



ANNUAL REPORT

2022/23

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Foreword from your 2022/23 President

This past year has been a challenging year for the student movement. Returning from hybrid learning, in the middle of an accommodation and cost-of-living crisis has not been easy on students. I have met incredible people during my terms as MISU Vice-President and President.

Serving as President of MISU has given me some amazing opportunities, the best of which, is representing the students of MIC. Having the opportunity to listen to your voice and representing that voice across MIC's boards and committees has been a privilege. I have learned so much from you and have enjoyed every minute of representing you.

I would like to thank the Class Reps for their hard work and dedication and providing feedback to ensure your voice has been heard. Thank you to the Executive Committee for their dedication to the students of MIC and the hard work they have put in this year in a particularly tough year and for stepping up to assist when asked to.

I would like to thank the staff of MIC for their collaboration, open communication and willingness. Lastly, a massive THANK YOU to the staff of MISU, in helping me to help you. Behind the scenes is an amazing, supportive and hard-working team whom I could not have achieved anything without. Their support and guidance has been incredible. I will miss you all.

I hope you have enjoyed this year in MIC and I am honored to have been on this journey with you as your President for 22/23.



Aoife Gleeson
MISU PRESIDENT

Sabbatical (Full-Time) Officers 22/23

The MISU President and Vice President represent, advocate for and lead the students of MIC. They do this by;

- sitting on MIC Boards and Committees
- leading the MISU Executive Committee in representing and working for the student body,
- providing support and information to students on personal, social and academic concerns
- creating a positive student experience.

A number of activities to support students including awareness and event weeks to enhance the student experience were undertaken by the MISU President and Vice-President during the 2022/23 academic year. * (The 2022/23 Vice-President resigned from their post in Semester 1)

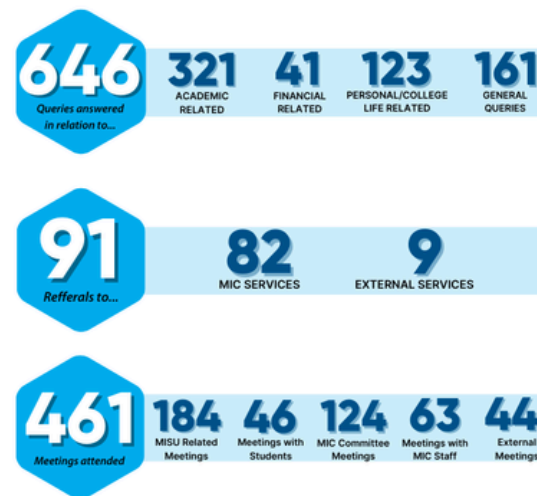
Representation, Leadership and Advocacy Activities

- Advocated for lower prices in the canteen and the return of microwave and food stalls to campus
- Advocated for increased parking facilities for students
- Continued the provision of free period products across our campuses
- Organised a commuter hub for commuting students
- Organised exam breakfasts for students
- Organised distribution of food parcels and fuel vouchers for students
- Advocated for the a more even distribution of workload for students by requesting deadlines to be moved and exams to be changed
- Continued work on the School Placement Grading concern
- Continued work on the Gaeltacht fees for Thurles students issue
- Assisted students with accommodation issues
- Met with The Minister for the Department of Further & Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Simon Harris, around issues affecting students in Ireland

Campaigns, Events & Awareness Activities

- Organised Student Walkout for October 13th at 11:11am., Approximately 300 MIC Students across both campuses took part in the national campaign, which was organised by USI, to highlight the impact of the accommodation crisis on MIC students
- Pride Week
- Student Activities Days
- Christmas Daze
- Attended the presentation of the McAuley Medal to Fr. Peter McVerry by President Michael D. Higgins
- Charity Week - €2,000 raised
- Minding You Day

REPRESENTATION, ADVOCACY & LEADERSHIP



Aoife Gleeson
**MISU PRESIDENT
2022/23**



**Participated in 31
different press and event
appearances/recordings**

These figures reflect the President and Vice-President for Semester 1 and the President for Semester 2.

