



## Mary I Students Union, Limerick

### Aontas na MacLéinn, Colaiste Mhuire Gan Smál, Luimneach

<b>Meeting:</b>	Union Council	<b>Date:</b>	22.09.2021 (Week 03 Sem 1)
<b>Time:</b>	6pm	<b>Venue:</b>	Virtual Meeting via Zoom
<b>Chair:</b>	UC Chair	<b>Minutes:</b>	Union Council Secretary
<b>Attendance:</b>	28	<b>Quorum:</b>	15

**Exec Committee:** Union Council Chairperson

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#### Present

*Executive Committee:* MISU Vice-President, Welfare & Equality Officer, Postgraduate Officer, Irish & Culture Officer, Thurles College Officer, Union Council Chair

#### *Class Reps:*

2<sup>nd</sup> Year – B.Ed. 2A, 3B, 4A, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 7A, Business and Irish, CATS, Business & Religion, TEFL, B.Ed. Psych, Gaeilge and Maths, Psychology, PME,

3<sup>rd</sup> Year – History, English, Psychology, Media, B.Ed. 7A

4<sup>th</sup> Year – Irish and Religion, Maths, CATS, German, Business and Irish, B.Ed. 2A,

PME – 1<sup>st</sup> Year

#### Apologies:

MISU President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Business and Accounting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Maths and Business, 4<sup>th</sup> Year Business and Religion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Business and Religion, ECCE 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year BA Media.

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

The Vice President and Chair of the Union welcomed everyone. MISU President sent her apologies as she was attending Thurles Campus Orientation. A PowerPoint presentation was given with a detailed description of the role of Class Rep.

#### 2. Unapproved Minutes

The minutes of the Union Council meeting held last semester on the 21.04.2021 (Week 12) were approved.

### **3. Matters Arising**

Question was asked regarding Class Rep training dates and times. Question was also asked regarding a location of where the training would be held if students were on campus.

### **4. Sabbatical Officer Reports (meetings attended, updates, feedback required)**

The Vice President notified the Union Council about the different meetings that were attended by the President and Vice President. These meetings included:

- Course Boards
- Meeting with students 1 on 1
- MIC Committee Meetings
- MIC Staff Meetings
- External Meetings
- Financial Meetings
- Press Meetings
- Personal Meetings
- General queries
- Referrals
- Chats with Sabbats

The Vice President also discussed the issues that arose during the past few months including academic delivery and having the college timetable released as soon as possible.

There were also meetings regarding exam results and repeats, Covid issues, graduation and accommodation issues.

No other issues or concerns were raised.

#### Questions to the Sabbats

A question was asked regarding Covid in the college and the protocols surrounding a positive case on campus. The council were told to contact their course coordinator and also to take a look at the college's Covid Policy.

An issue was raised with regards to the QR Codes that are at the entrance to every room in both college campuses. A lot of the students are unaware of the function of the QR Codes. This issue will be brought to the relevant personnel.

A question was also asked about what the procedure was for a student that refused to wear a mask.

### **5. MISU By-Election**

The Vice President explained the different roles that are still available for the By-Election. The nominations close at 5pm on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> September.

### **6. Election of MISU Sub-Committees**

The Vice President informed the Union Council of the sub-committees and the positions that need to be filled. These positions will be filled at the next union council meeting.

A question was asked regarding the absence of a Post Grad. rep on the Academic committee.

## **7. Academic matters**

MISU Vice President has told the Union Council to have a look at MIC Student COVID Hub regarding Covid-19 and is willing to answer any questions regarding Covid-19.

Chair asks the council if there are any AOB's that could be sent to the Chair prior to the meeting and could be added to the agenda to save time.

## **8. Non-Academic Matters**

The union council were told the Campaign weeks for the year:

### **Semester 1**

- Orientation
- Welcome Week
- Period Poverty Awareness Week
- Positive Mental Health Week
- Sexual Health Week
- Pride Week
- Christmas Week

### **Semester 2**

- Re-Freshers Week 1
- Careers Week
- RAG Week
- Neurodiversity Week
- Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Active Week
- Mindfulness Week

The Vice President informed the council that the Student Handbook is available on the MISU website and the Mary I website.

The council were told that the college will be working closely with the project 'Anytime of the Month' for this year. The college is hoping to equip at least one of the college bathrooms with sanitary products.

The union council were informed that the Student Assistance Fund is open until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October. The council were also told of the list of support services that are available on both the MISU and MIC website.

An 'In conversation' series will be starting which will include both academic and non-academic information.

## 9. MISU Strategic Plan

The council were shown the MISU Strategic Plan graph which highlights the progress of goals within the plan. The Vice-President provided a details description on the background of the Plan and the importance of the involvement of Union Council.

## Any Other Business

An Equality focus group has been set up and they are looking for 4<sup>th</sup> year B.A.s

### Limerick Campus

PME student raised an issue regarding extending the hours of the shop and restaurant (lectures from 11am – 3pm) as when they finish lectures there are no places available that sell food or drink.

Question was asked if lecturers could put notes up before lectures so that they can be printed out. The Vice President informed the student that they should contact the course coordinator or lecturer themselves to solve the issue.

### Thurles Campus

There was no AOB from the Thurles Campus.

No other issues/concerns.

A Doodle poll will be made to confirm the dates and times for the Class Rep. training.

## 10. Date & Time for Next Meeting

October 6<sup>th</sup> 2021, 6pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 22/09/2021

Union Council Chair