

# UL Student Council 24/25

## Meeting Agenda

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**Meeting:** UL Student Council

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**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 (Semester 1, Week 10)

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**Time:** 6:00 PM

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**Venue:** Library Boardroom

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**Members:**

Ronan Cahill; Sean Keaney; 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

In Attendance: Dáire Martin, Maeve Lynes

Apologies: Sean Keaney; Lucy Edith Kiiza

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No.	Items	Responsible	Time
1.	<b>Minutes and Matters Arising</b>  Minutes of Exec Meeting –  No matters arising  Previous minutes have been read and approved		5 mins
a.	<b>Review &amp; Ratify previous Mins –</b>		5 mins

	Proposed by Jack Second by Karen		
2.	Meeting Business		
a	<b>Brief Updates</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Met Accommodation Office around concerns being enforceability of Overnight Guest Policy and around Utility bill charges. RTB cannot enforce the overnight guest policy when it comes to accommodation. Ronan will update when there is more to update</li> <li>• Ronan is off to Boston for the ACUI Conference on Monday. Will be meeting with student unions from America, Ireland and the UK. It is a great way to share ideas with other colleges.</li> <li>• Attended Governing authority – Capitation funding was a huge discussion in GA and pushing to get more funding for UL Student life</li> <li>• Working on the catering contract tender and making sure the student voice and food options are being well represented in these conversations</li> <li>• Student forum is this Thursday in the common room in the UL Student Life building.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Welfare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held a Drug and Alcohol awareness event in the courtyard last week. Was a huge success and had loads of venders turn up on the day to give out free goodies to students.</li> <li>• Will be running Penis Power all next week with an event on every day next week to promote men's mental health.</li> <li>• Governing Authority spoke on the counseling and health care services on campus for students</li> <li>• Sexual Assault Treatment Unit – this will be available once a month on campus for all students.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Academic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Apologies sent</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commuter hub survey was closed and Dervla and Eoghan are working together to go over the data collected. With over 1,035 people who have completed the survey. Will be creating a heat map to lobby for more transport options for students</li> <li>• Doing outreach on the north campus this week with the Zen zone being transported over for the north campus students to get to use it.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>		15 mins

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Looking at changing Communities officer title to Diversity &amp; Inclusion Officer.</li> <li>Exams/ Christmas – looking for 3<sup>rd</sup> spaces for students around the Christmas and exam session.</li> <li>C&amp;S workshops are now all completed. C&amp;S council is now finished.</li> <li>Autism@ul attended the committee with other staff members of UL.</li> <li>Environmental committee sat on the committee</li> <li>Attended the first PSU Executive and council meeting last week.</li> </ul> <p>5. Student Council Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Not Elected</b></li> </ul> <p>6. Faculties Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attended executive last week</li> <li>Raised the need for an Irish officer in the Board of directors</li> </ul> <p>7. Clubs Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held our C&amp;S networking night which was a huge success</li> <li>Gave week 9 council executive updates.</li> <li>Chaired week 10 C&amp;S executive</li> <li>Working on the foreign trips policy, met with the new socs members</li> </ul> <p>8. Events Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spoke with Ronan on his role</li> </ul> <p>9. Student Experience Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Still trying to schedule a meeting with the mayor</li> <li>Won't be able to meet with the minister till after the elections</li> <li>Spoke with council Sheehan on the issue around parking on the campus</li> </ul> <p>10. Equality &amp; Diversity Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Still working on the disability friendly map for students on UL</li> </ul> <p>11. PSU Nominee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Apologies Sent</b></li> </ul> <p>12. Societies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brought forward a health &amp; safety action regarding having first aid kits to C&amp;S council last week</li> <li>started the discussion with C&amp;S executive about further health and safety protocols for C&amp;S</li> <li>looking at having a potential budget set aside for safety i.e. first aid training courses.</li> </ul>		
b.	<p><b>Executive Oversight Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daire asked Student council to pick 5 student council members to be on the executive oversight committee. They must not be in the executive team.</li> </ul>	Daire	10 mins