Part-Time Officers 22/23

Each year, the student body elects students to a number of different officerships within MISU. These elected students, along with the Sabbatical Officers make up the MISU Executive Committee (the Exec).

The Exec meets on a weekly basis throughout the year and is responsible for implementing MISU policy and decisions or working on issues that have been raised by the Class Representatives (Class Reps) at Union Council. The Exec reports to, and keeps Union Council informed of and up to date on the issues or campaigns which they are working on. You can talk to your Exec about any issues or ideas which you have, you can ask them to work on something for you, or just find out about what they are up to.

YOUR PART-TIME OFFICERS
2022/2023

- Luke O'Gorman**
WELFARE OFFICER
- John White**
THURLES OFFICER
- Sarah Ryan-Purcell**
OIFIGEACH GARLGE
- Nóra Burke**
EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION OFFICER
- Kate Moylan**
STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICER (THURLES)
- Cian Egan**
STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICER (LIMERICK)
- David Obisanya**
POSTGRADUATE OFFICER

Part-Time Officer Annual Reports



Luke O'Gorman
WELFARE OFFICER

- Helped students gain access to the UL library
- Organised orientation tours for new students.
- Worked to address ongoing issues affecting students such as parking and clamping issues
- Attended Union Council and Exec Committee meetings
- Meet with UL Student Life Welfare Officer
- Facilitated the Sex Ed Quiz
- Worked on Anti-Spiking and Consent Campaigns
- Collaborated with Healthy Campus
- Assisted students with Welfare issues
- Organised a Student Walkout to raise awareness of the accommodation crisis
- Helped raise awareness and increasing student voting in the MISU Referendum
- Irish Language Review Report
- Attended the Staff LGBTQI Network
- Organised 'Minding you Day' where welfare packs & information were distributed to students



John White

THURLES OFFICER

- Organised a monthly tea/coffee mature student meetup
- Attended MISU Exec and Union Council meetings
- Supported the organisation of the MIC Thurles Awards Night
- Took part in a small group study for the EDII Office
- Listened to students queries & issues & tried to resolve through the correct routes
- Began the MIC Thurles Stage Performers Society
- Attended meetings with Finn O'Murchu to discuss happenings around Thurles campus
- Supported Thurles students at disciplinary meetings
- Attended Thurles Program Board meetings
- Met with Minister Micheal Martin when he visited the MIC Thurles campus
- Brought issues to MISU regarding student parking, food prices etc.
- Organised a tea/coffee morning for Pride week as well as raising of the Pride flag at the front of MIC Thurles
- Organised 'Christmas Daze' with Finn O'Murchu, staff and students
- Organised student tour guides for various MIC Thurles Open Days
- Organised a prayer service for Adam Kirwan in the MIC Thurles chapel.
- Organised Student/Teacher walkout with regards to the housing crisis and expensive food for commuting students
- Promoted & campaigned for all years and classes' to have a class Representatives
- Helped with organisation of the MIC Thurles Basketball team & gear



Sarah Ryan-Purcell

OIFIGEACH GAELGE

Gníomhaíochtaí:

