



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

Date: 29 | 11 | 2023

Week: 12

Time: 1pm

Location: MS Teams

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

Apologies: Thurles 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 Welfare Officer seconded.

3. Matters Arising

Staff-Student Forums – The Education forum in Limerick was held successfully yesterday (Tuesday, 28 November). Seven (7) class reps attended the forum chaired by the Assistant Dean. Students were free to raise various issues, including placement, dissertation supervision, time-tables, and individual module related issues. The dean and other staff members were happy with the feedback education class reps provided during the staff-student forum. The VPA represented the union at the forum. The Thurles forum was scheduled to be held later on the day of this meeting.

Teaching Council Report – The preliminary report from the Teaching Council (TC) is due to be released next week. Also, the college will be recruiting more lecturers in January 2024 to meet the TC requirement of 1:15 lecturer-student ratio.

Semester 1 Feedback – The President reminded all exec members to send feedback on the union, the college and their roles through email or WhatsApp.

Selection Boxes – Exec members were urged to collect their selection boxes from union offices. It was noted that the exec jumper for the Welfare Officer is ready for collection in Limerick. The officer, who is currently in Thurles, will collect the jumper next Thursday (7 November) after attending a meeting in Limerick.

4. Sabbatical Officer Reports

President

- Preparing for Charity Week
- Sought college approval for Charity Week

- Organised Christmas Markets for both campuses
- Promoted Christmas Markets to students
- Prepared for sports facilities focus group
- Attended Thanksgiving Dinner
- Attended MIC Awards Ceremony
- Attended Advisory Meeting
- Attended Education Faculty
- Attended Finance and Resource Meeting
- Attended Union Council
- Attended Weekly Sabbath Catch Up

VPA

- Organised Education Staff-Student Forum
- Organised Thurles Staff-Student Forum
- Promoted the forums to class reps
- Organised Christian RE external examiner and student meeting
- Attended Union Council
- Uploaded agendas and minutes online
- Prepared handover notes for Sabbats
- Took Board of Directors online course
- Attended DAC Board Meeting
- Attended Quality Committee
- Attended Exec Committee
- Attended Weekly Sabbath Catch Up

VPSEW

- Prepared for EDII 16 Days of Activism
- Attended Weekly Sabbath Catch Up
- Researched on Gaeltacht Fees
- Facilitated social media awareness on bullying
- Attended Executive Committee
- Prepared for Thurles Staff Student Forum
- Reviewed Athena Swan documents
- Attended DAC Board AGM
- Met with Cillian and Dede over name change policy
- Attended Union Council

5. Executive Officer Updates

Thurles Officer (read in absentia by President)

- Sent MasterChef survey to students
- Met Finn together with Caitlin over Gaeltacht fees
- Emailed facilities on canteen issues with more student feedback

EDI Officer

- Planning to show movies in March
- Emailed Counselling Services
- Attended Exec Committee
- Met with Cillian and Caitlin over name change policy

Irish Language Officer

- Pushing for union to win an Irish award
- Attended Conradh na Gaeilge meeting
- Attended Exec Committee

Welfare Officer

- Planning Semester 2 activities
- Refilled period and contraception products in Thurles

6. Any Other Business

There was no any other business to discuss. The President thanked all exec members for attending meetings in Semester 1 and wished them merry Christmas.

7. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Semester 2. Date and time to be advised.