



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

Date: 15 | 11 | 2023

Week: 10

Time: 1pm

Location: MS Teams

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

Apologies: President, Thurles Student Activities Officer

1. Welcome and Apologies

The VP Student Experience and Wellbeing, who chaired the meeting on behalf of the President, welcomed everyone at 1pm. The President was in Boston, USA, for an ACUI Conference. Apologies were noted.

2. Unapproved Minutes

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

3. Matters Arising

Staff-Student Forums – The first forum of Semester One was held on the day of the meeting in MISU Meeting room between 10am and 12pm. Three (3) class reps participated in the Arts Faculty forum. Most reps were in lectures during the time of the staff-student forum. The Limerick Education Faculty and Thurles forums have been scheduled for Tuesday (28 November). The Limerick sessions will be held between 10am and 1pm, while those in Thurles will start at 2pm on the same day. It was suggested that the staff-student forums in Thurles be held between 12 and 1pm, when most students are free. The VPA will share the suggestion with the Assistant Dean of Education.

UGM – The second Union General Meeting of Semester One will be held this Thursday at 6pm in MISU Meeting Room (Limerick), the Student's Lounge (Thurles) and online via MS Teams. The VPA urged all exec members to send their reports by close of business on Wednesday or Thursday morning. Exec members were also reminded to confirm their attendance for the meeting. Their reports would cover activities undertaken and meetings attend since the last UGM in Week 4.

Thurles Ball – The ball, which was held last night (Tuesday, 14 November), was described as successful; it was good, until bands stopped playing. There was a mix up with tickets at the ball, resulting into some 4th years sitting among 1st years; thus, it was assumed that the venue was short of seven seats reserved for 4th years. Students will email the union to express their displeasure. No MISU awards were given at the ball. The Comms and Services Co-ordinator made an executive decision

to suspend the awards after analysing occurrences at the event.

MIC Thurles Open Day – All went well at the Open Day in Thurles over the weekend. The VPSEW feedback that management is happy with the union for making the college event a success. The VPSEW and the Welfare Officer co-ordinated campus tours during the Open Day in Thurles on Saturday (11 November).

Draft Rep Structure Feedback – No feedback was given on the senate structure for the second time in a row. The VPSEW encouraged exec members to let the President know if they had any feedback, before the next meeting.

Period Products – The VPSEW reminded all exec members in Thurles to help refill period products as scheduled. The VPA and the Thurles Officer were acknowledged for refilling contraception products in male bathrooms.

4. Sabbatical Officer Reports

VPSEW

- Preparing for events: Christmas Week and EDII 16 Days of Activism
- Attended Exec Committee
- Implemented Pride Week on both campuses
- Conducted research on Gaeltacht Fees
- Attended Thurles Programme Board
- Co-ordinated tours during Thurles Open Day
- Attended Weekly Sabbat Catch Up
- Facilitated delivery of new furniture in Thurles Student's Lounge
- Attended Finn-MISU Meeting
- Refilled contraception and period products in Thurles
- Attended EDII meeting on name change and period products
- Stuck wellbeing posters in Thurles
- Attended Equality Committee
- Set up commuter hub in Thurles
- Attended Drug and Alcohol Network Working Group
- Oversaw Thurles class rep social event
- Attended Union Council
- Organised coffee morning for international students
- Held clinic in Limerick

VPA

- Organising Education/Thurles staff-student forums
- Attended Union Council
- Organised class rep social events for Limerick and Thurles
- Attended Research Committee
- Prepared for Union Council meeting
- Attended Exec Committee
- Took Engage Education social media photo
- Stuck HSE posters in Thurles male bathrooms
- Attended Teaching and Learning Directorate

- Refilled contraception products in Thurles male bathrooms
- Followed up PME 1 Placement Issue
- Edited Céim report
- Updated an tUdaras Report
- Dealt with individual student cases
- Attended Weekly Sabbats Catch Up

5. Executive Officer Updates

EDI Officer

- Attempted to contact Counselling Services over action plan
- Attended EDII Seminar
- Attended Exec Committee

Irish Language Officer

- Pushing for improved facilities in Thurles Irish room
- Cancelled Rounders event
- Attended Union Council
- Attended Exec Committee

Thurles Officer

- Arranging weekend study areas for students
- Attended Exec Committee
- Met with Becky over methodology review issue
- Attended Union Council
- Contacted Paula over Community Guard visiting campus
- Attended Thurles Programme Board
- Participated in class rep social event
- Attended Finn – MISU meeting

Thurles Student Activities Officer

- Prepared for Thurles Ball
- Promoted the Ball to students
- Attended men and women soccer matches
- Reported soccer match results to clubs and socs

Welfare Officer

- Co-ordinated tours during Thurles Open Day
- Attended Open Day preparatory meetings
- Attended Union Council
- Attended Exec Committee

Post Grad Officer

- Organising official post grad email address
- Attended exec training with the President

6. Any Other Business

a) Thurles Ball

The need to change the structure of the ball was noted. It was observed that 4th years want an exclusive dinner. They also want their own night out in Week 12 to accommodate those who could have missed the ball.

b) Thurles Furniture

All the new furniture ordered for the Student's Lounge in Thurles has arrived. Only the TV screen is yet to.

7. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 22 November 2023 at 1pm in MISU Meeting Room/MS Teams