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**UCDSU
Exec Meeting 4
24/9/2015**

Present:

- MO'H: Marcus O'Halloran (President)
- DC: Dannii Curtis (Education Officer)
- HB: Hazel Beattie (Graduate Officer)
- CB: Cian Byrne (Campaigns & Communications Officer)
- CV: Conor Viscardi (Arts & Human Sciences College Officer)
- LK: Lexi Kilmartin (Arts & Human Sciences College Officer)
- AD: Alison Dowley (Agriculture & Veterinary College Officer)

Also in attendance:

Paul Dockery (Secretary UCDSU Council)

Meeting begins: 17:15



Items to discuss:

1. New till systems in SU Shops:

MO'H: These new systems are almost good to go and should be up and running soon.

***RH:** Will students be able to pay with their UCARD under this new system?

MO'H: No, the new system is a simple software upgrade that is badly needed. The tills are currently running off Windows XP software, which is unreliable and outdated. They are being replaced with a newer version of Windows.

LK: Why are UCARD facilities not being incorporated under the new system when we are spending money on upgrades?

DC: This is a complicated matter that would require a sub-contracted company to incorporate this function into the tills. It would take a lot of time to install this and would be hugely costly to UCDSU Commercial Services Ltd. It would also create a huge backlog of queues in every shop, which would affect business badly.

2. Constituency problems & by-elections:

DC: The School of Veterinary Medicine has informed us that only a vet student can sit on their programme board, which means Alison – the relevant College Officer – cannot sit on that board. This is very annoying now while we don't have Class Reps, and we should look towards redrawing the constituencies. We will also need to strongly consider holding by-elections in these faculties.

CB: I'll ask the Returning Officer about by-elections. They can be run, but at a huge cost. I'll have a better idea of the need for by-elections and the costs involved after the initial Class Rep elections.

3. Erasmus deadlines:

LK: I've noticed that there are huge variances in Erasmus deadlines across different schools in Arts & Human Sciences. What is the best way to advise students on this?

DC: The best thing to do is to contact each school and get a deadline date from them. Then, when you have class reps, you should encourage them to run

information talks within their specific schools so that students know when each school has its deadline. It is also worth noting that BA students have the chance to apply through each of their joint honours subjects and through the International Office.

Items to note:

1. Mind, Body & Soul and Lunchtime Rave feedback:

MO'H: Thanks to everyone for their help with MBS this week. It was a huge success and we had great engagement from everybody there and across social media. It was also great to promote a non-alcoholic, daytime event that appealed to so many students from across UCD. The Lunchtime Rave was also a great success and numbers were well up this week.

2. EY & AIB Sponsorship:

MO'H: Myself and Paul Kilgallon (Ents Manager) met with both EY and AIB over the last week and they have both committed to the same sponsorship deals as last year, which is hugely beneficial to the Union.

3. Sexual Assault Campaign:

HB: The Sexual Assault Campaign will be launched the week after next, on October 8th (Week 5). This is coincidentally the same week as Shag Week, but the two are not related. They will be run separately from each other and it is hoped that Shag Week will not trivialise nor take away from the seriousness of this campaign. The Dublin Rape Crisis Centre (DRCC), one of the main partners of the campaign also feels that it needs to be promoted separately.

The DRCC are also running training courses to equip people with advice and support services that they can refer victims of sexual assault to. There are two one-day training sessions on October 21st and 22nd for anyone who's interested. Nobody here



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is expected to have full knowledge of the supports available, but in the case that a victim does come forward to you, it is always valuable to know how to handle such a sensitive issue and advise the victim.

Clare and I will be meeting with the DRCC in the coming weeks to discuss fundraising opportunities and we will keep you all up to date with this.

4. Class Rep nominees' info talk:

CB: The Returning Office have organised an information talk for Class Rep nominees at 6pm tonight (hence, Exec is meeting earlier tonight). Your presence would be greatly appreciated to help answer any questions about specific faculties.

5. Dear First Year Me:

DC: DFYM is heading into its last week next week – “Get Organised”. We have organising packs ready for students with lever arch files, wall planners, education advice packs, etc. Please spread word of this.

6. March for Choice:

HB: There is a March for Choice taking place this Saturday. This campaign is calling for a repeal of the 8th Amendment. The group is meeting at 1:30pm at the Garden of Remembrance and we hope to see some of you there.

7. Next Exec meeting:

MO'H: Exec will not meet next week. We will keep you posted on the details of the next meeting.

Questions on notice:

1. Question on the progress of introducing e-voting from Rebecca Hart:

MO'H: This is a difficult process due to the nature of the IT systems used in UCD. Because so many students do not change their UCD Connect and SIS Web passwords from their date of birth, it is feared that accounts could easily be hacked and elections manipulated as a result. We are meeting with DCU Students' Union soon to discuss their system (which uses Moodle) and see if we can implement a similar



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system that is safe and secure.

- 2. * Earlier question regarding UCARD use in SU Shops was a question on notice from Rebecca Hart**

Meeting ends: 17:53