- Aistriúchán ar doiciméid an Aontais: Cur síos ar ról an Oifighigh, sleamhnáin eolais d'ionadaithe ranga Translation of Union documents: Description of the Officer role, info slides for class reps
- 2 chéilí rathúil, ceann an seimeastair, i gcomhpháirt leis an Oifigeach Leasa agus le hOifigeach Gníomhaíochtaí na Macléinn 2 successful céilí's, one for each semester, in collaboration with the Welfare Officer and Student Activities Officer
- D'éisigh mé dhá chlár raidió chun teanga na Gaeilge a chur chun cinn Launched two radio shows to promote the Irish language on-campus: 'Tae 'is Plé' and 'Nóisin'
- Tá Cumann Gaelach bunaithe ar an dá champas an bhliain seo. Bhí 7 n-oíche Ghaelach againn i Luimneach le linn na bliana, mar aon le tráth na gceist agus cúpla maidin chaifé sa Seomra Caidrimh There is now a Cumann Gaelach (Irish Language Society) established on both campuses this year. We had 7 Oíche Ghaelach in Limerick throughout the year, as well as a quiz and a few coffee mornings in the Seomra Caidrimh
- Gníomhaí Gaeilge: Cúrsa gradaim le Conradh na Gaeilge chun gníomhaíocht ar son na teanga a aithint. Teagmháil leanúnach le Emily-Anne Rennison mar mheantóir i rith na bliana. Tá gradam le fáil ag an Aontas ar an 9ú Bealtaine 2023 i mBaile Átha Cliath. Partaking in an award scheme with Conradh na Gaeilge, which recognises efforts for the Irish language. Continuous communication with Emily-Anne Rennison throughout the year as mentor. The Union will receive an award on 9th May 2023 in Dublin

- Ionadaíocht ar son lucht na dara bliana sa B.Oid mar gheall ar deacrachtaí lena gcuid modúil Ghaeilge Representation on behalf of the 2nd year B Ed students regarding issues with their Irish module
- D'fhreastal an tOifigeach ar Thraenáil na gCumann, ar an Oireachtas, agus ar Ard-Fheis Chonradh na Gaeilge. B'shin an chéad uair go raibh ionadaíocht ó Choláiste Mhuire gan Smál ó 2018. Attended Traenáil na gCumann, an tOireachtas, and Ard-Fheis Chonradh na Gaeilge on behalf of the union. It was the first time MIC was represented at these national events, at least since 2018
- D'fhreastal 30 mac léinn ar an Oireachtas an bhliain seo, an méid is mó riamh ó Choláiste Mhuire gan Smál. Organised for 30 MIC students to attend the Oireachtas this year, the largest MIC representation ever
- Thug an tOifigeach cuairt ar champas Dhurlas agus choimeád sí teagmháil leo i gcaitheamh na bliana Visited the Thurles campus and kept in touch with Cumann Gaelach reps during the year
- Seachtain na Gaeilge ar champas Luimnigh agus ar na meáin shóisialta:
 - Téama an scannánaíochta Film theme with 3 screenings of Irish language films
 - Maidin chaifé Coffee morning
 - Biongó Lócó - Bingo Loco through Irish in collaboration with UL
 - Focal / Frása an La Word/phrase of the day on social media
- Gaeilge 24 - Ag caint as Gaeilge ar feadh an lae: Clár raidió speisialta, seisiún aclaíochta, trad ar chéimeanna TARA, PopUp Gaeltacht Speaking Irish for 24 hours: Exclusive radio show, fitness session, trad on TARA steps, PopUp Gaeltach in Fennessy's
- Thacaigh an tOifigeach le himeachtaí an Aontais Supported and helped with Union events: Christmas Dinner, Charity Week, Activities Day, Orientation, Open Day
- D'fhreastal ar cheardlanna oiliúna le Conradh na Gaeilge Attended various training workshops with Conradh na Gaeilge

- Labhair an tOifigeach ar Raidió na Gaeltachta faoi thrí: Eachtraigh Dom, Iris Aniar, Bladhaire Spoke on Raidió na Gaeltachta on three different occasions

Campaigns:

- Ag iarraidh polasaí Gaeilge a chruthú don Aontas Seeking to develop an Irish language policy specific to this Union
- Scéim chónaithe a bhunú ar champas Luimnigh: I mbun cainte leis an Oifigeach Lóistine Irish language residential scheme for Limerick campus: In talks with the Accommodation Officer

Coistí / Committees:

- 1) Inmheánach Internal
 - a) Bord na Gaeilge
 - b) Meitheal na Gaeilge - ag cruthú polasaí Gaeilge nua don choláiste iomlán Developing a new Irish language policy for the whole college.
- 2) Seachtrach External
 - a) Gaeilge4All - feachtas a bhunaíodh i 2019 chun an Ghaeilge mar ábhar a fhorbairt ó thús deiridh an córas oideachais - ón naíonra go dtí institiúidí tríú leibhéal A campaign established in 2019 to develop Irish language as a subject across the education system, from pre-school to third-level education.



