



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

Date: 18 | 10 | 2023

Week: 06

Time: 1pm

Location: MS Teams

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

Apologies: Welfare Officer, UC Chairperson

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

2. Unapproved Minutes

The VP Student Experience and Wellbeing proposed the unapproved minutes from the last meeting and the EDI Officer seconded with noted amendments.

3. Matters Arising

- i) Confirm Plans of Work for Union Council – All exec members expressed happiness with their action plans that would be presented at the next UC meeting. The action plans will be updated to include the two newly elected members – the Welfare Officer and the Post Graduate Officer.
- ii) Period Product Refilling Schedule – The President announce that the period products were refilled in Thurles on the day of the meeting. The products will be refilled according to the schedule produced by the coms and services department.
- iii) Halloween Games – Planning is underway for the games scheduled for 31 October, 2023. The board games will be held on both campuses simultaneously. Time for the event is yet to be set. The VPA is currently in touch with Fuzion Communications, a Dublin based PR firm that wants to bring 30 Seconds on the Limerick campus. Sabbats will conclude plans for Halloween Games during their catch up on Friday.
- iv) Begin Work on Events – The President urged all exec members to work on their events quickly before the end of semester one. Members were also encouraged to reach out to sabbatical officers if they were having any difficulties with organising events.
- v) Thurles Ball – Nothing has been confirmed yet for the ball. However, 14 November appears to be the provisional date for holding the event. The venue and time have not been secured. The President is waiting for confirmation from the coms and services department on this event.

- vi) Thurles GP Issue – The issue has been resolved and female students in Thurles no longer have to pay for contraception consultation. Credit goes to the VPSEW for following up this issue.
- vii) Academic Integrity Week Update – The VPA described the week as successful. There was good response from class reps after the VPA called for short videos to run on MISU socials during the week. About four videos were received. The Irish National Teachers' Organisation (INTO) visited the Limerick campus on Monday as part of the week. International Day of Action for Academic Integrity was launched on the day of this meeting. The Library will also hold an EndNote Session on Thursday, while the President's video on writing proper emails will be shared on MISU socials on Friday.
- viii) Pride Week Event – Planning has begun for this week. There will be a quiz on Monday, and exec members were invited to correct answers for the quiz. A bubble machine will be set up on the Tara Floor in Limerick. It was suggested that, instead of having side walk chalk, poster notes should be used to make a massive pride flag in Tara. This would, however, be tricky to get buy in from students. It was noted that glow sticks would better be used at night during the week. This would go well alongside the planned walk by the college.

4. Sabbatical Officer Reports

President

- Prepared Working Group
- Attended Arts Faculty
- Communicated with Finn over Ceim
- Attended UC meeting
- Prepared SM video for Academic Integrity Week
- Addressed M.Ed and MA international students
- Prepared for Pride Week
- Attended MISU Advisory Board Meeting
- Conducted class rep training
- Attended Executive Committee

VP Academic

- Planned Academic Integrity Week
- Communicated with Library/ALC over Academic Integrity Week
- Attended Thurles Programme Board
- Circulated UC and class rep training invitations
- Attended MISU Advisory Board
- Conducted Mindful Colouring in Thurles
- Attended ECCE Course Board
- Registered for National Academic Integrity Week Sessions
- Attend UC Meeting

- Prepared awareness messages on AI
- Attended Exec Committee
- Circulated call for short videos to class reps
- Conducted class rep training

VP Student Experience and Wellbeing

- Conducted Mental Health Week review
- Attended MISU Advisory Board meeting
- Prepared events: Pride Week, Christmas Week, EDII's 16 Days of Activism
- Attended executive committee
- Held Coffee Morning Mature Students
- Attended Athena Swan Arts Faculty Steering Committee
- Dealt with Thurles contraception Issue
- Conducted Class Rep Training
- Attended EDII Event Preparatory meeting
- Organised UC subcommittees
- Attended executive committee meeting
- Organising furniture for Thurles Campus
- Preparing Céim Review
- Attended UC meeting
- Dealing with Thurles STI clinic
- Attended HR Communication meeting
- Dealing with Thurles Gaeltacht issue

5. Executive Officer Updates

EDI Officer

- Organised a successful movie day in Limerick where four Halloween movies were shown
- Held coffee morning for mature students
- Held meeting with EDI
- Organising the international society
- Planning movie day for Christmas

Irish Language Officer

- **Ag obair le hOifigeach Imeachtaí Dhurlais, Cathaoirleach an Chumann Ghaelaigh, agus Oifigeach Siamsaíochta an Chumann.** Working with the Thurles Events Officer, the Chairman of the Irish Society, and the Society's Entertainment Officer.
- **Suirbhé TG4 D'iarr léachtóir orm suirbhé a scaipeadh i measc na mac léinn i nDurlas.** TG4 Survey A lecturer asked officer to distribute a survey among the students in Thurles.

- Oireachtas na Samhna 10 dticéad deimnithe again; Beidh ar a laghad seachtar ag dul ón gColáiste. November Oireachtas 10 tickets guaranteed; At least seven will be going from the College.
- Guinness 's Gaeilge / Pop Up Gaeltacht Ar siúl i mBeár na hÁirse, Durlas an Déardaoin beag seo ó 7:30 ar aghaidh. Guinness 's Gaeilge / Pop Up Gaeltacht Held in Béar na hArse, Thurles this little Thursday from 7:30 onwards.
- Gaeilge 24; Tá deichniúr cláraithe don scéim seo. Irish 24; There are ten people registered for this scheme.

Thurles Officer

- Planning campaign on drug misuse
- Preparing Pop Up Info on Safe Sex
- Highlighted Thurles GP issue
- Held drop-in chat with Fiona
- Dealing with student security issues
- Attended Executive Committee meeting
- Held Christmas Market conversations
- Attended UC meeting
- Held Teams calls with Eadaoin and Caitlin over Thurles Ball

Thurles Student Activities Officer

- Attending soccer training
- Gathered student feedback on Thurles Ball
- Planning to organise movie night on campus

Welfare Officer

- Attended Executive Committee meeting
- Attended UC meeting
- Due for Exec Training

Union Council Chairperson

- Chaired UC meeting
- Due for exec training

6. General Business: Class Reps Update

- A total of 56 class reps were elected and notified as of Week 6: 40 in Limerick, 16 in Thurles.
- An improvement in the number of first year class reps over the week was noted.
- The Arts Faculty in Limerick recorded the highest number of first year reps.
- The VPA thanked exec members for working tirelessly in recruiting class reps on both campuses.
- Recruitment continues.

7. Any Other business

a) Christmas Markets

No food vendors will be allowed on both campuses during the fourth coming Christmas markets. Both campuses will accommodate about 4 – 5 vendors. The VPSEW called on exec members to bring forward ideas and suggestions for the markets.

b) Safe Talk

The SU boardroom has been offered to the Counselling Office for holding safe talks in Thurles before the semester ends. No date has been set yet.

c) Thurles Irish Room

The need for the room to have a kettle was noted. The room lacks facilities, compared to the Limerick one. Issue to be tabled with the Clubs and Socs Co-ordinator.

d) JHN Parking

It was noted that some people are parking on wrong spots in John Henry Newman campus.

e) Thurles Film Night

The need to hold a film night in Thurles was noted. The night, which was supposed to be held last year, is scheduled for 2 November this year in M1. This event is yet to be submitted as an activity brief.

f) Zumba Classes

Thurles students have continued requesting for Zumba classes, following the successful one during Mental Health Week. The request is that two more lessons should be held before semester one ends. The coms and services department is looking into this.

8. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 25 October 2023 in MISU Meeting Room/MS Teams