



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

Date: 27 | 09 | 2023

Week: 03

Time: 1pm

Location: MS Teams

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

Apologies: None

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

2. Unapproved Minutes

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

3. Matters Arising

- i) Thurles Mature Students' Coffee Morning - The Thurles Officer held the first coffee morning for mature students on Tuesday (26 September). The event was successful, although attendance was low. About five (5) students showed up for the coffee morning. This was mainly due to fourth years having an optional lecture at the time of the event. The Thurles Officer is looking for another time to host the next coffee morning.
- ii) PME Student Roll List - Some second year PME students were removed from the roll list (class e-mailing list) in Week 1 due to non-payment of tuition fees. The VPA presented this case to the PME Course Board on Wednesday (20 September), but was told that the move was simply standard procedure, not an act of excluding any student. All affected students should settle the matter with Student Fees, who could put them on temporary registration, and the roll list would then be updated.
- iii) Exec SharePoint - The VPSEW advised exec members to log into SharePoint using student e-mail addresses as opposed to personal or office addresses. This came after exec members were having difficulties logging into the SharePoint. The VPSEW will send the direct link to the SharePoint site on WhatsApp and will explain the process of logging into the site in the next Exec Committee.
- iv) Limerick Mature Student WhatsApp Group - The EDI Officer will create the group after hosting a coffee morning for mature students. The coffee morning in Limerick is

scheduled to take place in two weeks' time.

- v) Thurles Canteen Contacts – The President will follow up this issue and contact management of the canteen at Thurles campus. It was noted that some students on the campus are happy with the recently reduced prices of food in the canteen, while others are not. The Thurles Officer stressed that more work still needs to be done on the prices.

4. Sabbatical Officer Reports

President

- Organized Arts Coffee Morning
- Attended MISU Engagement Strategy Meeting
- Produced 3 social media addresses
- Attended An tUdaras Rialaithe
- Met with reps from Greyhound Track
- Attended Finance & Resource Committee
- Held Class Rep Clinic on Limerick campus
- Attended Research Grad School Meeting
- Finalized everything for class reps and Union Council
- Attended Senior Management Team Meeting
- Met with Media HoD to discuss improving on-campus engagement
- Attended Media Dept Associates Meeting

VP Academic

- Conducted 4 class addresses: 2 in Limerick, 2 in Thurles
- Attended M.Ed Leadership & Wellbeing in Education Course Board
- Hosted Arts Coffee Morning
- Attended Thurles Clubs & Socs Fair
- Chaired Exec Committee Meeting
- Stuck VP posters around Thurles campus
- Attended PME Course Board
- Held class rep clinic/walk around
- Elected and notified over 20 class reps
- Updated online class rep register
- Attended Graduation Working Group meeting
- Updated Semester 1 Union Council meetings
- Attended to student issues/queries
- E-mailed class rep nomination procedure to Media HoD
- Attended Media Department Associate meeting
- Met student over accommodation issue
- Attended to student phone call over parking

- Participated in MISU Class Rep Catch Up

VP Student Experience & Wellbeing

- Prepared for Thurles Mental Health Week scheduled for Week 4
- Held Mental Health Planning Preparatory meetings
- Helped in preparations for class rep training and Union Council
- Planned Coffee Mornings for Student Parents, Mature Students, and Arts Students
- Attended *Wired FM* Committee meeting
- Met with Kathleen Maher over Health Promotion events
- Attended MISU-RGS meeting
- Took minutes for Exec Committee meeting

5. Executive Officer Updates

EDI Officer

- Emailed EDII and SUAS about the Stand Festival
- Attended Teams meeting with EDII over Stand and Culture fests
- Sent two activity briefs to Eadaoin
- Attended Exec Committee meeting
- Getting some added bits for MIC Pride Week

