# MARY I STUDENTS' UNION AONTAS NA MAC LÉINN

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# Union Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday 15th February 2023

Week: 4

Time: 6:00pm Location:

Hybrid meeting with in person and zoom attendance from both MIC Limerick and MIC Thurles campuses.

## Attendance:

MISU President, UC Chairperson, MIC Director of Quality, Thurles Campus Officer, BA in Ed: Ga & Bus 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Rep, BA in Ed: Bus & Acc 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Rep, BA in Ed: Ga & Maths 1<sup>st</sup> Year Rep, BA in Ed: Ga & Bus 1<sup>st</sup> Year Rep, B.Ed 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 7A Rep, B.Ed 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 4A Rep, B.Ed 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 1A Rep, BA 4<sup>th</sup> Year Linguistics Rep, BA 4<sup>th</sup> Year English Rep, BA CATS 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Rep, BA 4<sup>th</sup> Year History Rep, BA 4<sup>th</sup> Year Psychology Rep, BA 4<sup>th</sup> Year Media Rep, B.Ed 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 6A Rep, B.Ed 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 6B Rep, B.Ed & Psych 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Rep, B.Ed 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 5A Rep.

**Apologies:** All apologies were sent via the Class Rep WhatsApp Group Chat.

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## 1. Welcome and Apologies

The Union Council Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. StudentSurvey.ie Presentation

- The MIC Director of Quality gave a short presentation on the national student survey currently taking place.
- She encouraged all class reps to spread word of the survey to their classes as the survey focuses on student engagement and the opportunities for engagement provided by MIC
- It was noted that the survey is open to 1<sup>st</sup> years, 4<sup>th</sup> years, and all taught postgraduate students and that is it running from February 14<sup>th</sup> to March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Students will be sent email and text reminds and MISU will also post information on the survey across their Instagram page.

# 3. Unapproved Minutes

Minutes were approved by the MISU President and seconded by the B.Ed  $2^{nd}$  Year group 1A class rep.

#### 4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

## 5. Sabbatical Officer Reports

#### MISU President

- Met with the MIC Vice-President of Governance and Strategy to catch up and have an open conversation regarding governance issues and projects.
- Was involved with the organising, running and fundraising for both the MIC Limerick Charity Week and MIC Thurles Charity Week. Attended both MIC Thurles Charity week events in Noel Ryan's pub on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and the on-campus Tag Rugby event on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>.

- Was in attendance at the Education Department courses board meetings.
- Attended an APAC meeting and met with the MIC governing authority regarding the placement grading procedures.
- Met with student parents and is continuously assisting all students in general.

#### 6. Academic Matters

There were no academic matters to discuss.

#### 7. Non-Academic Matters

#### **Parking**

• There are no further updates yet regarding the 'park and ride' system being proposed for the MIC Limerick Campus.

#### 8. MISU Elections

#### Regulations – For Approval

• Could not be approved at Union Council at this time as Quorum was not met. Matter will now go to the Executive Committee.

## <u>Returning Officer – For Information</u>

• The MISU Executive Committee has agreed on the candidate who will act as Returning Officer for the upcoming elections.

# <u>Dates for Election – For Information</u>

- The referendum to introduce a third Sabbatical Officership will be held on February 21st.
- Nominations for the MISU General Elections will open on March 1<sup>st</sup> and close on March 8<sup>th</sup> with voting taking place on March 14<sup>th</sup>.

## 9. Any Other Business

# Thurles

• No other business at this time.

## Limerick

Some students were not happy with a post on the MISU Clubs and Socs Instagram page
that welcomed students in a particular course back on campus but not other students
also returning. Students felt that the post was not very inclusive and that they had been
forgotten about.

## 10. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 1st at 6pm.