

Mary I Students Union, Limerick

Aontas na MacLéinn, Colaiste Mhuire Gan Smál, Luimneach

Minutes:

Meeting: Union General Meeting
Date: Semester 1: Week 5– Wednesday October 9th 2013
Time: 6:00pm
Venue: T117
Attendance:

First Years:

Ailíse Hogan, Aisling O' Donovan, Amée Bermingham, Amy Coughlan, Brónagh Murphy, Claire Douglas, David Walsh, Eimear Flaherty, Eimear Glavin, Fiona Moore, Jennifer Olden, Johanna Daly, Kate Doyle, Kevin Farrell, Lisa Reardon, Lorraine Donnellan, Meg Hennessy, Megan Davis, Naoimi Christie, Patricia Glynn, Rachel Daly, Ronan Bennett, Simmone O' Connell, Siofra Kelleher, Sophie Kelleher, Stacey Buckley, Stacey Cronin, Tanya Holliday.

Second Years:

Azariah Kelly, Brian Curtin, Bríd O' Donnell, Cathal Murphy, Christopher O' Flynn, Ciara Concannon, Ciara Fanning, Claire O' Brien, Daragh Sweeney, John Carroll, Kate Butler, Kate O' Driscoll, Keith Doherty, Loréan Ó Loinsigh, Maeve Anne Quinn, Michelle Hayes, Miryam Kevaney, Niamh Kealy, Niamh McKenna, Padraig Wilson McCarthy, Roisin Scallan, Ruth Murphy

Third Years:

Siobhán Griffin, Matthew Moran, Mai Burke Hayes, Eoin Harte.

Fourth Years:

Ivan Coughlan, Paul Kelly, Jessica Copps, Andrew O' Grady, Robin Kirwan, Muireann Ni Luasa, Annette Lordan, Melissa Barrett, Niamh Shek,

International/Post Grad/Grad Dip/Contemporary Living: Aileen Kearns, Cillian McHugh

Exec: Eileen Costello, Elaine O' Dwyer, Gareth Airey, James Deegan, Jessica Moran, Johanna O' Brien, Laura Griffin, Mark Dooley, Niall Carmody, Shane Hickey O' Meara

Apologies: Stephen Massey, Ciara Rahilly, James Simcox, Laura Brosnan, Dara Masterson, John Kelly, Marian Hanley, Grainne O' Dwyer, Emer Kelly

Minutes: Azariah Kelly (UC Secretary), Elaine O' Dwyer (SU Vice President/Academic Officer)

Item			Action
Item 1		SU Presentation	
1.1	NOTED:	SU Presentation given by Elaine this week	
1.2	NOTED:	Presentation included: introduction to Executive Committee, roles of MISU, roles of Class Reps etc.	
Item 2		Unapproved minutes from the last meeting	
2.1	NOTED:	Attendance: Cillian McHugh incorrectly noted as first year in attendance.	SU Vice Pres
2.2	NOTED:	5.2.2: Niamh Shek to be added to Disciplinary committee.	
2.3	NOTED:	Minutes approved.	
Item 3		Matters Arising From the Minutes	
3.1	NOTED:	Graduate representatives needed for research and taught postgraduates reps.	
3.1.1	NOTED:	Cillian McHugh volunteers for Research Postgrad rep	
3.1.2	NOTED:	Aileen Kearns volunteers for Taught.	
3.1.3	AGREED:	Cillian and Aileen are now graduate representatives.	
3.2	NOTED:	Ents Committee elected and named.	
3.3	NOTED:	Garda Clinics continuing, reps asked to announce.	All Reps
3.4	NOTED:	First year reps asked to address classes on orientation survey.	
3.5	NOTED:	Elaine and Johanna attended INTO Meeting on Monday. Vice President and Secretary of INTO were present.	
3.6	NOTED:	Eoin showed an example of the canteen News Sheets	
3.6.1	NOTED:	Reps were informed that less had been printed for that week.	
3.7	NOTED:	Bike rack plan in place; maintenance promoting greener campus. Also plan for bike rack cover in progress.	
3.8	AGREED:	Anti-Bullying week on agenda for this year, rather than Anti-Bullying day.	
Item 4		Exec Reports	
4.1	NOTED:	Executive committee gave updated reports of what they have been up to in the past few weeks.	
4.2	NOTED:	Eoin read out <i>Grainne's report</i> as she was not in attendance	
4.2.1	NOTED:	Postgraduate complaints dealt with (shelves in SG6 and water fountain in Summerville).	
4.2.2	NOTED:	International and Postgraduate event in Fennessy's organised by Grainne was successful.	
4.2.3	NOTED:	She is in talks with doctoral officer about CV workshop.	
4.3	NOTED:	<i>James and Niall's report</i> : Establishment of new societies, and continuation of old societies well underway.	
4.3.1	NOTED:	There has been an up take in first years joining and establishing societies.	
4.3.2	NOTED:	Clubs and Societies week is on-going this week.	
4.3.3	NOTED:	Events loyalty card and stamped events being promoted.	
4.3.4	NOTED:	Clubs and Socs event in Angel Lane, best dressed society member wins prize for their soc and themselves. Portion of price of ticket goes to your chosen club or soc.	
4.4	NOTED:	<i>Jessica and Eileen's report</i> : Meeting with Irish Department and officer about upcoming events.	
4.4.1	NOTED:	There will be a Table quiz in Scotts for Clubs and Socs week by Cumann Gaelach.	
4.4.2	NOTED:	Seachtain na Gaeilge fortnight mentioned –all ideas welcome	
4.5	NOTED:	<i>Mark and Shane's Report</i> - Mental health week coming up.	

