



**Date:** Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**Week:** 11

**Time:** 6pm

**Location:** Hybrid- MISU Meeting Room & Teams

**In Attendance:**

MISU President, An tOifigeach Gaeilge (Irish Language Officer), Postgraduate Officer, Union Council Chairperson, Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Officer, Welfare Officer.

**Apologies:**

Student Activities Officer Limerick, Thurles Officer.

**Absent:**

Student Activities Officer Thurles.

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**1. Welcome and Apologies**

MISU President welcomed everyone to the meeting at 18:03pm.

**2. Unapproved Minutes**

The minutes from week 10 were approved with an attendance correction.

**3. Matters Arising**

No matters arose from the previous minutes except for an attendance correction for An tOifigeach Gaeilge.

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

MISU President

- Attended Academic Programme Appraisal Committee (APAC) and participated in the second Institutional Self Evaluation Team (I-SET) meeting.
- Met with the MIC Vice-President of Governance and Strategy to discuss student engagement.
- Attended the 'Minding You by MISU' welfare event on the MIC Thurles Campus.
- Held the MIC Thurles Campus Staff-Student Forum.
- Met the next MISU presidential candidate together with the Advisory Sub-Committee and held a special meeting of Union Council to approve the presidential candidate for the ballot.
- Noted that engagement in Thurles campus has been great in the 2022/23 academic year.
- Attended the MISU Union General Meeting (UGM).
- Currently following up on student issues such as PhD stipends and Irish language fees. The MISU President has emailed the MIC Graduate School Director regarding the PhD stipends issue.

**5. Executive Officer Updates**

Postgraduate Officer

- Had a call with the MIC Graduate School Director to discuss the Shannon Research Conference to be held in September.
- Attended Post Grad writing sessions and met with some PhD students regarding progression panels.

- Participated in a focus group for the National Student Survey to evaluate the Media & Communications Department.
- Will attend EDII Focus Group Discussion next Monday after invitation by EDI officer.

#### Welfare Officer

- Attended Union Council.
- Held the successful 'Minding You by MISU' welfare event on both the Limerick and Thurles campuses with great attendance at both.

#### Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Officer

- Helped the MIC Equality, Diversity, Inclusion & Interculturalism Manager to organise an Athena Swan focus group discussion to be held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> April at 10am in G10.
- The EDI Officer also extended an invitation to the executive officers to join the group discussion.
- Attended the 2023 Board of Irish College Societies (BICS) Awards in Wexford.

#### An tOifigeach Gaeilge (Irish Language Officer)

- Is currently working on an Irish language policy for MIC whilst also reviewing other college language policies.
- Held a successful Irish Event on the evening of Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- An tOifigeach Gaeilge is confident that an Irish sub-committee will be formed in MISU in the next academic year.
- The Notion Radio show received a nomination for the Student Media Awards so An tOifigeach Gaeilge will be travelling to Dublin on April 20<sup>th</sup> to attend the awards.
- Announced that the Gníomhaí Gaeilge awards will be held on May 9<sup>th</sup> in Dublin.

### **6. MISU Election Update**

- Nominations have now been received for both the MISU President and Vice-President Academic positions.
- An expression of interest for the President position was received after MISU made an open call for nominations from the graduating class of 2022. The candidate was selected after an interview and Union Council approval.
- Elections for the two candidates will take place online on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> 2023.

### **7. Any Other Business**

#### Cross Over Documents

- The MISU President reminded all executive officers to complete their cross over documents by Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Templates of the documents were provided to the officers.

#### PhD Progression Panel

- Some PhD students complained that progression panels were too "rough"; some students even felt humiliated after attending them. The MISU President and Post Grad Officer will speak to the MIC Graduate School Director about this issue and will research further to gather more evidence.

#### Parking

- The MISU President informed the executive officers that the Park & Ride scheme has ceased and is no longer running at the college for this semester.

### **8. Date & Time of Next Meeting**

To be announced on WhatsApp.