



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

Date: 08 | 11 | 2023

Week: 09

Time: 1pm

Location: MS Teams

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

Apologies: Union Council Chairperson, Post Grad Officer, Thurles Student Activities Officer

1. Welcome and Apologies

The President welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1pm. Apologies were noted.

2. Unapproved Minutes

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

3. Matters Arising

Staff-Student Forum Updates – Organisation of the forums has started. The Arts Faculty will hold their staff-student forum next Wednesday between 10am and 12pm in MISU Meeting room. Class reps and the VPA will attend the forum to represent students. The staff-student forums for the Education Faculty in Limerick and the Thurles campus are still being planned by the Assistant Dean.

Activity Briefs – the President urged all exec members to complete an activity brief before organising any event.

Events – exec members were reminded to check in with the comms and services co-ordinator for all events.

- **Pride Week** – the VPSEW noted that everything was going well on both campuses for the week. Social media posts were running as planned. The Pride flag was raised in Thurles and Limerick. The Pride Walk in Limerick has been planned for tomorrow (Thursday).
- **Thurles Ball** – the ball scheduled for Tuesday (14 November) at Hayes Hotel is almost sold out. Only about 10 tickets were left to be sold at the time of the meeting.

Senate Structure Feedback – The President asked exec members to give feedback on the proposal for the union to adopt a senate structure. Exec members requested another week to look at the proposal and agreed to give feedback in the next committee meeting.

Thurles Open Day – The VPSEW invited exec members based in Thurles to participate in the MIC St Patricks Campus open day scheduled for Saturday (11 November). About 6 tour guides have been recruited for this event; about 6 more need to be recruited by MISU. College officials in Thurles informed the union about recruiting the guides late, just few days before the open day. The Welfare Officer will be co-ordinating tours during the college event. The President thanked the officer for getting involved.

4. Sabbatical Officer Reports

President

- Attended Halloween Games in Limerick
- Attended Research Committee
- Oversaw Class Rep Social Event in Limerick
- Attended Teaching and Learning Directorate Meeting
- Prepared An tUdaras Report
- Attended Advisory Call meeting
- Prepared for ACUI conference in Boston
- Held discussions over SU Senate Structure
- Attended Exec Committee

VPA

- Oversaw Halloween Games in Limerick
- Attended Sabbat Catch Up
- Circulated class rep training material
- Attended HR Communication Agreement meeting
- Updated student casework online
- Attended to individual student cases
- Attended RAL Working Group
- Drafted Teaching Council report
- Organised class rep social event
- Attended Exec Catch Up
- Completed risk register
- Attended Monthly MIC President meeting
- Called for Pride & Pleasure Quiz volunteers
- Attended Advisory Call meeting
- Edited UC minutes
- Reviewed Senate Structure proposal
- Attended Exec Committee

VPSEW

- Organised and attended Pride Flag raising ceremonies in Thurles and Limerick
- Completed DAC Risk Register
- Attended Advisory Board Document Review
- Reviewed new Class Rep structure
- Updated an tUdarás Report

- Held Condoms and Lubricant Clinic in Thurles
- Stuck contraception posters in Thurles
- Facilitated furniture delivery in Thurles
- Finalised Ceim Review Document
- Refilled Contraception products
- Attended MIC President monthly meeting
- Met with Rionach Power over 3rd Level Drug and Alcohol Network
- Attended Weekly Sabbath Catch Up
- Met with MISU Manager over Class Rep Structure
- Attended Exec Committee

5. Executive Officer Updates

EDI Officer

- Emailed EDII over logistics for the Stand Festival
- Contacted the Counselling Services in relation to supports for the LGBTQI+ community

Irish Language Officer

- **Oireachtas na Samhna, Cill Airne.** Attended the Oireachtas na Samhna in Killarney.
- **Gníomhaí Gaeilge – Emily Anne Rennison.** Met with Irish Activist – Emily Anne Rennison.
- **Comórtas Rounders – Seachtain 11 o Sonraí ar fáil roimh dheireadh na seachtaine.** Preparing for the Rounders Competition in Week 11. Details will be available before the end of the week.
- **D'fhreastal ar an gCoiste Feidhmiúcháin.** Attended Exec Committee.

Thurles Officer

- Dealing with methodology issues
- Gathered information from students for Finn and Becky
- Attended drop-in meeting with Finn
- Attended Exec Committee

Welfare Officer

- Pushing ticket sales for Thurles Ball
- Participated in raising Pride flag in Thurles
- Attended Exec Committee

6. Any Other Business

a) Thurles Awards

The Thurles Officer expressed concern over awarding junior years. It was agreed that only fourth years should be awarded.

b) Thurles Furniture

New furniture for the Student's Lounge in Thurles has arrived. The furniture includes: 2 tables and 4 bean bag chairs. The coffee table and TV screen for the boardroom are yet to arrive.

c) Class Rep Update

Nothing much has changed, since the last meeting. There are still 64 class reps on record. However, one Limerick rep wants to resign, but the VPA will be meeting the student later to discuss the decision.

d) Book It

The need for the Welfare Officer to complete an activity brief on this idea was noted.

7. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 15 November 2023 at 1pm in MISU Meeting Room/MS Teams