Nóra Burke

**EQUALITY, DIVERSITY
& INCLUSION OFFICER**

- Organised pride week in conjunction with MIDAS which included ; raising of the pride flag, pride themed Bingo along with MIDAS, organising a guest speaker and hosting an open mic night (Queereoke)

- Gave campus tours for orientation
- Helped to refill free period products around campus
- Helped to organise an EDI focus group to gather feedback from students to help with the EDII office's renewal of the Athena Swan Bronze Award
- Liaised with the SU and the college's EDII office about accessibility issues in campus
- Attended a meeting college's EDI committee and spoke on behalf of the students.
- Gave class addresses and encouraged voting in SU referendum
- Helped to raise money during charity week



Kate Moynihan
**STUDENT ACTIVITIES
 OFFICER (THURLES)**

- Dealt with student concerns that were relevant to my role
- Supported with the launch of new clubs
- Met with Taoiseach Micheal Martin, President of MIC Eugene Wall and local TD Jackie Cahill during the Taoiseach's visit to campus
- Launched Mens & Women's soccer clubs on Thurles campus
- Co-trained the women's soccer team
- Supported with the organisation of the MIC Thurles Ball 2023
- Organised events for Charity Week including the annual TAG Rugby event and an evening event in Noel Ryan's

- Attended all home sports matches, took photos, kept score etc. I submitted match & training fixtures weekly, for promotion on social media
- Promoted & attended events on campus. Consistently promoted Clubs & Socs in MIC. Hence why there is 80% participation in sports in MIC Thurles.
- Served on the committee for the MIC Thurles Awards
- I played on the football and soccer team. 4 out of 9 of the sports teams on campus were successful in winning out their competition/league this year which was absolutely amazing and a huge achievement for our small campus



Cian Egan
**STUDENT ACTIVITIES
 OFFICER (LIMERICK)**

- Sat on the Teaching & Learning Directorate meeting with the MISU Prez and the Wired FM board
- Attended the following events; Ceilís, Minding You Day, Voting Day, Student Walkout
- Attended weekly Exec Meetings
- Contacted the Clubs & Socs Coordinator with regards to clubs & socs queries which I was unsure of
- Attended the MISU AGM
- Served as a judge at the 2023 BICS awards
- Assisted at 3 open days
- Assisted students with general college/student life questions





David Chisanga
**POSTGRADUATE
OFFICER**

- Responded to post grad student queries on parking
- Participated in Charity Week
- Attended launch of MIC Irish Language Review Report
- Attended launch of Irish Language Week
- Manned polling station on referendum
- Promoted Student Inc. Summer Programme to post grads
- Promoted MISU elections among post grads
- Invited students to join Post Grad Society
- Sat on Academic Integrity Policy Sub-committee
- Attended Academic Programme Appraisal Committee (APAC)
- Held Lunch Time Presentations
- Conducted Semester 1 Postgrad Survey. Analysed and produced the results and awarded 2 post grad students prizes for their participation
- Represented students at Academic Council and Research Committee meetings
- Represented students during graduation ceremony
- Promoted and attended post grad semester 1 info sessions
- Promoted MIC post grad programmes through videos and pictures
- Implemented Virtual Coffee Breaks (Tuesdays/Thursdays)
- Attended Arts Faculty Board Meetings
- Engaged with UL and TUS on hosting Shannon Research Conference

Union Council and Class Reps

Union Council and Class Reps play a key role in the work of MISU; through Union Council, Class Reps raise any issues which their class is experiencing, give feedback or put forward ideas.