- 4.5.1 NOTED: Trying to get a comedian on campus.
 4.5.2 NOTED: Possibility of self-defence classes being organised.
 4.5.3 NOTED: Trying to organize that Davey Fitz (Clare GAA) give talk on bullying during anti-bullying week.
 4.5.4 NOTED: LGBTA had a successful first event - 'LGBT Tea Party'.
 4.5.5 NOTED: Mixers being organised. International mixer was successful.
 4.5.6 NOTED: Mature student mixer next week, Tuesday, at 2.30 in Lounge.
 4.5.7 NOTED: MISPACE meetings on going.
 4.5.8 NOTED: Men's Health Day upcoming, in conjunction with Health Promotion Office.
 4.5.9 NOTED: Movember upcoming.
 4.5.10 NOTED: Marie Keating Foundation will be present in college as well as a wear blue day for men's cancer awareness.

Item 5**Clubs and Socs week**

- 5.1 Covered in Exec reports (Item 4.3.2)

Item 6**Staff Student Forum**

- 6.1.2 NOTED: Johanna explained Staff and Student Forum being set up for ECCE, BEd and Psychology and BEd students to connect with lecturers and tutors.
 6.1.2 NOTED: Reps for these courses asked to collect data from students to pass onto Dean of Education - constructive criticism, feedback, issues, etc.
 6.1.3 NOTED: This forum will take place on October 21st from 3.30pm - 5pm.
 6.1.4 NOTED: More details to come.

**All Education
Reps**

Item 7**Gaeltacht Updates**

- 7.1 NOTED: Elaine explained how Gaeltacht fees cannot be subsidised by college anymore due to lack of government funding.
 7.1.2 NOTED: B.Ed Students are required to pay two instalments of approx. €700 for two compulsory placements on top of their registration fees over the course of their 4 year programme.
 7.1.3 NOTED: The seriousness of the issue was raised at meeting with INTO and the Senior advisor of the DES.
 7.1.4 NOTED: Not only are the fees proving problematic for students but the quality of the courses being attended are also an issue.
 7.1.5 NOTED: In the survey that was conducted last year in relation to the Gaeltacht placement, stark evidence emerged to show that the placements lacked quality, were not fit for purpose and were essentially a waste of money.
 7.2 NOTED: SU will continue to lobby with Department and the Teaching council about this.

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Item 8**Training Pitch**

- 8.1 NOTED: Pitch near Summerville being refurbished.
 8.1.1 NOTED: It will be a sand based pitch which will facilitate in the draining process.

Item 9**Gym Costs**

- 9.1 NOTED: Complaints were raised about the cost of the gym for students.

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9.1.1 NOTED: Elaine will look into it.

Item 10 INTO Meeting

10.1 NOTED: Class sizes due to increase with budget.

10.1.1 NOTED: Education standards will not be the same.

10.1.2 NOTED: Less jobs will be made available for NQTs because of this

10.1.3 NOTED: Class rep page to be set up by Elaine

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10.1.4 NOTED: TD contact list and letter to be posted and signed by the class reps in protest.

Item 11 TEFL Meeting

11.1 NOTED: Evening TEFL course being offered again this year for 2nd BA, ECCE and Post-graduates.

11.1.1 NOTED: Meeting on 15th October in T104 with Margaret Healy @ 6pm about whether or not the course will go ahead.

11.1.2 NOTED: Class reps asked to make this known to their classes

All Reps

Item 12 Anti-Bullying Week

12.1 NOTED: Anti-Bullying Week will be held this year, rather than Anti-Bullying Day.

12.1.2 NOTED: Anyone with ideas for activities asked to put them forward.

12.1.3 NOTED: Information videos, forums for creative writing, song writing, poetry etc. are all possibilities.

Item 13 AOB

13.1 NOTED: Matthew Moran, 3rd ECCE - No post box for students anymore on campus due to new reception - only for lecturers.

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13.2 NOTED: Aoife Cassidy, 3rd BEd Psych - meeting for Psychology reps after meeting.

13.3 NOTED: Andrew - , 4th BA - Ramps in car parks are a nuisance, ruining students' cars' suspension, shocks - causing major problems for students.

SU Pres

13.4 NOTED: Niall Carmody, 4th BA, Societies Officer/Shane Hickey-O'Mara, 4th BA, Welfare and Equality Officer - Reinforced anti-bullying week and its importance. Class reps were asked to push Anti-Bullying week and the seriousness of the issue.

All Reps

13.5 NOTED: Elaine O'Dwyer, SU Vice - Apologies need to be sent in by class reps for attendance of meetings.

Meeting concluded at 6.45pm

Signed: _____

MISU Council Chairperson