

Mary I Students' Union | Aontas na Mac Léinn

Union Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 1st of March 2023 Week: 6 Time: 6:00pm Location: Hybrid Attendance: TBC Apologies: All apologies were given in the Class Rep WhatsApp Group.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Union Council Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Unapproved Minutes

Could not be approved as quorum was not met. Will be carried forward to the next meeting for approval.

3. Matters Arising

The Elections Regulations were approved by the MISU Executive Committee and subsequently approved by Union Council virtually.

4. Sabbatical Officer Reports

President

- Attended a series of meetings such as with the Medical Centre, Arts Faculty, Teaching and Learning Directorate, the Healthy Campus Committee and ICT Committee.
- Attended the first meeting of the ISET (Institutional Self-Evaluation Team).
- Was present at the MISU DAC Board and MISU Management Advisory Board meetings as well as the UL Academic Council.
- Attended the Quality Committee and EDII Implementation group and met with the MIC Vice-President of Academic Affairs.
- There was great success with the MIC Irish Language Review launch and the recent MISU Referendum where all motions passed and changes have been added to the MISU Constitution.
- Was in contact with staff from the MIC Access Office and the Occupational Therapist regarding the new Sensory Information Hub.
- Is continuing to seek an update from Buildings and Estates regarding the water fountains.
- Nominations are now open for the MISU Elections.

5. Academic Matters

Nothing to report at this time.

6. Non-Academic Matters

Park & Ride

• The pilot Park & Ride service for the MIC Limerick Campus has now begun and there are significant improvements to the illegal parking on campus however, it is still happening in the disability bays.

Feedback on MIC Services

• MISU President sought feedback on the MIC Services but none was given.

7. AGM Date

No date has been given yet.

8. Staff-Student Forum

- The Arts Faculty Staff-Student Forum will take place on March 7th in the MISU Meeting Room for 1st, 2nd and 4th years.
- The Education Faculty Staff-Student Forum will take place on March 20th in the MISU Meeting Room for all Education students.

9. MISU Management Advisory Board – Member Ratification

There has been a new member added to the MISU Management Advisory Board however their membership could not be approved as quorum was not met. This will be carried over to the next meeting.

10. Any Other Business

<u>Thurles</u>

- Issues are arising regarding the Gaeltacht payment. Students feel like they are receiving no support from MIC and were not aware of the costs until receiving an email. Students assumed that the cost of the Gaeltacht was built into the course fees. MISU President intends to have a conversation with the Head of School in MIC Thurles regarding this and will bring the issue to the MIC Finance Office.
- MIC Thurles students have expressed interest in getting either a pool table or ping pong table on campus. MISU Thurles Officer has suggested the old Students' Lounge space as a good location for this.

<u>Limerick</u>

- MIC Limerick students have enquired about the pool table and would like to see it brought back. They have expressed interest in a ping pong table also.
- There was a request to have the MISU Clubs & Socs Instagram page updated to include the daily match fixtures for basketball and camogie. MISU President noted that the fixtures need to be sent to MISU if we are to be able to advertise them.
- Issues continue to arise regarding the €3.00 pay carpark and the defective barriers. Students questioned why they should have to pay.
- Students expressed interest in having tea/coffee facilities available in the Library building.

11. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Not mentioned.