

# UL Student Council 24/25

## Meeting Minutes

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**Meeting:** UL Student Council

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**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (Semester 1, Week 4)

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**Time:** 6:00 PM

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**Venue:** Library Boardroom

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**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; Animesh Tripathi; Rajlakshmi Sengupta; Yashaswini Suresh; Manya Prakash; Sai Vishal Reddy; Kye Earle; Esther Olaoye

In Attendance: Maeve Lynes

Apologies: Katelynn Cremin; Eva McCormack; Alexander De Barra; Lucy Edith Kiiza; Jack Trehy

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No.	Items	Responsible	Time
1.	<b>Minutes and Matters Arising</b> Minutes of Exec Meeting –		5 mins
a.	<b>Review &amp; Ratify previous Mins –</b>		5 mins

	<b>Proposed – Katelynn</b>  <b>Seconded – siofra</b>		
2.	Meeting Business		
a	<b>Brief Updates</b>  1. President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presenting at the manifesto workshop tonight with help from Sean.</li> <li>Met with provost and ASVPSE Ronnie greenwood about the health center issues</li> <li>Preparing for charity week</li> <li>Met with the manager of the KSG. This is good as we will have a relationship with them moving forward</li> <li>Supported Dervla with the commuter hub proposal. Congrats to her in getting €8500</li> <li>Recording loads of content for elections, charity week and other videos we need to promote.</li> <li>Got €1000 from PCC for nonalcoholic events during charity week.</li> <li>Submitted GA report</li> </ul> 2. Welfare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Viva la vulva last week which was great engagement. Over 200 people engaged with the period pain simulator</li> <li>Glitter your clitter – sold out event on the Tuesday</li> <li>Sex quiz on Wednesday was sold out</li> <li>Held a gambling awareness seminar today with over 45 studnets in attendance</li> <li>Running wellbeing hub during charity week</li> <li>Working with Ronan around the medical centre issues being faced by students</li> </ul> 3. Academic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helping present at the manifesto workshop tonight alongside Ronan.</li> <li>Library opening hours will change from the 29<sup>th</sup> march 7am- midnight</li> <li>Hackathon will be postponed till next semester</li> <li>Discretionary bands have been removed and will be no longer be applied to studnets from September</li> <li>Repeat fee's gathering stats from academic registry</li> <li>Class rep forum is tomorrow in the common room with coop office, accommodation office and academic registry</li> </ul> 4. Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received €8500 funding for the commuter hub with help from Ronan</li> <li>Held C&amp;S workshop this week</li> </ul>		<b>15 mins</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visited a cubby in LET two weeks ago to visit a sensory space for the nsc.</li> <li>• Attended library meeting with the other officers. Currently the 3<sup>rd</sup> space in the library is on hold due to cost.</li> <li>• Working on anti-racist campaign with UL EDI team.</li> <li>• Working with academic registry about getting your dead name removed from your transcript if you are trans or non binary</li> <li>• Organizing drag disco week 8</li> <li>• Planning International Women's Day will do an event during the week as it is on a Saturday</li> </ul> <p>5. Student Council Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working on student council job</li> <li>• Meeting with Dervla on the heat map</li> <li>• Meeting with ronan is planned</li> </ul> <p>6. Faculties Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended faculty board meetings last week</li> <li>• Attended first board of directors meeting</li> <li>• Working with sean to get class reps on Brightspace</li> <li>• Went to LET school to look at the cubby for sensory space</li> </ul> <p>7. Clubs Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Apologies Sent</b></li> </ul> <p>8. Societies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Apologies Sent</b></li> </ul> <p>9. Events Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates</li> </ul> <p>10. Student Experience Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Apologies sent</b></li> </ul> <p>11. Equality &amp; Diversity Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Apologies sent</b></li> </ul> <p>12. PSU Nominee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post grad month is underway with loads of events happening everyday</li> <li>• Breakfast scheme has funding for €10,000</li> <li>• €5000 for postgrad month funding</li> <li>• PSU/SL community strategy to show good relationship with the community</li> <li>• PGR survey has been sent out for studnets to fill out.</li> <li>• NTA letter for the 310 bus for the route to be changed and hope to see good results</li> <li>• Working on an anti-racist campaign with Dervla</li> <li>• Sent out GA report</li> </ul>		
b.	<p><b>Motion – Student Representation on council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dervla has brought forward 3 new positions for council that have been approved by the executive.</li> </ul>	Dervla	10 mins

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dervla has been listening to students and came up with these roles as they best represent the students of UL.</li> <li>• Student carer rep, traveller rep, sustainability rep are the 3 new positions Dervla would like to bring to vote in council to have these positions added to the list of council members.</li> <li>• Eoghan put the vote to council</li> <li>• Vote was passed by council</li> <li>• Vote for yes - 7</li> <li>• Vote for no - 0</li> </ul>		
<b>c.</b>	<b>Officer Pay</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dervla has brought this motion last semester to the attention of the student council.</li> <li>• Executive have voted to agree to bring pay issue to the board of directors.</li> <li>• Student officers get paid €31,616 currently.</li> <li>• This will not be up to council to change only to agree to bring it to the board of directors</li> <li>• This pay will only come into action for the officers running in the election for march and not affect the current officers.</li> <li>• Lucy would like to note that the work the officers do is worth the pay scale increasing and have the board to review.</li> <li>• Just cause the officers bring the pay change to the board it does not mean the board will approve the pay increase.</li> <li>• Dervla asked that this goes to a vote to council tonight.</li> <li>• Proposed – kye</li> <li>• Second – Cillian</li> <li>• Eoghan can bring this pay scale change to the board for review.</li> </ul>	<b>Dervla/Exec</b>	<b>10 mins</b>
<b>d.</b>	<b>Student Centre</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended the meeting with the committee for the building. The finish date is end of March start of April</li> <li>• Ronan asked the project manager to give him a breakdown of what is taking time so that Ronan can be able to brief students who ask questions.</li> <li>• Ronan will update council when there is more updates from the project manager.</li> <li>• The new student centre will be accessible from all areas to studnets.</li> </ul>	<b>Ronan</b>	<b>10 mins</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is loads of the building done however we don't want to move into the building until the building is totally complete and all issues sorted.</li> <li>• We will be having a grand opening for all past and present students in October 2025.</li> <li>• Please bring any questions to Ronan via email and will be able to help with any issue you have regarding the nsc</li> </ul>		
<b>3.</b>	<b>AOB</b>		<b>5 mins</b>

**Duration: 90 Mins |**