

UL Student Council 24/25

Meeting Minutes

Meeting: UL Student Council

Date: 15th October 2024 (Semester 1, Week 6)

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

In Attendance: Dáire Martin, Maeve Lynes

Apologies:

No.	Items	Responsible	Time
1.	Minutes and Matters Arising Minutes of Exec Meeting –		5 mins
a.	Review & Ratify previous Mins – Proposed sean Seconded Karen		5 mins
2.	Meeting Business		

a	<p>Brief Updates</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing demonstration for open days this week. • Submitted a work plan for the SEAEC this is a committee that is all about the experience for the students and the changes we have seen over the last few years • Met with Chris Clifford around the walk out organised this week • Charity partners were picked this week with the winners being Milford care and MSF • Attended academic council last week – with the Student Dignity and Respect Policy Passed it will be brought to other committees to discuss. • Parking statement went live on the socials yesterday. This has gotten massive interaction so far on socials which was all about defending the students around parking 2. Welfare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held flourish fest in the courtyard last week with all the services made available to students that are on campus. Had great interaction with students. • Drugs and alcohol fair will be happening in November 6th in the courtyard. Will update closer to date • Penis power is a 4 day event which is all about men's mental health. 3. Academic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeat fee's we are exploring data analysis and have been given funding internally for this to be completed • Held a co-op and Erasmus drop in last week with over 45 chicken rolls given out • Held academic fair yesterday and got great interaction with the services on campus • Working to increase the class rep engagement and working with lectures to present it to the classes at the start of lectures 4. Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commuter survey is now live for the next two weeks • Community catch up will be held in the library from 1-2 in week 7 • Deaf awareness training in analog devices building on the 24th October from 3:30 – 5 pm • Working with the PSU to help make UL breastfeeding friendly • Commuter hub is going really well with a record breaking 112 people turning up in one morning • Community team started this week. 5. Student Council Chair 	15 mins
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not Elected <p>6. Faculties Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with Dervla on the commuter survey • Working with Sean to help recruitment around class reps and getting the graphic is sent over to lecturers <p>7. Clubs Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning a social event for the C&S communities • Currently working on approving potential clubs and societies <p>8. Events Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not elected <p>9. Student Experience Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHHS retention project with Professor Chris McInerney is still on going • Met with the mayor around what he can do to help us with car parking and accommodation • Meeting with the minter of finance around ongoing budget issues for 3rd level <p>10. Equality & Diversity Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies sent <p>11. PSU Nominee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apologies sent <p>12. Societies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on creating a group chat for all the chairs in C&S • Looking at increasing C&S funding as it has not increased in a number of years 		
b.	<p>Ratify Date</p> <p>Student forum November TBD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • this will be completed at next council <p>Elections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaigning 10th march – 12th March 2025 • Husting's 12th March 2025 • Voting 13th March 2025 • Prosed – sean • Second karen <p>Student Forum 9th April 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Aaliyah • Second karen <p>Student council Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29th October 2024 • 12th November 2024 • 26th November 2024 • 4th February 2025 • 18th February 2025 • 4th March 2025 • 18th March 2025 	Ronan	5 mins

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st April 2025 • 22nd April 2025 • Proposed - Karen • Second – Miko 		
c.	Commuter Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A commuter survey has been released online and will be live for two weeks • We want to measure the cost, time, impact on students due to the commuting • Will be bringing this information to UL to show them what impact it is having on students • Prizes for those who are entering • Dervla asked council to share the commuter survey with commuter survey • Dervla also asked for council to share that commuter hub is not just for commuter student but for those who are also struggling for food. • Ronan will send out an all-student email tomorrow with the information around the commuter survey. 	Dervla	5 mins
d.	Open Day Demonstration/Protest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update as of now is that an email has been sent out to Shane acting UL president about the protest happening this week during the open days. • Ronan will meet the UL president tomorrow after he sent him the email around the protest happening during the open days. • We have always let people know well in advance about what we are doing but have decided that now we need to show them action and show them that we are going to stick up for the students of UL. • Ronan has sent out an all-student email about the information for the protest happening on the open day demonstration. • Ronan presented the letter that will be sent on behalf of the executive team. • A WhatsApp group will be created from the email for students who are interested in joining the demonstration. • Ronan to add disclaimer that their number will be visible in the group chat so that they are aware. • Ronan and Daire went to get poster material for the demonstration. Will be creating the signs Wednesday night in student life building and informing the WhatsApp group to come and create posters. 5pm – 7pm for poster creation in the common room. • The meeting point will be the student life building at 8:30am on Thursday. • Ronan asked that council please try to attend to help with numbers on the day of the open days so as to get the most attention to our protest to get more attention from the media and the university. 	Ronan	10 mins

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ronan will reach out to security to let them know about the protest happening Thursday Ronan asked if it was ok with council to show respect to USI's walk out and that USI will also support our local demonstration. Proposed by Karen Second by Miko 		
e.	New Student Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moved to next council meeting 	Ronan	10 mins
f.	Parking Statement/situation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ronan has put out a statement on social around the negative media from councillors around the parking in UL and defends the UL students around parking and the issues we face. 	Ronan	10 mins
g.	By Law Amendment Motion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This motion is all about that by law 8 around elections information is outdated and needs to be updated. We will not be updating it but restructuring it and removing the incorrect information around the by law. The ownership of this belongs to executive and thus executive members can not vote Ronan proposed the vote to the floor This was passed by council by a vote 	Daire	10 mins
h.	Student Council Chairperson elections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daire made council members aware that the position for council chairperson was available to run for the position of chairperson. Daire asked is there anyone who would want to run for council chairperson and if they are interested in running for council chairperson that they can reach out to him to help them create their election material. Daire asked for council to spread the word to their friends that should they want to be involved in council chairperson position 	Daire	10 mins
3.	AOB BDS Motion – LRO are still working on this motion from last years council team. We are looking at creating a BDS page on UL Student Life website. We will be taking initiative on the companies that are being used as a globe BDS movement	Daire	5 mins

Duration: 90 Mins |