



## Mary I Students' Union | Aontas na Mac Léinn Union Council Meeting Minutes

Date: 27 | 09 | 2023 | Week: 03

Time: 5pm

Location: MISU Meeting Room/Teams

Present: 13 Limerick Reps; 8 Thurles Reps; 3 MISU Exec Officers: President, Vice President Academic, Vice President Student Experience and Wellbeing

Apologies: CATS 4 Rep, Bus & Religion 4 Rep,

Training Attendance: 14 in Limerick; 9 in Thurles

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

MISU President welcomed everyone to first Union Council meeting in the 2023/24 academic year. Apologies were noted.

### 2. New Exec Action Plan

The annual action plan was taken as read by all council members prior the meeting. The President encouraged class reps to partner with the executive in actualising the work plan.

### 3. Update on Strategic Plan

The President went through the strategic plan slide after slide and stressed that the union was on track with plan. It was noted that the union and the college will collectively create an Engagement Strategy to address the issue of low engagement at MIC. A survey will soon be conducted to identify engagement issues at the college, and ultimately, solution will be found.

### 4. Info on Headshots & Class Clothing

Class reps were reminded to send their headshots to the Comms & Services Department (i.e. to Eadaoin or Chloe) as soon as possible. The pictures will be displayed around campus for students to know their representatives.

### 5. Council Sub-Committees

The VPSEW explained each sub-committee and asked class reps to volunteer as follows:

#### i. Thurles Campus Class Rep Committee

- a) **BA in Education, Business Studies and Accounting** – 2nd Year BA in Education: Business & Accounting Rep – Proposed by 4th Year BA in Education, Irish and Business Studies Rep and seconded by 4th Year BA in Education: Maths and Business Rep
  - b) **BA in Education, Business Studies and Religious Studies** – Remains to be filled at the next UC Meeting
  - c) **BA in Education, Irish and Religious Studies** – Remains to be filled at the next UC Meeting
  - d) **BA in Education, Irish and Business Studies** – 4th Year BA in Education, Irish and Business Studies Rep – Proposed by 4th Year BA in Education: Maths and Business Rep and seconded by 2nd Year BA in Education: Gaeilge and Business Rep
  - e) **BA in Education, Maths and Irish Studies** – 2nd Year BA in Education: Maths and Gaeilge Rep – Proposed by 4th Year BA in Education: Maths and Business Rep and seconded by 2nd Year BA in Education: Business & Accounting Rep
  - f) **BA in Education, Maths and Business Studies** – 4th Year BA in Education: Maths and Business Rep – Proposed by 3rd Year BA in Education: Gaeilge and Business Rep and seconded by 2nd Year BA in Education: Gaeilge and Business Rep
  - g) **BA in Home Economics and Business Studies** – Remains to be filled at the next UC Meeting
- ii. **MISU Disciplinary Committee**
- 2nd Year Group 1 PME Rep – Proposed by 2nd Year BA ECCE Group A Rep and seconded by 2nd Year Bachelor of Arts Media & Communication Rep
  - 2nd Year Group 7A Bachelor of Education Rep – Proposed by 2nd Year Group 1 PME Rep and seconded by 2nd Year Group 4A Bachelor of Education Rep
  - 2nd Year BA in Education: Gaeilge and Business Rep – Proposed by 4th Year BA in Education, Irish and Business Studies Rep and seconded by 4th Year BA in Education: Maths and Business Rep
  - 2nd Year BA in Education: Business & Accounting Rep – Proposed by 3rd Year BA in Education: Gaeilge and Business Rep and seconded by 2nd Year BA in Education: Gaeilge and Business Rep

iii. **MISU Appeals Committee**

- 1st Year Bachelor of Arts English Rep – Proposed by 2nd Year Group 7A Bachelor of Education Rep and seconded by 1st Year Bachelor of Arts Psychology Rep

