

Union Council Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 15th 2023

Time: 6pm

Location: Hybrid

Attendance:

MISU President, Union Council Chairperson, Thurles Officer, BA in Ed: Ga & Bus 2nd Year Rep, BA in Ed: Ga & Bus 1st Year Rep, BA in Ed: Ga & Rel 2nd Year Rep, BA in Ed: Ga & Maths 1st Year Rep, BA in Ed: Bus & Maths 2nd Year Rep, B.Ed 1st Year 6B Rep, ECCE 3rd Year Group A Rep, B.Ed 3rd Year 4A Rep, BA in Ed: Bus & Rel 3rd Year Rep, BA 4th Year Linguistics Rep, B.Ed 2nd Year 6B Rep, B.Ed 3rd Year 6A Rep, BA 2nd Year History Rep.

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

1. Welcome and Apologies

MISU President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Unapproved Minutes

Could not be approved as quorum was not met.

3. Matters Arising

Thurles Gaeltacht Fees

• MISU President will be meeting with the MIC Finance Office next week to discuss this issue and hopes to have an update for students then.

4. Sabbatical Officer Reports

MISU President

- Attended a variety of meetings such as the ECCE Course board, Arts Faculty Staff-Student Forum, An Comhairle Acadúil, Equality Committee, and MIC Counselling Services Teams meeting.
- Is hoping to launch the 'Hello, how are you?' campaign on both MIC Campuses.
- Met with staff from the MIC Finance Office and MIC Buildings & Estates Office.
- The MIC Buildings & Estates Office will be placing permanent bollards on the footpaths on the MIC Limerick Campus to prevent students illegally parking and causing obstructions.
- An Garda Síochána and the community guard will be patrolling nearby private housing estates and will issues fines, penalties and will tow away illegally parked cars.

5. Academic Matters

No Academic matter arose.

6. Non-Academic Matters

Staff-Student Forums

- The Arts Faculty Staff-Student Forum took place on March 7th.
- The Education Faculty Staff-Student Forum's will take place all day on March 20th and an email reminder will be sent to students with confirmation of timings.

7. MISU Elections

- MISU President noted that there were no nominations received for the Sabbatical positions of President and Vice-President Academic.
- Nominations have since reopened and will close at 2pm on March 21st.

8. MISU Management Advisory Board – Member Ratification

• The addition of a new member to the MISU Management Advisory Board could not be approved as quorum was not met.

9. Any Other Business

<u>Thurles</u>

- Parking issues on the Thurles campus are continuing whereby locals are parking in the on-campus carparks.
- Parking Stickers were just handed out randomly on campus, students are nor sure if it was implemented properly.

Limerick

- Water Fountains: MIC put out a tender for the water fountains that was picked up by Glenpatrick however they now want MIC to pay €80,000 to upgrade the current fountains.
- Issues with language on lecture material needs to be addressed.

10. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 29th at 6pm.