Irish Language Officer

- D'fhreastal mé ar Cruinniú Cinn Bliana an Chumainn Ghaelaigh (Durlas) agus toghadh coiste nua ann. Attended the Annual Meeting of the Gaelic Society (Thurlas) where a new committee was elected.
- Sheol mé scarbhileog Gníomhaí Gaeilge chuig Emily-Anne Rennison. Sent the Active Irish spreadsheet to Emily-Anne Rennison.
- Sheol mé iarratas isteach chuig CNAG chun freastal ar cúrsa oiliúna i mBÁC. Sent in an application to CNAG to attend a training course in DAC.
- CCB an Chumainn Ghaelaigh Dhurlais. Attended AGM of the Thurles Irish Association.
- Fuair mé sonraí teagmhála don mhac léinn atá ar socrúchán oibre sa Seomra Caidrimh i Luimneach. Received contact details for student working on placement in Relationship Room in Limerick
- Rachaidh mé i dteagmháil le Cathaoirligh na gCumann Gaelach (Ciara Ní Bhrudair, Darragh Ó Loingsigh) go luath. Plans to contact the Chairmen of the Gaelic Associations (Ciara Ní Bhrudair, Darragh Ó Loingsigh) soon.
- Buailfidh mé le hEmily-Anne agus leis an mbeirt eile atá ag déanamh GG i mbliana. Intends to meet Emily-Anne and the other two who are doing GG this year.

- Tráth na gCeist Boird Beár an Chontae, Durlas Éile (3 Deireadh Fómhair). Will hold County Bar Board Quiz, Thurles on 3rd October.
- Traenáil na gCumann Gaelach Áth Cliath (6-8 Deireadh Fómhair). Will hold Training of Dublin Irish Associations (6-8 October)
- Comhrá '23 Ar líne/ar champas (9-10 Deireadh Fómhair). Plans to hold Chat '23 Online/on campus between October 9 and 10
- Oireachtas na Samhna Cill Airne, Co. Chiarraí (1-5 Samhain). Noted that Oireachtas na Samhna Killarney, Co. Kerry will hold between 1 and 5 November.
- Is é an Cumann Gaelach i nDurlas an Cumann leis an líon is mó daoine cláraithe ar líne faoi láthair. Announced that the Gaelic Society in Thurles is the Society with the largest number of people registered online at the moment.
- Athráodh an Tráth na gCeist i nDurlas go dtí an tseachtain seo chugainn. Noted that the Thurles Quiz which was scheduled for this week has been pushed to next week.
- D'fhreastail sé ar chruinniú den Choiste Feidhmiúcháin. Attended Exec Committee meeting.

Thurles Officer

- Helped organise fresher activities (i.e. Aussie Hair Care and Supermacs)
- Helped in recruiting class reps
- Met Finn to touch base on new role
- Updated Thurles students with information from the union and college
- Attended Exec Committee meeting
- Met Caitlin over Mental Health Week
- Revealed that non-students are taking parking spaces in Thurles
- Highlighted that E-car spaces have been taken
- Noted that students need a microwave and kettle on campus
- Plans to get student feedback on prices and food quality in the canteen

Thurles Student Activities Officer

- Noted that sporting activities had started in Thurles that week
- Co-ordinated training to avoid clashes in time-tables
- Disclosed that soccer and basketball training times were already classing and the officer is closely monitoring this issue
- Attended Exec Committee meeting

6. General Business

a) Class Rep Update

- A total of 31 class reps were elected and notified as of Week 2
- Limerick campus had 20 class reps elected, while Thurles had 11

- Low nomination and participation from first years on both campuses was noted
- The VPA urged exec members to help push nomination for more first years through class addresses and student-to-student interactions
- The VPA also thanked the exec for working hard in the recruitment of the reps on both campuses
- He called for continued hard work as recruitment of class reps continues in Week 3

b) Union Council Update

- The first Union Council meeting was scheduled to take place at 5pm on the day of this exec committee meeting
- Before the council meeting, class rep training was set occur on both campuses at 4pm
- About 15 class reps (i.e. 10 in Limerick and 5 in Thurles) were expected to attend both training and Union Council that evening.
- Other Union Council meetings are scheduled for Weeks 5, 7, 9 and 11. Exact days and times are yet to be confirmed after holding the first meeting.
- The UGM which was due to take place on Thursday (28 September) at 5pm was cancelled. Sabbats are yet to agree on new dates and times for the union general meeting.

7. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 4 October, 2023 in MISU Meeting Room/MS Teams