

Minutes:
UCDSU Council Meeting 5
Monday, 19th February 2024, 6pm
Venue – Fitzgerald / Hybrid upon request

A. The declaration of a quorum by roll call

- a. Yes

B. Minutes of the previous meeting

- a. Shauna Young listed as the wrong position. Should be non-alcoholic coordinator
- b. Minutes approved with that change

C. Matters arising

D. Items for Approval

- a. Ciara Donohue to be the new Mental Health Campaigns Coordinator - Sarah McGrath
 - i. Double blind ballot paper sent to exec about this and council to vote on this.
 - ii. Approved.

E. Motions on notice

- a. Motion on Info session for international students - Simran Khatri
 - i. Background on the motion given based on the speakers experience in trying to navigate the Irish system. The desire is for the SU to continue the info sessions that have been run so far.
 - ii. question: can this be held on Smurfit?
 - iii. question: can it also be held in January too.
 - iv. CM college officer: between trimester and each to add “an additional session in the spring trimester” (approved by speaker)

- v. SY non-alcoholic: It should be the same level given to both semesters.

1. motion passes

b. Motion regarding toilet brushes - Simon van Beek

- i. Motion explained by the speaker.
- ii. SM Gender Equality: this is an estates issue (speaker)
- iii. In the understanding that the motion will be carried in regards to it to “lobby”
- iv. A Law College Officer: Were estates contacted. (answer no)
- v. TC HS College Officer: Will it be based on I
- vi. W stg 2 Pol: This is something clear in the newman toilets
- vii. SY non-alcoholic: How will you get people to use them (answer: to have them is better than not having them)
- viii. N: who will change them and check them
- ix. AM Law College: Have you checked all of the bathrooms (answer: spoken to many people)
- x. TC HS college officer: proposing a 9A on the grounds that a lot of debate has been had
 - 1. 9A put to a vote: passed

Motion put to a vote: motion passed

Question asked after about talking to estates about general cleanliness

c. Motion regarding memory benches - Simon van Beek

- i. Motion explained by the speaker, the desire to have more benches on campus that are funded by alumni.
- ii. AD cci stg1: Would it be funded by the union (no it would be funded by alumni)
- iii. LN SSP: How are we working with UCD
- iv. Based off questions chair has explained that we cannot mandate the officers to work, they can support or not and that this version of the motion showcases that this
- v. Against: SMG education: With this motion some things can be done before it can go to council. This motion does place a lot of work on

sabbats to do work with alumni rather than current students, so asking the alumni network should be pushed to do it.

- vi. FOR. MM Graduate: This is something that is set to be started. It is mainly about having suitable seating on campus. It would be good to get this started, as this is not something that has been done before.
 - vii. O stg 1: There is already an alumni call centre.
 - viii. W stg 1: POI regarding the call centre, it does not have anything to do with funding things like this it is only for scholarship grants.
 - ix. LS stg1: In Queens they have a bench that is sponsored, so this may be something worth while.
 - x. CD mental health: amendment proposed that it be the graduate officer be in contact with smurfit.
 - xi. Amendment not allowed by chair as this is already covered in the motion.
 - xii. CD: Against is that from a landscape architecture point of view I think trinity and UCD campus are poor comparisons here. Benches are really quite expensive to install, especially in an open campus, and it's almost guaranteed that if the benches are being paid for by alumni, and they're not making joint contributions of groups of people, that it will just result in a profusion of 'garden benches' scattered around campus which will negatively effect the overall character of the campus
 - xiii. SY Non-alcoholic: Even if it isn't pretty the campus needs to be functional. It helps students who may need to sit down
 - xiv. CM ENG ARCH College Officer: 9A, as we should move on
 - 1. 9A passes
 - xv. motion passed
- d. Motion regarding integration of Smurfit - Simon van Beek
- i. Motion explained by the speaker, main point is "the importance of connecting the campus "
 - ii. TC HS College Officer: Confusion on whether this is re-doing a previous mandate. ()

- iii. O stg1 science: POI the shuttle bus ending is not the worst as the S6 goes to smurfit to
 - iv. 9C to refer to next council meeting proposed by AS Law College officer, as it is important to know what the difference is between this and the previous motion on the smurfit community survey.
 - v. 9C carried
- e. Motion on continuing data collection for accessibility purposes - Kylie McCardel
- i. Motion explained by the speaker.
 - ii. Motion passed

F. Items for Discussion

- a. Group work in one year masters

In one year master programmes there is a lot of group work, but most of the people doing this masters have not done their undergraduate in UCD and there are different sections as some are on internships. The struggle is not being able to pick their groups.

