

UL Student Council 25/26

Meeting Minutes

Meeting: UL Student Council

Date: 7th October 2025 (Semester 1, Week 5)

Time: 6:00 PM

Venue: Library Boardroom

Members:

Student President: Siofra Foley; **Welfare officer;** Orlagh O'Regan; **Academic Officer;** Jared Nadin; **Diversity & Inclusion Officer;** Dervla Ryan; **Student Council Chairperson;** Alexander De Barra; **Experience Chairperson;** Jack Trehy; **Events Chairperson;** Todor Aleksandrov; **Equality & Diversity Chairperson;** Marlene Schwingeler; **Clubs Officer;** Eva McCormack; **Societies Officer;** Cuán Hayes; **Oifigeach Na Geailge;** Katelynn Cremin; **Faculties Officer;** Kye Earle **Disabilities Councilor;** Martina Phelan; **Equality & Diversity Councilor;** Muhammed Abid Aslam; **LGBTQI Councilor;** Ellen Murphy; **Student Affairs Councilor;** Nurjahan Islam; **Student Services Councilor;** Noyonika Dhruv Patel; **Volunteering Councilor;** Manya Prakash; **Sanctuary Rep;** Fetema Shujaei; **Mature Student Councilor;** Dorothy Madden; **First Year Councilor;** Paul Oyediji; **Student Parent Rep;** NOT FILLED; **Student Carer Rep;** Conor Curran; **Travelers Rep;** NOT FILLED; **Women's Rep;** Wala Baagagah; **BIPOC Rep;** Pooja Vinod; **Home International Councilor;** Roisin Dunphy; **Visiting International Rep;** Fo Pei Shen; **Co-Op Education Councilor;** NOT FILLED; **Campus Facilities Councilor;** Oluwadara Alabi; **Sustainability Rep;** Bhavika Bhosale; **Sports Councilor;** Christian Houlihan; **Activities Councilor;** Oliver Maughan; **Entertainments Councilor;** Nathan Beaumont; **History Rep;** Daniel Spaight; **Sociology Rep;** NOT FILLED; **Psychology Rep;** Charlate McSweeney; **Modern Languages & Applied Linguistics;** Adrian Rene; **Culture & Comms Rep;** Hannah McNally; **Music & Dance Rep;** Valeriia Tkackenko; **School of Education Rep;** Sean O'Neill; **School of Design Rep;** NOT FILLED; **Accounting & Finance Rep;** Pratyush Jhunjhun Wala; **Management & Marketing Rep;** Abigail Smith; **Law Rep;** NOT FILLED; **Econ Rep;** NOT FILLED; **Politics & Public Rep;** Sean O'Halloran; **Personal & Employment Rep;** Alexandros Nte- Lorentzo; **Computer Science Rep;** Stephanie Dias Carvalho; **Engineering Rep;** Rosin Philbey; **Electronic & Computer Engineering Rep;** Alex Gallet; **Physics Rep;** Steeva Mathew; **Chemical Rep;** Tadgh Sheehan; **Biology Rep;** Chinmai Meda; **Nursing & Midwifery Rep;** NOT FILLED; **Clinical Therapies**

Rep; Sean O'Connell; **GEMS Rep; NOT FILLED; PESS Rep;** Dermot Dwane; **Math's & Stats Councilor;** Thomas Meenaghan

Attendance: **Leadership & Representation Admin;** Maeve Lynes, **Leadership & Representation Co-Ordinator;** Alex Balfe

Apologies : Dervla Ryan ; Eva McCormack ; Todor Aleksandrov; Jack Trehy; Alexander De Barra;

