

# UL Student Council 24/25

## Meeting Minutes

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**Meeting:** UL Student Council

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**Date:** 1st April 2025 (Semester 1, Week 10)

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**Time:** 6:00 PM

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**Venue:** ONLINE

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**Members:**

Ronan Cahill; Sean Keaney; Siofra Foley; Dervla Ryan; Lucy Edith Kiiza; Jack Trehy; Eoghan O'Mahony; Alexander De Barra; Eva McCormack; Katelynn Cremin; Cillian O'Riordan; Kye Earle; Gregory Shiel; Aleena Agnes Philip; Sai Vishal Reddy Narra; Prasanth Ramaswamy; Yashaswini Suresh; Aaliyah Popoola; Emma Wright; katelyn O'Regan; Rajlakshmi Sengupta; Cathal Carmody; Prathiksha Maria Faustina; Luke Kindelan; Karen Sarathy; Miko Akeem Augustus Mc Intosh; Animesh Tripathi; Marlene Schwingeler; Leah Morris; kirtika thakur; Sean O'Connell; Manya Prakash; John Lokuta Ewoi; Lucy Donovan

In Attendance: Maeve Lynes

Apologies: Dervla Ryan; Siofra Foley; Sean Keaney; Alexander De Barro; Jack Trehy

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No.	Items	Responsible	Time
1.	Minutes and Matters Arising  Minutes of Exec Meeting –  Bottle return machine		5 mins

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ronan spoke with B&amp;E on Friday and spoke about the bottle return machine being installed. However, this is going to be a more complicated job than first anticipated, it's now planned to get installed behind the UL Student Life building, Ronan will be updated once there is more information on this.</li> </ul> <p><b>Lidl Bus Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bus will run next Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> of April. The issue with the bus that didn't run yesterday was due to the bus driver being sick and never relaying this to the company. This was out of the hands of UL Student life as we were not informed till it was far too late to do anything.</li> </ul> <p><b>Week 8 minutes updated</b></p> <p>Ronans Update</p> <p><b>Health Centre</b> – They are upgrading it as they go with a view to then fully overhaul and improve the health center.</p> <p><b>Late registration</b> – This will only affected a small number of students who were already gone from the university. Sean will update on this point later.</p> <p><b>Hustings and Manifesto</b> – Ronan ran the manifesto and hustings workshop during elections for the candidates.</p> <p><b>Elections</b> – well done to all candidates who ran in the election and to our team who was elected.</p>		
a.	<p><b>Review &amp; Ratify previous Mins –</b></p> <p>Proposed – Kye</p> <p>Second – Katelynn O'Regan</p>		5 mins
2.	Meeting Business		
a	<p><b>Executive Report Updates</b></p> <p>1. President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Code of conduct review is ongoing and looking at it to be updated and to be fair for studnets</li> <li>Ella Deasy situation Ronan has raised issues with the UL Staff and discussed what procedures were done during this process to see how it was handled. Ronan also spoke with the media on the situation condemning the unacceptable behavior happening on campus.</li> </ul>		15 mins

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will be releasing a statement around the Ella Deasy situation and will present it to executive before it is sent out. Ronan is working with our comms teams in creating this statement as it is surrounding this unacceptable behavior on campus on behalf of the executive.</li> <li>• Attended the C&amp;S ball last week</li> <li>• Attended am I racist world café</li> <li>• Planning student forum on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April</li> <li>• Complied and submitted GA report with Siofra on behalf of the UL Student life</li> <li>• Working on the first 7 weeks taskforce with the other officers and the advice team to help improve the services.</li> </ul>		
	2. Welfare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Apologies Sent</b></li> </ul>		
	3. Academic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Apologies Sent</b></li> </ul>		
	4. Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Apologies sent</b></li> </ul>		
	5. Student Council Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sat on the QRG last week</li> <li>• Working on motion for Irish language chairperson</li> <li>• Preparing for student forum</li> </ul>		
	6. Faculties Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sat out AHSS board this week</li> <li>• Class rep graphics have been completed</li> <li>• Help write motion for Irish language chairperson</li> <li>• Attended class rep forum</li> <li>• Attended QRG meeting on Friday</li> <li>• Attended drag disco last Thursday</li> <li>• Spoke with provost on the lecture survey and they will be completely private</li> </ul>		
	7. Clubs Officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Had a meeting with Big and Bold with Paul around branding</li> <li>• Discussed budgeting within C&amp;S</li> <li>• C&amp;S ball and awards went really well</li> </ul>		
	8. Societies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two policies were passed by the wk9 council these were foreign trips and new clubs and soc.</li> <li>• Having more discussions around wk11 C&amp;S with regards branding, hustings for new clubs and soc and discussions around vehicles and if we will keep them and the cost of them</li> </ul>		
	9. Events Chairperson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates</li> </ul>		
	10. Student Experience Chairperson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Apologies Sent</b></li> </ul>		
	11. Equality & Diversity Chairperson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Apologies Sent</b></li> </ul>		
	12. PSU Nominee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaboration with UL Global yesterday</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confirmed PSU Election dates for the 7<sup>th</sup> April and will end the 1<sup>st</sup> may results announced on the 2<sup>nd</sup> may</li> <li>Wrote to the mayor of limerick to request a meeting and will be meeting him on 15<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm and reached out to UL Student life to attend.</li> <li>met with the producer of you know your lyrics. This is paid work and will be shared with UL Students. €150 a day for shooting</li> <li>spoke with the provost on the issues students are facing with Kilmurry village.</li> </ul>		
<b>b.</b>	<b>Oifigeach na Gaelige motion (for approval)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eoghan has invited a student to speak on this motion that does not sit within council.</li> <li>Eoghan presented the motion that can be found on teams</li> <li>This role will be elected in the same way as student council positions and will require 20 votes to be elected</li> <li>This person in the position will be able to create a working group for people who are interested in the language to discuss issue and create tasks.</li> <li>This position will be a part of the executive team</li> <li>The attendee from Cumann Galich is really happy with the creation of this position.</li> <li>There has been a massive increase in the Cumann Galich society.</li> <li>With this position there would be help from the society when it comes to creating events and help with spreading the word on the Irish language around the university</li> <li>Eoghan has asked council to vote on this motion</li> <li>Please note executive members can not vote in this motion.</li> <li>Motion has passed</li> <li>Yes votes 18</li> <li>No votes 0</li> </ul>	<b>Eoghan</b>	<b>10 mins</b>
<b>c.</b>	<b>Late registration process (for discussion)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moved to next week when Sean is back</li> </ul>	<b>Sean</b>	<b>5 mins</b>
<b>d.</b>	<b>Faculties Title Motion (for approval)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kye has brought a motion which is available on teams</li> <li>Kye would like to update their title name within the constitution and bylaws from faculty to faculties.</li> <li>This title update is to make the role more inclusive to the name as they attend a lot of</li> </ul>	<b>Kye</b>	<b>10 mins</b>