Class Reps can mandate the Exec to follow through on what happens at Council or take a certain stance on an issue to make sure they are working for the students.

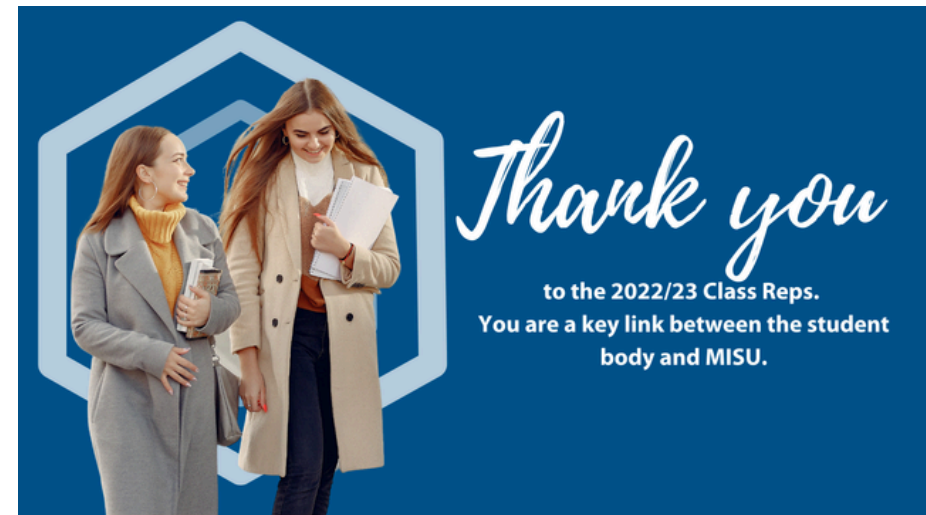
Class Reps are a vital part of the Union. We would like to thank all of the class reps for their hard work and dedication to their role.

Ben O'Dwyer

**UNION COUNCIL CHAIR
2022/23**

Clodagh Bennett

**UNION COUNCIL SECRETARY
2022/23**



Your 2022/23 Class Reps

Bachelor of Education

1st Year

5A: Bróna McGlinchey
6B: Abby Purcell
7A: Fiona Sheehan

2nd Year

1A: Damien Kissane
5A: Therese McCarthy
6B: Emma O'Sullivan
7A: Sadhbh Roche

3rd Year

4A: Emma Hinchey
5A: Ethan McNea
5B: Ellen O'Brien
6A: Andrea O'Connor
6B: Christine O'Keeffe
7A: Ronan Finnan

4th Year

6B: Diane O Connor

Bachelor of Arts

1st Year

English: Jodie Neilan
History: Elaine Myra Hanley
Mathematics: Brendan O'Toole

2nd Year

Gaeilge: Danielle Hadnett
History: Dede Hearity

3rd Year

No Class Representatives

4th Year

English: Jana Brennan
Gaeilge; Rebecca Carson
History: Jessica Comeford
Music: Sarah Burns
Media & Communications: Holly O'Flaherty
Psychology: Ciara Power
Linguistics: Nikole Ni Mhurchú

BA CATS

1st Year: Rebecca McGlone
2nd Year: Anna Corcoran
4th Year: Sarah Mc Donagh

BA in Early Childhood Care & Education

1st Year Group A: Danielle Ryan
3rd Year Group A: Sarah Louise Condren

Professional Master of Education

2nd Year Group A: Mary Feeney 2nd Year Group B: Niamh Sheahan

BA in Education, Business Studies & Accounting

1st Year: HollyAnn Duggan 2nd Year: Shauna Bradley
3rd Year: Lisa Lynch 4th Year: Joshua Mullen

