



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

Date: 14 | 02 | 2024

Week: 03

Time: 11am

Location: MS Teams

Present: President, VP Academic, Thurles Officer, Irish Officer (Oifigeach Gaeilge), EDI Officer

Apologies: Thurles Student Activities Officer; Thurles Officer

1. Welcome and Apologies

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Unapproved Minutes

There were no previous minutes to approve as the meeting did not hold in Week 2.

3. Matters Arising

Survey Updates and Reminder – Over 1,200 students have so far responded to MISU's What's the Craic survey, since it opened last Monday (5 February). The union is targeting to reach 1,500 respondents at the close of the survey this Friday (16 February). The President described the response as good, but encouraged all executive members to keep promoting the survey and sharing their QR codes before the closing date. Both undergraduate and postgraduate students have won various prizes after participating in the survey. It was noted that the unique survey QR codes for class reps were not working. The President will look into this issue.

Class Rep Updates – A total of 67 class reps have been elected as of Week 1 Semester 2: 50 in Limerick and 17 in Thurles. Election of reps will continue in the first four weeks of the Spring Semester. It is targeted at 1st and 4th years. Last semester, the number of class reps elected stood at 64: 47 in Limerick and 17 in Thurles. Updates will continue in subsequent meetings.

Staff-Student Forum – Dates for the forums in Semester 2 have been confirmed. The Arts forums will be held on 20 March at 2pm in the SU meeting room. The Education forums will be held in Week 5. The VPA will give specific dates and times in the next executive committee meeting. The Thurles date is subject to change as the Assistant Dean of Education is not available on Tuesday (20 March). However, once the Dean and the Thurles Head of School agree on the date, the VPA will update the executive committee.

Gníomhail Gaeilge/Seachtain Na Gaeilge Updates – MISU will be entering the Gníomhail Gaeilge awards this year. However, to be considered for the award, the union needs to implement certain changes. The changes include, among others, translating the constitution into Gaeilge and having email signatures in both English and Gaeilge. The

President noted that the changes proposed by the Irish Language Officer will be incorporated. There was not much to update on Seachtain Na Gaeilge, except that the Irish Language Officer and the Clubs and Socs Department will be working together to make the week a success.

Stand Festival 2024 – The festival was held last week for the first time at Mary I from Monday (5 February) to Friday (9 February). The EDI Officer described the event as successful. The workshops and exhibitions during the week went well. The festival provided the union an opportunity for external collaboration and engagement. It also helped the MISU cultivate new relationships. The festival will move to Thurles on 7 March, 2024. Unlike Limerick, the Thurles edition will be a one-day pop event.

4. Sabbatical Officer Reports

President

- Preparing Engagement Strategy
- Attended Monthly MIC President
- Organised Charity week
- Chaired Union Council
- Attended Limerick Ball Briefing
- Raised funds for charity
- Seachtain Na Gaeilge
- Attended APAC
- Attended to Student Issues
- Attended An tÚdarás Rialaithe

VP Academic

- Prepared SU Lounge for Charity Week
- Attended An tÚdarás Rialaithe
- Attended MIC Staff – VPA Meeting
- Appointed and trained UC Secretary
- Promoted WTC Survey in Limerick and Thurles
- Shared WTC QR Codes with Class Reps
- Attended Monthly MIC President
- Attended Union Council
- Reviewed Election Regulations
- Attended Limerick Ball Briefing
- Attended APAC
- Finished online casework
- Circulated UC meeting documentation
- Dealt with individual student cases
- Attended Academic Regulations Committee

5. Executive Officer Updates

Post Grad Officer

- Contacted five post grad €10 An Siopa voucher winners
- Manned STAND fest info booth
- Organized 1st Postgrad Pub Ponderings (night event) at Fennessy's

- Co-ordinated 1st Post Grad Coffee Morning with RGSO in JHH
- Held a meeting with 2 postgraduate students regarding academic publications
- Supported an international postgrad student with information on ALC services

EDI Officer

- Preparing for Refugee Awareness Week movie
- Preparing Irish language week with GOSHH
- Installed and manned STAND Fest info booth
- Organised STAND workshops
- Participated in International buddy night
- Promoted What's the Craic
- Participated in International orientation
- Created Love bombing posters
- Shared Love bombings with Darragh for translation
- Contacted UL to organize a meeting for possible collaborative event
- Met with Lauren for Queer group
- Met Kathleen over love bombing

6. Any Other Business

a) Limerick Ball

The idea of holding a Spring Ball on 13 March at the Strand Hotel in Limerick will be abandoned. Class reps disapproved the proposed date in the last union council meeting, pointing out that some students will be on placement at that time. The SU management has since decided to put the idea quietly to bed because organising a ball involves a lot of time and money. Therefore, student engagement and participation are key ahead of the event. The sabbatical officers will see if there will be any interest in the ball from fourth year student to go ahead with the idea.

7. Date & Time of Next Meeting

To be communicated on WhatsApp.