

Meeting: UL Student Life – Student Council

Date: February 20th (Semester 2, Week 4)

Time: 6:00 PM

Venue: Library Boardroom

Members: Ronan Cahill; Ronan Mannix; Emily Rosenkranz; Katie Martin; Roger Dsilva; Emma Wright; Niamh Hickey; Maud Keane; Todor Aleksandrov; Mahir Jha; Lauren Moriarty; Viskwasena Balaji; David Lin; Evan Mansfield; Aine Brady; Shripa Joshi; Edel Straum; Eoghan O'Mahony; Juliette Pinson; Kye Earle; Tania Lipper; MD Abrarul Haque Mohsin; Clíodhna Roche; Rhea Edison Alcanther; Prassanna Presath Barani Prasad; Scott O'Brien; Jack Trehy; Amna Basheer; Kushagra Gupta; Bjorn Vila; Kritney Phartiyal; Leanne Kidney; Patrick Curtin; Dorothy Madden; Alexander De Barra; Kieran Spaight, Darragh O'Connell ; Niamh O'Mahony ; Katelyn O'Regan

In Attendance : Maeve Lynes; Dáire Martin

Apologies :

No.	Items	Responsible	Time
	Welcome to New Members Darragh O'Connell - Electronic & Computer Engineering Councillor Niamh O'Mahony - Volunteer Councillor Katelyn O'Regan - Sanctuary Councillor	Emma	10 Mins
1.	Minutes and Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will ratify at the next meeting. 	Emma	5 Mins
2.	Meeting Business		5 mins

a.	<p>Executive Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ronan C – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Announced Commuter Hub funding, €7,500 from UL. Noted it as a great success. – Bird fatality – actioned on environmental committee. They will take the lead and put decals onto window – Updated Council Members on BDS Motion • Emily – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Noted that Viva la vulva – event's were a great success. High engagement and two sold out events. – Active consent role play – went well and tied in with campaign nicely. – Eating Disorder seminar– info day today which had a great turnout. – Drug and Alcohol Harm Reduction– posts on info how to deal with harm reduction posted on Instagram and will be reshared for Charity Week and Race Day • Katie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Communities campaign – video has started and should be completed shortly – €2,300 fund for sensory room, a big win for ULSL. – Post graduate event – was a success with the craft and chill, first time ULSL has engaged with Post Grads, hopes for more events. • Ronan M – Apologies Sent • Student Council Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – BDS – Signed an open letter, noted it was on behalf of council. – 17 vacant positions available for council, welcomed the new members. Updated Council Database with Dáire – GAP Project will not be going ahead for the time being given LRO capacity constraints. • Faculties Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working with Faculty and Department Officers. No changes since last meeting. Noted her proposed motion that would be debated this council. • Clubs officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Club Caps – When cap is reached it will turn off option to join so money cannot be taken, an ongoing problem currently. – Surf club – had a successful trip abroad. • Experience chair – Apologies Sent • Equality and Diversity Chair- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attended Sensory Hour with Katie - Helped with the VivaLaVulva Social Nights last week, said they were a great success. - Attended Class Rep Forum and said it was a great night. • Events chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Charity week – be out with buckets - Helped Emily with viva la vulva and take me out – both successful events. - Organised Pizza for after Council with LRO. 	Emma	15 mins
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - International traditional night – 8 countries to date - Updated on PSU activities and praised Katie for her postgrad event organisation 		
b.	<p>Alternative Food Options - Hala/Vegan/Vegetarian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted pricing too high for food compared to non-veg/vegan/halal options. • Cross contamination occurring with gloves not being changed after handling meat products, same oil being used etc. • Halal food options – needs to be stored separated from non-halal food. • UL food philosophy– Ronan C to present in the next Student Council. 	Eoghan O'Mahony	5 mins
c.	<p>We are Breastfeeding Friendly At UL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can UL improve breastfeeding communities? • Group Provided info regarding the breastfeeding room, uninventing, hard to find information on and not accessible. • Launched in 2019 Relaunch in 2024. • Supported by healthy Ireland. • Noted no breastfeeding policy in UL, out of line with other Universities. • €20 deposit needed to book the room, unfair. • Staff were quite hostile when attempting to gaining access to the room • Survey is being purposed regarding breastfeeding policy • Other colleges have better facilities and support compared to UL. • Education posters around all 6 buildings within UL • Emily to bring to the health board – motion to be raised if nothing comes from the meeting. 	Katie	10 mins
d.	<p>Water Dispensers Concern</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted THM contamination in water currently, as reported by the Council. • Do we have filters to filter out THM and make sure clean water is in the student accommodation – Ronan C to chase council to check water quality. • Water filters are safe to drink in SU. • Articles in Limerick Post • Info campaign from SU on water quality • Darragh to reach out to placement and will update in next meeting 	Bjorn Vila	5 mins

e.	<p>ERB Motion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Niamh to take ERB motion to floor to change membership of ERB, and adding a process for members to be elected. • Emma showed support to Niamh on the motion and commended her on her work to date. • Chairperson has the deciding vote – elected internally. • Student council space to be added if members are not filled from different councils. – amendments made • Lauren noted C&S council will be hard to get people to run from C&S • Amendment 1 – proposed by Niamh seconded by Jack. • Majority voted for amendment. • Amendment made in point 4 • Amendments 2 - proposed by Niamh seconded by Bjorn. • Majority voted for amendment. • Final motion put to vote, majority voted in favour. • Motion passed. 	Niamh Hickey	15 mins
f.	<p>Ratification of Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing voting at 4pm rather than 6pm • Results to be released same night. • Vote taken and majority for Voting to finish early and results announced on the Thursday, 14th of March. • Student Forum scheduled for 28th February – date proposed to be moved to 20th march, provisionally. • Vote taken on ratification of student form – vote passed. 	Dáire /Martin	10 mins
g.	<p>BDS and Support for Palestine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion passed through council. • Approved by board of directors in January. • Open letter to the university on what our stance is and what we believe. • Open letter was received and distributed to staff in UL. • Discussion to be had next week with the governing body. • People for profit rally tomorrow 5pm (21st February) by Brown Thomas 	Ronan C.	10 mins
3	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest group – 5 vacancies left. • Department rep – 11 vacancies. • Getting facility reps added to facility boards – Ronan and Niamh to discuss on this. 	Emma	5 mins

Duration: 90 Mins | Next Meeting: 5th March (WK6)