BA in Education, Business Studies & Religious Studies

1st Year: Sarah O'Callaghan 3rd Year: Connor Bailey
4th Year: Ciarán Cuddihy

BA in Education, Gaeilge & Religious Studies

2nd Year: Nichole Sheils 3rd Year: Dearbhail Cuddy

BA in Education, Gaeilge & Business Studies

1st Year: Ava Prendergast 2nd Year: Clodagh Bennett
3rd Year: Michaela Donoghue 4th Year: Briana Donnelly

BA in Education, Mathematics & Gaeilge

1st Year: Adam Cullen 2nd Year: Darragh Doolan
3rd Year: Niall Gorman

BA in Education, Mathematics & Business Studies

1st Year: Cathal Nash 2nd Year: Megan Hughes
3rd Year: Annie Twomey

B Ed in Education & Psychology

1st Year Group A: Órla Gleeson: 2nd Year Group A: Ama McSweeney
3rd Year Group A: Patrick Brosnan 4th Year Group A: Muireann Farrell

Postgraduate Reps

MA in Applied Linguistics :
Semester 1: Janaina Alves de Andrade
Semester 2: Ameracio Domingos Samuel Machava

STUDENT OFFICERS

2023/2024



FULL-TIME OFFICERS



Cillian Callaghan
PRESIDENT



David Chisanga
VICE-PRESIDENT ACADEMIC
(DEPUTY PRESIDENT)



Caitlin Donnelly
VICE-PRESIDENT STUDENT
EXPERIENCE & WELLBEING



Dede Hearity
EQUALITY, DIVERSITY &
INCLUSION OFFICER



Darragh Doolan
OIFIGEACH GAELGE



Shane Griffin
THURLES OFFICER



Kate Moynihan
STUDENT ACTIVITIES
OFFICER (THURLES)

PART-TIME OFFICERS

The positions of Welfare Officer, Postgrad Officer and Student Activities Officer (Limerick) will be filled in September 2023/24

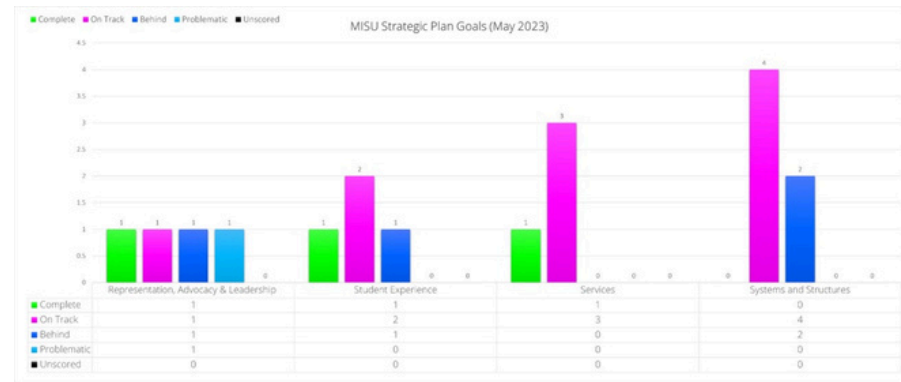
THE MISU TEAM

MISU's Clubs & Societies, Communications & Services, Operations, Finance and Administrative Functions are overseen by the General Manager who is supported by a team of dedicated staff. The MISU staff provide continuity within the Union and they support the Sabbatical Officers and the Executive Team in representing, advocating for and leading the student body.



MISU OPERATIONS

Our Strategic Plan, which was launched in January 2020, sets out four high-level priorities which are Representation, Advocacy and Leadership, Student Experience, Services and Structures and Systems. Each priority has a set of goals for us to achieve and in doing so will help the elected officers and staff ensure that your Union is meeting your needs, providing you with the relevant support and services and that as an MIC student, you will have a Students' Union that continues to grow and improve for the future. The following shows the progress of our work to date:



Pillar 1 - Representation, Advocacy & Leadership

Goal 2: Campaign for the continued improvement and development of all MIC student support services

