



Mary I Students' Union | Aontas na Mac Léinn
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 01 | 11 | 2023

Week: 08

Time: 1pm

Location: MS Teams

Present: President, VP Academic, VP Student Experience and Wellbeing, Thurles Officer, Irish Officer (Oifigeach Gaeilge), Thurles Student Activities Officer, Welfare Officer

Apologies: EDI Officer, Union Council Chairperson, Post Grad Officer

1. Welcome and Apologies

The President welcomed everyone at 1pm and announced that the newly elected Post Graduate Officer will be joining the next committee meeting. Apologies were noted.

2. Unapproved Minutes

The VPSEW proposed the unapproved minutes from the last meeting and the Thurles Officer seconded with noted amendments.

3. Matters Arising

Gaeltacht Fees Next Steps – The next agreed step after presenting this issue to the Teaching Council is informing students the approach that the union will take in advocating for Thurles students. The approach is either the council would make attending the Gaeltacht a requirement for Post Primary students or for the college to fund part of the fees. Students will be emailed to this effect, before the meeting with the Head of School for Thurles scheduled for Monday, 13 November, 2023.

Thurles Ball – About 31 tickets for the ball have been sold so far. The President urged all exec members to continue promoting the Thurles Ball slated for Tuesday (14 November) at Hayes Hotel. Some students have expressed concern over the price for attending the ball. The President explained that the price was settled for to account for all costs of organising the event. Initially, the price would have been below €55.

UGM – the next Union General Meeting will be held on Thursday (16 November) at 6pm in the Student's Lounge (in Thurles) and in either the MISU Meeting Room or a lecture theatre (in Limerick). The VPA called on all exec members to prepare their reports, ahead of the UGM.

Pride Week Update – There will be no night event in Thurles during this week because the week comes before the ball. However, other activities will go as planned. In Limerick, the Pride and Pleasure Quiz planned for Monday (6 November) will go ahead. About 5 tickets for the quiz have been sold so far. The VPSEW urged exec members to promote the quiz to students to boost attendance.

Class Rep Social Event – the Limerick event will be held on Monday (6 November) 6pm at Level Up, while the Thurles event will be held on Wednesday (8 November) after Union Council.

Exec Weekly Reports – the President reminded all exec members to share their weekly reports with the VPA for minute purposes.

Thurles Vendor Update – Students have requested having hair and beauty vendors on campus during Christmas market in Thurles.

Comms & Services Updates – the Comms & Services department has planned various events in November and December. Some of them include the Pride and Pleasure Quiz in Limerick (Monday, 6 November) and the Swap Shop in Thurles (Wednesday, 8 November). It was noted that all vendors should go through Comms & Services. Exec members were reminded to complete activity briefs for Christmas events.

Rep Structure – there is a proposal for SUs in the country to adopt a senate structure. The President will circulate the document with the proposal and requested exec members to comment on it.

4. Sabbatical Officer Reports

President

- Organised RAL Working Group
- Attended HR Communication meeting
- Attended to Individual student cases
- Prepared for Pride Week
- Attended Graduation Ceremony
- Attended Graduation Ball
- Prepared for Pride & Pleasure Quiz
- Attended Exec Committee

VPA

- Prepared for Halloween Games
- Attended Exec Committee
- Got 30 Seconds donation from Fuzion Communications
- Elected more class reps
- Attended Teaching Council meetings
- Promoted LEAD Survey to class reps
- Attended Union Council
- Sent UC reminders to class reps and exec members
- Participated in Gaeltacht Focus Group
- Chat with History Head over class reps
- Attended to individual student cases
- Attended President's Grad Lunch
- Communicated with BA History students
- Attended Graduation Ceremony
- Attended Graduation Ball

VPSEW

- Prepared upcoming events: Pride Week and 16 Days of Activism
- Attended to Simply Blended
- Attended Graduation Ball
- Co-ordinated Halloween Games in Thurles
- Attended HR Communication meeting
- Organised contraception posters and packages in Thurles
- Attended Exec Committee

5. Executive Officer Updates

Thurles Officer

- Dealing with Canteen Issues
- Met with Jamie in relation to canteen issues
- Attended Exec Committee
- Arranged suitable dates for Christmas Day
- Gathered student feedback on Thurles Ball
- Communicated to Thurles Rugby Club over hosting Tag Rugby event during Charity Week

Thurles Student Activities Officer

- Preparing for Movie Night scheduled for Thursday (2 November)
- Tested Movie Night with about 80 students registering interest
- Planning to hold Christmas Movie Night

Welfare Officer

- Worked on welcome email
- Working on action plan

Irish Language Officer

- Preparing for the Oireachtas na Samhna in Killarney
- Working out details for the Rounders
- Attended Exec Committee

6. General Business: Class Reps

- A total of 64 class reps have been elected and notified on both campuses as of Week 8: 47 in Limerick and 17 in Thurles
- So far, the Education Faculty in Limerick has the highest number of first year class reps
- Post graduates account for the lowest number of class reps on record.

7. Any Other business

a) Thurles Christmas Daze Date

Students prefer holding the daze on 21 November, but there are fears of clashing with mass at the college on that day. It was proposed that 12 Pubs, a student-led event, would then be held on 22 November. The need to notify the Head of School for Thurles, the proposed dates for Christmas events was noted.

b) Graduation

The need to hold graduation in Thurles for graduating Thurles students was noted. Currently, all MIC students graduate at the Limerick campus.

8. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8 November 2023 at 1pm in MISU Meeting Room/MS Teams