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This committee is created to look over the executive reports and create a one-page document on their feedback on the executive reports and then present it to executive with their feedback. This feedback will also be presented to council.</li> <li>• This would be 2 meetings a semester</li> <li>• This will be helped in part with the LRO team.</li> <li>• Please email <a href="mailto:maeve.lynes@ul.ie">maeve.lynes@ul.ie</a> if you are interested in joining the committee</li> <li>• The people chosen to be apart of the executive committee are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cathal</li> <li>2. Karen</li> <li>3. Katelynn O'Regan</li> </ol> </li> </ul>		
c.	<p><b>UL Student Life Annual Budget- For Discussion and Feedback to the Board of Directors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Martin the general manger from UL Student life is here to run through the Annual budget for the UL Student Life and get feedback that will be brought to the Board of Directors next meeting.</li> <li>• This will be brought to the board of directors and then will be updated at the next council meeting.</li> <li>• Martin shared the budget that would be prepared for the year and would be then ratified at the board of directors.</li> <li>• Currently we receive €100 per undergraduate, and currently we will be looking for €110 per undergraduate when we move to the new student centre. We are now getting €106 per undergrad student.</li> <li>• Every year postgrads give the C&amp;S money into their budget. It is roughly about €140,000</li> <li>• We also collect rent from other businesses around the student union such as stables, scholars etc which should be around €65,000</li> <li>• We also get income from events and activations in the courtyard which we estimate be to around €185,000 but this should also increase with the new student centre. We are also looking for more sponsorship throughout the year.</li> <li>• Martin went through the breakdown of what we would need to run the student union from trainings costs, insurance and other items that we need to help run the day to day of the student's union.</li> </ul>	Martin/ Ronan	15 mins

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eoghan opened the floor for questions on the budget.</li> <li>• Jack asked around the C&amp;S money with the hopeful increase of the budget would be very beneficial to the C&amp;S teams. Martin spoke that a new meeting with UL in the new year will be looking for extra funding from C&amp;S as there is currently no funding from UL going to the C&amp;S teams.</li> <li>• Speak with Ronan should you have any further questions around the budget</li> </ul>		
<b>d.</b>	<p><b>Grassroots movement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The housing action group is a grassroots movement as it was set up outside the union.</li> <li>• It is an organisation that is about mobilising students on actions around accommodation since its been 18 years since UL built accommodation.</li> <li>• Housing action group are looking for UL Student life to join them and get action happen on campus and help them when it comes to speaking with the university, as currently UL Student life are always dealing with the university</li> <li>• Kasper is here to ask for UL Student life to help them with their plans. He is the founding member of the housing actin group.</li> <li>• Ronan agreed with Kasper on what he spoke about around the issue faced by students and spoke on the open day demonstration.</li> <li>• Ronan mentioned that if a person in council would like the officers to do a demonstration that they can come to council and present their idea to council for a vote, should it pass it will be actioned on then by the officers and student council. Ronan pointed out that while he will listen to a student who emails about issues it would be better understood if 50 students email about the same issue that there is an issue and will bring both issues to council should they be relevant.</li> <li>• Jack brought the point that people actually don't bring their issues to council or to the officers, as it is because they don't know who to go to.</li> <li>• Karen spoke to Ronan about creating a protest for the BDS movement on campus.</li> <li>• Kye (student in attendance) spoke on the reach we have with the media and that they</li> </ul>	<b>Eoghan/ Kasper</b>	<b>10 mins</b>

	<p>are willing to come here and listen to our issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kasper spoken on the issue that not many students are aware of council or what UL Student life is about. They are not aware that they can attend council as an outsider.</li> <li>• Ronan to take the action to see if we can create a housing action working group so that it is in an official level.</li> </ul>		
<b>e.</b>	<p><b>Student Centre Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are looking at an open date of the student centre being Week 1/2 of second semester.</li> <li>• There was a delay with glass so sealing of the building has been delayed and it is out of our hands when it comes to the glass being delivered.</li> <li>• Ronan ran through the video on the student centre and spoke on what is to offer the students when we open the new student centre.</li> <li>• This was funding primarily by the student levy since 2017.</li> </ul>	<b>Ronan</b>	<b>10 mins</b>
<b>f.</b>	<p><b>BDS Movement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ronan spoke about the BDS movement in the board of directors last week.</li> <li>• Ronan is looking for clarity by council on their understanding on the movement around the Israel and Palestine movement</li> <li>• Kye (old councillor) spoke that it was around the Israel and Palestine conflict</li> <li>• Jack seconds this</li> <li>• Karen is looking to organising a fund-raising campaign or a protest in support for the campaign.</li> <li>• Ronan to take action on this point and will bring it to executive for discussion and bring it back to council with an update.</li> <li>• Ronan will look into creating a working group for the BDS movement.</li> <li>• Daire brought that the constitutional clause said that the working group can consist of other people other than the executive members.</li> </ul>	<b>Ronan</b>	<b>5 mins</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>AOB</b>		<b>5 mins</b>

**Duration: 90 Mins |**