TC HS College Officer: This is an issue in our field too regarding assessment, so it may not work putting a blanket ban, but contacting module coordinators or programme boards may be helpful.

RC: It is not always fair and it is something that is prevalent in another module

SMG Education: Lecturers have academic freedom, so they do have the freedom to make their own decisions, so the solution is best placed with class reps asking their individual lecturers. This is something that would not be tangible as a mandate. Group work is required through UCD teaching and learning so working together is better solution.

AD CCI stg1: Agrees with the education officer. When a module collides with different courses it is important that you do mix with people who are from different courses. So personal working grades rather than group grades would be better.

AM Law College Officer: The sustainable development module uses this framework really well, as it is your own work that is graded.

O stg1 science: We have groups that got put together and there was a social advantage to this.

SK international campaign: The friendship element is important

G. The reports of each Executive Officer

Mental Health

- attending meetings, learning about the role
- report approved

Res

- Applications for new res are open
- townhall in the plans
- report approved

Disability

- Survey out, please answer it
- many meetings
- report approved

Law

- Lecture recordings made available for
- exam results amended
- motion coming next council
- run for law if you are interested
- report approved

ENG ARCH

- Please run if you are interested
- group forming on palestine letter for engineering and architecture students
- report approved

Social Science

- prayers space discussed
- social events - social science students
- please run if you are interested
- report approved

Health Science

- please run if you are interested
 - college council
 - Science mixer
 - GEM townhall
- B006 is in the health science**

N stage 1 radiography: question re T&L research project.

TC: Still in early stages

- **Report passed**

Business

- **College council**
- **society fair**
- **smurfit social**
- **report passed**

Entertainment

- **sustainable fashion show 29th feb**
- **Orientation advisory group**
- **Rainbow week**
- **Atrium UV party**
- **UCD Ball**
- **Drink & Draw**
- **First Aid course**
- **Noodles & Noms**

SY Non alcoholic: what kind of first aid?

A Ec&Pol: is the sabbat job paid ?

- **report passed**

Graduate

- **red bull at Smurfit**
- **Islamic prayer room - the space needs some attention**
- **Smurfit social**
- **Smurfit community survey**
- **Smurfit gym**

N stage 1: Where is the prayer room (answer: outside health science)

- **report passed**

Education

- **Coiste Gaeilge**
- **Seachtain na Gaeilge**

- GEM fees town hall tomorrow
- case work, post exam results
- working on a prayer room in JJ level 2, there is currently a multi prayer room
- Rainbow week
- Wellbeing Wednesday
- Elections
- Breakfast

N stage 1: what is the review in regard to the extenuating circumstances?

SMG Education: It is to be able to have a look to make sure that the policy will be in the favour of the students and can be utilised properly.

- report passed

Welfare

- Green paper submission
- casework
- more clarity on the period product distribution
- rainbow week
- trans healthcare products
- women in stem panel discussion

CM Eng Arch: When is reshag week ?

JN Welfare: It will be in April

CD Mental Health: What are the products for trans health care

JN Welfare: Trans tape and tucking underwear

- Passed

H. Questions on notice

- a. none

I. Questions not on notice

- a. none

J. Motions not on notice

- a. no

K. Items for noting

L. Submission of motions to be on notice for next meeting

- a. Submit by February 26th in PDF or word doc only
- b. reports due February 28th in PDF or word doc only
- c. All other items by the 1st of March by 4pm

M. Any Other Business.

- a. CM Eng Arch: register to vote in the referendum
- b. SMG Education: Nominations are open for all the roles. It is so important that we have people in these positions, so if you are thinking about it please come and chat to us so that you can know about the roles. We need you to be able to hold the university accountable. Please do run. Pride march tomorrow at 1, meeting in the atrium.
- c. AM Law College Officer: Free lunch for students and staff, reading of the constitution.