iv. **MISU Academic Committee**

- a) **B.Ed** – 2nd Year Group 2B Bachelor of Education Rep – Proposed by 2nd Year Group 4A Bachelor of Education Rep and seconded by 2nd Year Group 1 PME Rep
- b) **B.Ed and Psychology** – 3rd Year Group A Bachelor of Education and Psychology Rep – Proposed by 3rd Year BA in Education: Gaeilge and Business Rep and seconded by 2nd Year BA in Education: Gaeilge and Business Rep
- c) **BA** – 4th Year Bachelor of Arts History Rep – Proposed by 2nd Year Group 2B Bachelor of Education Rep and seconded by 2nd Year Bachelor of Arts Media & Communication Rep
- d) **BA ECCE** – 2nd Year BA ECCE Group A Rep – Proposed by 2nd Year Group 1 PME Rep and seconded by 2nd Year BA in Education: Business & Accounting Rep
- e) **BA CATS** – Remains to be filled at the next UC Meeting
- f) **BA in Education Business Studies and Accounting** – 2nd Year BA in Education: Business & Accounting Rep – Proposed by 4th Year BA in Education, Irish and Business Studies Rep and seconded by 4th Year BA in Education: Maths and Business Rep
- g) **BA in Education Business Studies and Religious Studies** - Remains to be filled at the next UC Meeting
- h) **BA in Education, Irish and Religious Studies** – Remains to be filled at the next UC Meeting
- i) **BA in Education, Irish and Business Studies** – 4th Year BA in Education, Irish and Business Studies Rep – Proposed by 4th Year BA in Education: Maths and Business Rep and seconded by 2nd Year BA in Education: Gaeilge and Business Rep
- j) **BA in Education, Maths and Irish Studies** – 2nd Year BA in Education: Maths and Gaeilge Rep – Proposed by 4th Year BA in Education: Maths and Business Rep and seconded by 2nd Year BA in Education: Business & Accounting Rep
- k) **BA in Education, Maths and Business Studies** – 4th Year BA in Education: Maths and Business Rep – Proposed by 3rd Year BA in Education: Gaeilge and Business Rep and seconded by 2nd Year BA in Education: Gaeilge and Business Rep
- l) **BA in Home Economics and Business Studies** – Remains to be filled at the next UC Meeting

- v. **MISU Welfare Committee**
  - 1st Year Bachelor of Arts English Rep – Proposed by 2nd Year Group 1 PME Rep and seconded by 2nd Year BA ECCE Group A Rep
  - 2nd Year BA in Education: Gaeilge and Business Rep – Proposed by 4th Year BA in Education, Irish and Business Studies Rep and seconded by 3rd Year BA in Education, Irish and Business Studies Rep
  
- vi. **MISU Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Committee**
  - 4th Year BA ECCE Group A Rep – Proposed by Proposed by 2nd Year Group 1 PME Rep and seconded by 2nd Year BA ECCE Group A Rep
  - 1st Year Bachelor of Arts Psychology Rep – Proposed by 1st Year Bachelor of Arts English Rep and seconded by 2nd Year Bachelor of Arts Media & Communication Rep
  
- vii. **MISU Irish Language Committee**
  - 4th Year BA in Education, Irish and Business Studies Rep – Proposed by 2nd Year BA in Education: Business & Accounting Rep and seconded by 2nd Year BA in Education: Gaeilge and Business Rep
  - 3rd Year Group A Bachelor of Education and Psychology Rep – Proposed by 2nd Year Group 1 PME Rep and seconded by 2nd Year BA ECCE Group A Rep
  
- viii. **MISU Postgraduate Committee**
  - Remains to be filled at the next UC Meeting
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- ix. **MISU Student Engagement Committee**
  - 2nd Year BA Media & Communication Rep
  - Remains to be filled at the next UC Meeting

## 6. Election of Council Chair and Secretary

- Christopher Forrestal (BA 2 Media & Communication Class Rep) was elected Union Council Chairperson for this academic year. The election was proposed by BA ECCE 2A Class Rep and seconded by PME 2 Group 1 Class Rep.
- Eoghan Halvey (BA 1 English Class Rep) was elected Union Council Secretary. The election went unopposed.

## 7. Any Other Business

### a. Thurles:

- 15 November is the proposed date for the Thurles Ball. Class reps were asked to contact their classes and return with feedback as soon as possible.
- Mental Health Week will be underway on Thurles campus next week (i.e. Week 4).

### b. Limerick:

- Class reps complained that the price of packaged sandwiches in the canteen is still high, despite MasterChef reducing prices of food stuff this semester. The President vowed to keep an eye on the prices.
- The reps noted that staff members in the canteen this academic year are nicer than those last year.

## 8. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Week 5 on a day and time to be agreed by the reps. The VPA will circulate a Doodle Poll to facilitate this agreement.

**Time end:** 5:40pm