota for posterings be made?

FH - A rotation was looked at but it is tough to keep going.

CR - We could push for class reps to attend.

AF - We could look at each convenor bringing their reps to posterings on a rotation?



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CR - Would there be a chance of providing free tea and coffee after postering after one of the last runs of the year in week ten or eleven?

FH - That can definitely be looked into. Can we suggest a time for meeting at postering?

It was agreed that Exec will meet at 7:30am on Thursdays outside the James Joyce Library weekly.

DME - Has the thought of changing the poster run time been diminished?

LB - Would it be possible to pre-register for spots?

DME - It's very expensive for what it is worth.

5. Voter Registration

FH - The last day to register to vote is November 25th.

LB - Did the last set of forms process?

FH - The registration process is very slow and incredibly official as could be imagined and we are looking to do another registration drive in the coming weeks. Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown Co. Council would become the local constituency for many students who partake in this drive and in order for the process to work correctly we would need to get a letter signed and preferably get individual students to drop their forms in themselves.

CB - Would they come up to UCD? I think LGBTQ+ is doing a registration drive also.

FH - Technically you are meant to hand it in yourself. We should link up and work together towards the deadline.

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Items to be Noted

1. Comedy Festival

FH - We need to create a buzz for this next week, I've emailed all of the class reps and have received a very good response. Tickets are available both from the App as well as the SU shops, societies are selling tickets on Monday and Tuesday next week also.

DME - I found the app to be a little buggy, who should I relay this information too?

FH - It is due another update which could solve these issues, send the issues to Brian.

LB - How did ticketing work for Little Green Cars?

FH - It was a very intimate gig, we had 360 tickets, the ticket went into the student's wallet and they were wrist banded on the way into the Astra Hall.

CB - I heard very good responses.

LB - What time will doors open?

FH - Doors open at 7pm and the shows will start at 8pm.

CR - Comedy Soc reps will be lecture addressing, please send both Non-Alcoholic Events Coordinator and myself lists of the biggest lectures in your faculty.

2. Mind your Mind

AF - I've brought this up on behalf of Maeve. Have you all picked your dates?

MOD - Arts will be hosting another on the Tuesday of Week 10.

MB - The next couple of weeks are very hectic for me, I will need help.

AF - I will help you.

LB - I need help booking a stand in the Sutherland Building for it.

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AF - I've been in touch with Law Soc in order to solve this problem. It's very important that as we get closer to exams that we all try reach out to students.

3. Temple St

FH - We need help promoting this very worthwhile charity fundraiser, encourage friends, family and reps to take part, it will take 5mins to do. There is both a text line and a my charity page up now.

Any Other Business

Barista Training

AF - The next training is taking place on Wednesday at 6pm in Sutherland. There is a very long waiting list.

Revision Roadshow

AF - Taking place in Week 12. There will be study tips, unittuition and grindsfile promotion at SU clinics.

CR - MOD and I were talking to a postgrad rep about tutor groups and issues with tutors.

MOD - There is an inconsistency between the qualities of tutors in faculties.

CB - What way should these issues be looked after?

AF - Speak to the programme office.

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IT Services

MOD - When will we be meeting the staff from the IT Sector?

FH - We haven't had time to set up a meeting as of yet.

Food Labelling Motion

AC - Brian is creating a list.

FH - We need to get the shops running more efficiently before we can implement this. Just to note that gluten free sandwiches are being sold in the shops from next week at the same price as the normal ones.

Next Meeting: Thursday, 6 November at 5:00pm in the Union Boardroom.

End of Meeting: 6:17pm

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