	<p>faculty boards and not just one specific faculty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For this to be changed there needs to be a referendum.</li> <li>• Until a referendum is called, we will call the role faculties officer.</li> <li>• This is mandated to the student president with help from LRO</li> <li>• Executives are happy for kye to bring this motion forward and to put it to a referendum when we can.</li> <li>• Kye has asked council to vote on this motion</li> <li>• Vote was passed</li> <li>• Yes votes 13</li> <li>• No votes 0</li> <li>• Abstain votes 1</li> </ul>		
<b>e.</b>	<p><b>Student Forum (for discussion)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student forum is Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April in KBG12 at 6:30</li> <li>• It is mandated that council attend student forum so please make sure you attend</li> <li>• If you would like anything to be discussed at student forum, please email <a href="mailto:studentpresident@ul.ie">studentpresident@ul.ie</a> if you would like anything added to the agenda.</li> <li>• Please have this in by <b>COB tomorrow</b></li> <li>• Please contact <a href="mailto:studentpresident@ul.ie">studentpresident@ul.ie</a> if there is any question you have around student forum.</li> <li>• Ronan will be sending out an all-student email around student forum this week.</li> </ul>	<b>Ronan</b>	<b>5 mins</b>
<b>f.</b>	<p><b>Election Feedback (for discussion)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ronan would like to ask council the chance to give feedback around elections whether they helped out, took part or just voted on the day.</li> <li>• We would like to take feedback to help improve for next year.</li> <li>• Katelyn as a candidate would like the candidate meeting to be pushed back a day to make it easier for students who work to be able to create content and be able to have things submitted before 7am on Monday. Greg also agreed with Katelyn's point.</li> <li>• Emma found that the voting website was not great due to the fact when using phones, it was very zoomed in you had to scroll to see other candidates. There was also no randomization on the candidate order.</li> <li>• Ronan will be checking with LRO on the order of candidates as he believes it is constitutionally; they need to be in alphabetical order.</li> </ul>	<b>Ronan</b>	<b>5 mins</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emma brought up hustings and getting the engagement up for next year. Emma was wondering was this brought up in executive.</li> <li>• Ronan brought forward that we made a massive push on socials and everything to get engagement up for hustings. Ronan will bring this to LRO and bringing it back to council.</li> <li>• Emma would like hustings to be brought to the centre of the university instead of it being on down in Kemmy</li> <li>• Katelyn brought the idea of maybe getting better publicity and maybe get a good prize should you of went hustings and voted</li> </ul>		
3.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>Student council/Student Executive Elections</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elections will be open Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> April at 12pm for student council and executive positions.</li> <li>• This will be a paper ballot so please come to UL Student Life LRO office to receive your ballot or download it via the website.</li> <li>• For those who are not on campus we have offered the elections to be online via the current election's portal.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ella Deasy case</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katelyn brought the idea of there being another campaign that we could do that could focus on the consequences faced within UL, as there is always a lot of victims blaming in this type of situation and instead highlight what will occur to the people who cause these issues. It would be helpful to help people on how to actually make a complaint should they need too.</li> <li>• Lucy brought that procedure should be available to studnets, so they know how to file a grievance as it was aware in the video that it was evident that they are not freely known by students.</li> <li>• Ronan and PSU Lucy spoke with the provost on the issue and trying to figure out what occurred during this time.</li> <li>• Ronan is going to be bringing this to the team for them to work on over the summer and create campaigns for studnets to be aware of how to file a grievance.</li> <li>• Marlene would like a point to be made that it would be better for the information to be guiding students to UL Student Life for help and also better understand where to go should you have an issue.</li> <li>• Ronan will take note at what was said and will bring it to council on an update on this case.</li> </ul>	<p><b>LRO</b></p> <p><b>Katelyn</b></p>	5 mins

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Student council would like to applaud the work Ronan has done with this as loads have come to him over the last few months</li></ul>		
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**Duration: 90 Mins |**