



Mary I Students' Union | Aontas na Mac Léinn Union General Meeting (UGM) Minutes

Date: 23rd November 2022 | **Week:** 12

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Zoom

1. Welcome and Apologies

MISU President and Chairperson opened and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from MISU Postgraduate Officer.

Quorum was not reached however updates on the work of MISU were given to the members who were present.

2. Unapproved Minutes

a) AY 21-22 (Semester 2)

Minutes could not be approved due to the Quorum.

b) AY 22-23 (Semester 1 Week 8)

Minutes could not be approved due to the Quorum.

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. Formal Business

a) Academic Matters

There were no academic matters arising.

b) Non-Academic Matters

A By-Election has been called to fill the Officership of Vice-President / Academic due to the resignation of MISU Vice President.

Nominations to open Thursday 24th of November and will close on the 1st of December.

Elections will be held on the 7th of December and voting will take place on line.

5. MISU UC Sub-Committees

MISU Irish Language Officer (ILO) met with their sub-committee to discuss Gaeilge 24 on the Limerick campus on the 15th of November. Discussion about the radio show "Té

agus Plé". ILO explained that there will be an Irish campaign run by Conradh na Gaeilge called "Gníomhaí Gaeilge".

6. Executive Committee Reports

a) Sabbatical Officer Reports

MISU President: attended all of the graduation ceremonies, attended the post-graduation meeting, attending meetings with college staff, attended academic meetings, submitted the proposal against the active travel scheme on behalf of students, dealt with day-day issues, helping students as much as possible and spoke about how the canteen issue went to the college executive team.

MISU Vice President: attended 2 course board meetings, attended all of the staff-student forums, visited the Thurles Campus 3 times, attended all of the Union Council meetings over the last 5 weeks, attended the executive meeting, met with the research graduate director, attended the EDI quality meeting, attended an APAC meeting and prepared for her departure from the role of MISU Vice President.

b) Part-Time Officer Reports

Irish Language Officer: spoke about the student radio show "Té agus Plé" on Wired FM and spoke about the various guests that have been on the show so far. They had a special edition episode for Gaeilge 24. Has been providing support for the 2nd year B.ED students who were having issues with Irish. A conclusion was reached in that students will be graded based on continuous assessments. The Cumann Gaelach was established on both campuses. 31 students in total from both campuses attended the Oireachtas. Visited the Thurles campus yesterday meeting students, Irish lecturers and got a tour of the campus from MISU Thurles Officer.

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Officer: met with her sub-committees to reach a plan and receive updates. Is continuously working on the free period product scheme. Was involved in the Bystander training. Attended EDI Office talks and attended the quality meetings.

Student Activities Officer (Limerick): attended the Sex-Ed quiz. Had a meeting about Bingo Loco which is in planning for semester two. Trying to help with the canteen issues. Helped with an issue students had with lectures and lecturers removing slides from Moodle. Helped out with student concerns and spoke about possibly getting an ATM on campus.

Welfare Officer: had a follow up on the student walkout event to see what they plan on doing. Is working on starting an anti-spiking campaign working alongside MISU Thurles

Officer. Attended meetings for the new peer-mentoring program. Attended the Sex-Ed quiz. Attended meetings for student welfare and visited the Thurles campus when the Taoiseach visited.

Thurles Officer: spoke about the walkout for accommodation. Spoke about the on-going issues with MasterChef and parking. Attended weekly executive meetings and all of the Union Council meetings. Attended the Thurles green campus meeting. Had the raising of flags on campus for pride week. Had Engage Education on campus. Continuously working on liaising with staff, students and MISU. Attended Thurles program board meetings. Attended the open day and noted the huge turnout for the introduction of Home Economics as a subject. Held a mature student meet up. Helped out with facilitating teaching council numbers to students. Had GOSH on campus this week. Visit from the Taoiseach and local TD Jackie Cahill to the Thurles campus. Is working on developing an Anti-Spiking campaign with MISU Welfare Officer. Spoke about student events such as Christmas Daze and the Thurles Ball. Attended the second half of the staff-student forum in Thurles.

Student Activities Officer (Thurles Campus): attended all of the home games for college sports. Linked with MIC staff re. sending team photos and videos. Managed the ladies team training. Revealed that 65% of students on the Thurles Campus are now involved in a college sports team. Helped out with the men's soccer team. Met the Taoiseach and local TD Jackie Cahill during their visit to Thurles campus. Helped out at the 1st year Orientation. Actively encouraging students to go for class rep. Helping with students issues and concerns. In communication with MISU Clubs & Societies Coordinator regarding clubs and socs and worked alongside MISU Communications & Services Coordinator in preparation and planning for the Thurles ball.

Union Council Chairperson: spoke about the walkout for accommodation, flag raising attended the staff-student forum and has been chairing meetings of Union Council.

7. Any Other Business

a) Limerick

No AOB

b) Thurles

Question about the possibility for having graduation for Thurles on the Thurles Campus and MIC President is not in agreement with this. MIC Pres. has suggested that students have a separate end of the year celebration but the official graduation ceremonies will be held on the Limerick Campus. The biggest factor for this is the cost and the levy for holding the graduation. MIC are accredited through UL and the issue would also be to get staff to travel to Thurles.

Issue about 2nd year placement was brought up. The lack of communication and the not knowing yet where we are going is proving to be problematic for students and causing a lot of stress and anxiety. It was also brought up that the meeting of the tutors felt a bit unorganised. Some lecturers were unaware that they were supposed to be meeting 2nd year students. Miscommunication was a huge factor here.

8. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Date not decided.