

UL Student Council 24/25

Meeting Agenda

Meeting: UL Student Council

Date: 4th February 2025 (Semester 1, Week 2)

Time: 6:00 PM

Venue: Library Boardroom

Members:

Ronan Cahill; Sean Keane; Siofra Foley; Dervla Ryan; Lucy Edith Kiiza; Jack Trehy; Eoghan O'Mahony; Alexander De Barra; Katelyn O'Regan; Gregory Shiel; Aaliyah Popoola; Prathiksha Maria Faustina; John Lokuta Ewoi; Karen Sarathy; Miko Akeem Augustus Mc Intosh; Kirtika Thakur; Eva McCormack; Katelynn Cremin; Prasanth Ramaswamy; Chinmai Meda; Cillian O'Riordan; Sanjana Gowda N C; Aleena Agnes Philip; Cathal Caromdy; Kye Earl

In Attendance: Maeve Lynes

Apologies: Lucy Edith Kiiza

No.	Items	Responsible	Time
1.	Minutes and Matters Arising Minutes of Exec Meeting –		5 mins
a.	Review & Ratify previous Mins – Proposed – miko Second – katelyn		5 mins

2.	Meeting Business		
a	<p>Brief Updates</p> <p>1. President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student center will update more next meeting as we will have a meeting with the board Thursday. • Spar shop has been renovated and delighted with the new fittings. The return machine will soon be in the spar shop as currently they are speaking with B&E on space and how to remove the bottles. Ronan will update once there has been a discussion made but the shop will be getting the machine in. • KSG has been award the new catering contract with the university. This will take time to renovate but will be fully up and running in the university by September with value for money meals for students. • Last week ULSL held a quality review with some of executive members attending in the student review. This review will be important in influencing the strategic plan for the next few years. • Working with Sean on the repeat fee's information and how they will approach presenting data. • Working with Dervla on the letter for Plassey residents for the 310 bus to be held under the bus Eireann to take on the route over the Dublin couches who currently operate this bus route. This is an important bus route for the student of UL. Will update when there is more information • Ronan highlighted that at the December Board meeting of PCC, he proposed a rent freeze for the next academic year for on campus accommodation. While this wasn't successful, we negotiated the increase down from 2% to 1.5%, meaning €100,000 will be staying in students pockets. This will be in effect for the 2025/2026 semester. <p>2. Welfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viva la vulva will be running during week 3 • Monday will have games in the courtyard and GOSH onsite giving out information on sexual health • Glitter your clitter will be in scholars on the Tuesday • GOSH will have a walk-in clinic on Wednesday and also have a sex quiz on the Wednesday night in scholars 		15 mins

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will have Oisín McConville in to discuss the gambling issues being seen on campus with students. <p>3. Academic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam breakfast had over 1000 students attend over the two weeks • Exam refuel and advice outreach reached over 200 students in the library • Attending faculty board meetings over the next few weeks • Hackathon will be taking place during the end of march in collaboration with PSU • Working with Ronan to create results and data from the result fee survey • Working with LRO on the first class rep forum for the semester. <p>4. Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are finally breastfeeding friendly • EDI strategy is still going ahead but will be pushing the student groups till the new student center • Have 4 workshops with C&S planned • Community catch up's planned this month with disabilities, mature, carers and access students. • Zen zone is every Tuesday 1-2pm • The commuter hub is back up and running. Looking for more volunteers to help out. • Working with Eoghan to get the commuter survey results and data ready and will present once it is ready. • Collaborating with UL on anti-racism campaign with GAAD & UDIP <p>5. Student Council Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacated facilities role and reelected back to student council chair • Working with Dervla on the commuter survey • Working on a number of by-law amendments • Preparing for board of directors meeting <p>6. Faculties Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helped with the exam breakfast last semester • Attend first board of directors meeting this week • Attending faculty board meeting over the next month <p>7. Clubs Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending a Student Sport Ireland Commission Ireland Meeting - discussed implementing a better communication system between college sport and the Commission through the College Reps aka me • Also discussed looking into the realities surrounding the potential for a set half day from college in order to make it easier for students to engage in activities - all the reps 		
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	<p>are reaching out to the relevant sports officers within their colleges to gather some research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had our first C&S Exec last week. • Planned networking Night for Week 3 <p>8. Societies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the review panel for the quality review on ULSL <p>9. Events Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update <p>10. Student Experience Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invited to be a student advocate for the limerick urban cycling group. • Invited to join the Dublin commuter coalition group • Involved in a proposal, it regards legislation for the promotion for UL and Mary I for the building in on campus to be fully accessible for all students. This will ensure transport to be accessible for all students with disabilities both <p>11. Equality & Diversity Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing to research for the sensory room with Dervla • Working on the Wheelchair and accessibility map for the campus is still underway. Working with B&E on this map. <p>12. PSU Nominee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies sent 		
a.	<p>Procedural motions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This item is added to the team channel • Vote to be taken you want to call 17.1 you can ask for a vote to be taken • 17.2 to vote for the item to be discussed future • 17.3 this can push the item to another agenda with an reason for the motion to be pushed • 17.4 for a motion to be re-examined by executive or LRO • 17.5 is a vote of no confidence in the chairperson. This is if you are unhappy in the chairperson decisions. • 17.6 this is if you want to challenge the chair in their decisions • 17.7 take items in parts. If you are happy to discuss the item in parts where you are happy with part 1 but want to discuss part 2 • 17.8 this is for the item to amended on the floor and a discuss to be changed on the floor 	Eoghan	5 mins
b.	<p>Nominations Open for Elections 19th February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ronan brought to council to vote on nomination opening on the 19th of February for elections. 	Ronan	5 mins