No.	Items	Responsible	
1.	Minutes and Matters Arising Minutes of last Meeting Everyone was happy with the minutes from the last meeting		
2	Approval of agenda Amendment was made to let there be an election for the deputy chair. Due to the fact the chairperson is a part of the executive we asked a member of council to nominate themselves as deputy chair		
3	Meeting Business		
a	Executive Report Updates 1. President <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparing for the launch on Friday and will be giving a speech on the day• Will be cutting the ribbon with the UL President and the minister• Attended GA last week• Discussed timetable issues at academic council, expressed the issues being faced by students• Highlighting that student numbers cannot rise anymore due to the lack of accommodation on offer and the lack of public transport available• Commuter hub has over 110+ students a day attending• Attended Campus development committee meeting• Will be sitting on the e board offering international degree which offers a chance to travel between different colleges.		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaking with a person who can offer self-defense classes which will be free • Holding reorientation this week and have a table where you can “ask me anything” and have other activations available. • Pitbull night is in stables on Thursday night. • Employment rep – asked what executive will do to help with the accommodation issues being faced by students. Student president said they will be fighting to make sure that rent increases do not go up on campus, president will be fighting for a rent freeze if possible but will be looking to make sure that the increase does not go up. • Sports council – said the accommodation they have which is off campus is very expensive, is there a system for landlords to become official ul landlords so they can't be charged insane prices and quality be upheld. President said this is a manifesto piece for them, but it is tricky system to try and get started fully. Student pad is a system offered to landlords to sign up which is monitored by UL. • Please email the president if you are facing any accommodation issues. • Chemical rep – asked if there was a chance of the accommodation office to update the info on their page as it is outdated. President will bring this to them. <p>2. Welfare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last week ran move and grove which was a success • Held Welfair last week which was great success • Held vision board workshop which was sold out. • Attended GA • Attended north campus outreach • Attended workshop in relation to co-erosive relationship • Will be running penis power in November will be looking for volunteers to help out with the events during the week • Attending the launch of the new building on Friday. <p>3. Academic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did outreach on the north campus • Attended another outreach over in GEMS and meet with loads of students. • Invited presents to speak on class rep forum happening tomorrow • Academic fair is happening next Tuesday • Looking at creating a co-op survey • Attended faculty boards this week 		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke at committees to discuss the timetable issues being faced by students If you would like to get involved we are having a met the reps tomorrow in the student center if you would like to come along it is happening between 11am to 1pm Class rep forum is tomorrow Mature students rep asked about the timetable issues. Academic officer said that there will be no more changes made to the timetable. Irish music rep asked about getting more info on the services provided at UL Student Life. Academic officer said there will be a working group set up for north campus for them to discuss what is being provided to north campus. <p>4. Diversity & Inclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apologies sent <p>5. Student Council Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apologies sent <p>6. Faculties Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent in executive report Attended faculty boards last week Attending faculty boards this week <p>7. Club's Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apologies Sent <p>8. Societies Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Apologies sent <p>9. Events Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apologies sent <p>10. Student Experience Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apologies sent <p>11. Equality & Diversity Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Helped with the sensory room Met with the D&I officer on manifesto Helped with divseriTea and disabilitea workshops Created a motion and will be speaking on it later on in council. <p>12. PSU Nominee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attended committee that is meeting for the selection of the president of UL. Attended GA Speaking to UL about not trying to increase the number of students on campus as accommodation needs are not being met Held movie night, coffee morning and speed friending during the first 3 weeks of the semester <p>13. Oifigeach Na Geailge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established a working group with Cummna Gaelic Attended Piosta agus Plé event last week run by Cumman Gealach with Aonad na Geailge for European language day 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIC will be posting the role online to promote the role • Working on a survey about the standards of Irish on campus hopes to publish this in 2/3 weeks 		
b.	Deputy Chair Election <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRO co-coordinator asked if anyone wants to be deputy chair. This person can not be on the executive and must be a member of council. • Nathan – entrainments councillor • Volunteer rep • Each was given a minute to speak on why they would want to like to be deputy chair for council. • Council was asked to vote • Vote was organised on MS form to keep it private and confidential • Entertainments council votes – 17 • Volunteer councillor votes – 14 • Entertainments council was elected deputy chair 	LRO Co-Coordinator	For Discussion
c.	Motion to update By-Law for Equality & Diversity Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to update the by-law to have them reporting in D&I officer instead of the Welfare officer to be in line with their role. • Update the bylaw 7 app 1 section 3.6 to have the meetings monthly instead of it being fortnightly. • Council was asked to vote on this • Proposed – Doherty • Second – Tadgh • The motion has been passed 	Equality & Diversity Chair	For approval
d.	Charity Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President asked for council to think of the charity partners they would like to see of getting the money raised over the year. • MS form was put out to ask who they would like to see nominated • The list will be brought to council next meeting to vote. • Deputy chair asked for people to think about a suicide awareness organisation due to the fact we have lost so many students to this issue. 	Student President	For discussion

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welfare officer said there is a local organisation that could be suggested which is Limerick treaty suicide prevention Disabilities councillor – would like people to think about the chronic pain organisation to be thought of as it is another issue facing students. Student president will go through the form and research about the charities suggested. 		
e.	Alignment of Department Rep Titles with UL Departments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The titles of department roles for student council don't align anymore with the departments within the college. This is due to the fact the college has updated their departments and UL Student Life has not yet updated those within. The motion is on teams for everyone to look at and see what positions need to be changed. The need for the update is important so that department reps are being correctly represented on council Motion was passed by vote in council with the majority moving to pass the motion 	Academic Officer	For approval
3.	AOB UL Open day – protest <p>Executive will be running a protest on the Thursday of open days and president wants to see if council would like to attend the protest to help make a bigger impact. We will be looking having a couch out the front of the building. President will be doing an all-student email for a call out for students to attend.</p> Mature student – contacting mature students <p>There is an issue with the mailing list for mature students being contacted. The mature student office does not have any mailing lists for any year apart from 1st year. They have spoken with academic registry but they have not been any help. President said they will look into this issue</p> LGBTQ – electric car chargers <p>There is only two car chargers on campus, and they are very slow and never available if we could possible get more</p>	President	

	<p>available on campus if possible as many staff and students . President will bring this forward</p> <p>Academic – quite space in new centre</p> <p>Looking at what to do for the garden in the new student centre and what things we would like to see it being used for. If you have any thought, please email the student officers</p> <p>Entertainment councillor – parking on campus</p> <p>Students parking all over campus due to lack of spaces available on campus for students. They asked if there is something the executive can do in relation to this issue as students are getting clamped for parking in incorrect spaces due to the lack of available spaces on campus. Student president said they will look into this issue.</p>	
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