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed - jack Seconded - kye 		
c.	ERB Members 2025 election <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ronan asked for council members to raise their hands to see who would be interested in joining the ERB (Election Referendum Board) Being apart of the ERB you will be in charge in making sure all who are running elections are running a fair election and following the constitution. 7 members will make up the ERB. 1 part time officer from ULSL, 1 part time officer PSU, 1 member of c&S, 1 ULSL executive, 3 council members Ronan asked for people to raise their hands if they would like to join the ERB. Please email student.voice@ul.ie if you would like to nominate yourself to be apart of the ERB. 	Ronan	5 mins
d.	Deputy Chair Election <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eoghan is looking for a council member to nominate themselves for deputy chair. This person will only be head of the chair for council should chairperson not be able to fulfil his role. Kye, Katelynn and Alexandar have put themselves forward to be deputy chair Vote was put to council Deputy chairperson elected was Katelyn O'Regan 	Eoghan	5 mins
e.	Motion for title change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item is on the teams in week 2. This is the same proposal that was presented last semester. This is to change the title from communities to Equality and Inclusion officer. Dervla wanted to note that the title is just changing but not the role. This will be implemented for the 2025/26 elected officer and Dervla's role will remain communities officer Executive are happy for Dervla to bring this motion to the floor for council to vote on Eoghan ask council to vote on the change of title The vote was passed by council 	Dervla	10 mins

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equality & Inclusion officer will now be taking place in for the role in the upcoming elections and the role moving forward for person elected in the 2025/26 role Votes for yes 10 votes for no 2 		
f.	Faculty Rep Election <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kye asked for department faculty rep elections. Anyone can be a department faculty rep as long as they are a part of their faculty. Faculty reps act as a point of contact between department reps and Kye If you want more information please email student.faculties@ul.ie Manya Prakash and Chinmai put themselves forward for faculty reps for science and engineering. Vote was put to the reps of the department to vote on Voted for as science and engineering department rep is Chinmai Meda 	Kye	5 mins
g.	Manifesto workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LRO will be running a workshop on how to create a manifesto for those interested in running for elections. This will be run on the 18th of February in the common room at 7:15pm after council. Please let your friends or anyone interested in running aware of the event. There will be food provided on the night 	Maeve/Jordan	5 mins
3.	AOB BDS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ability to track the BDS movement with the correct companies that are in line with the action or not. This tracker can help with the ability for the council to control the ability to keep the tracker more up to date. This allows students to bring a company to be added to the tracker by presenting a reason as to why this company should be added to the tracker or removed. The ULSL BDS Campaign will mirror the three primary pillars of the Official International BDS Movement: divestment and exclusion targets, pressure targets, and boycott consumer targets. The fourth pillar of the 	Ronan	5 mins

	<p>campaign, grassroots targets, will be identified and added to the official ULSL BDS Campaign by means of motions brought forward to Student Council by the UL community. To add a company to ULSL's BDS Campaign, a member of the UL Community will need to bring forward a motion to the student council. In this motion a clearly evidenced reason for a company being added to the boycott list must be provided. In addition, a clear obtainable path that a company may take to remove themselves from the boycott list must be outlined. Student Council can then vote on the motion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of a BDS tab on the ULSL website for easy access for students to be able to view the tracker and have a chance to send in form for them to discuss the reason as to add or remove companies. • Students who want to raise a motion for a company to be added to the list will work with LRO to create a motion that will be ready then to present to council avoiding time wasting. • Proposed – Katelyn • Second – Kye <p>Voting times for elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ronan asked council to vote on the times for elections which are 8am to 6pm 13th march • Proposed - Katelynn • Second - Jack 		
		Ronan	

Duration: 90 Mins |