- Recording of feedback (both positive and negative) from Union Council, which supported in identifying emerging issues incl. accessibility of services
- Raised concerns with MIC Student Supports on the accessibility of services and they addressed these concerns by further promoting how to access the services
- Clear guidelines made available to students in relation to the process of repeats & rechecks

Goal 3: Work in partnership with MIC to achieve common goals, while also holding the college to account for the achievements of its strategic goals where they are improving the student experience

- Successful collaboration on Orientation which is evident in student contact and enquires
- Successful in securing funding from MIC to continue providing free period products across our campuses
- Continued involvement with MIC Counselling Service in promoting the Body Project initiative
- Worked with the MIC Counselling Service in promoting the roll-out of Togetherall platform to MIC students
- Supported and promoted the SafeTalk training
- Secured 100 free places for By-Stander Intervention Training which took place in September 2022 and was attended by members of Union Council, Clubs & Socs Council and the general population of MIC
- Worked with MIC in promoting the new Peer Mentoring programme and recruiting Peer Mentors for 2023/24
- After years of lobbying and campaigning by MISU Sabbats, funding was finally secured for the delivery of a new Library on the Limerick campus

Goal 3: Foster a welcoming and friendly environment for students in all MISU spaces

- MISU Communications Strategy has supported all MISU departments in creating and publishing communications from MISU
- Roll-out of a MISU Lounge booking system to further highlight the space to students
- Developed and published MISU Brand Guidelines, so that MISU is easily identifiable and our brand is clear and coherent
- Increase in on-campus activities, including Student Activities Day, Charity Week, activity around Election Day, and Wellbeing events

Pillar 2 - Student Experience

Goal 2: Improve our services and the facilities available the MIC Thurles campus to ensure there is equity of service across both campuses

- Continuation of free delivery for Thurles campus on orders through the online store
- Introduction of a 3rd full-time officer role - Vice-President Student Experience & Wellbeing will allow for a Full-time officer to be present on the Thurles campus on a weekly basis during term time
- MISU had an active role in Thurles Orientation Week where we raised awareness of the services and supports that we provide
- Comms & Engagement Asst, Clubs & Societies Coord & Comms & Services Coord visited the campus on a regular basis
- The option of online MISU meetings allows for attendance across both campuses
- Option of online appointments to ensure MISU supports are accessible and available
- 4.8% of total Social Media queries were identified as being from the Thurles campus
- Focus on joint campaign weeks such as Pride Week and Charity Week
- 80% of MIC students on campus involved in MISU Clubs & Societies
- Continuous presence from Sabbats (weekly/fortnightly visits) and provision of representation & advocacy services

Pillar 3 - Services

- Goal 1:** Annually evaluate our academic, welfare, and support services to ensure;
 - Quality and consistency
 - Student satisfaction
 - Timeliness of response to student queries
- Ran a successful MISU Annual Student Feedback Survey in Semester Two. The increase in total respondents is up 11.8% in 2021/22. Feedback will be used to plan service delivery and operations for 2023/24 and inform Strategic Plan goals for 2023/24
- Online appointments system available with Sabbatical Officers and Staff
- Goal 2:** Annually evaluate our commercial services to;
 - Ensure quality and consistency
 - Monitor usage and footfall
 - Improve customer satisfaction
- Evaluation of different aspects of our commercial services including the online store, footfall, and sales in the on-campus store as a review of products available
- Class Rep Clothing orders are facilitated through the online store with support from the Communications & Services Coordinator
- Goal 4:** Increase student use of the MISU lounges on both the Limerick and Thurles campuses and promote them as spaces for relaxation and entertainment
- Redesign of both MISU lounge spaces in Limerick & Thurles to create a welcoming and friendly environment. Work to be done throughout the Summer of 2023 to have it ready for Semester 1 2023/24

Pillar 4 - Structures & Systems

Goal 1: **Establish an engagement strategy with the student body which address:**

- Who our members are
- What our members needs are
- How we engage with our members
- How we can tailor and improve our services to encourage and support engagement

The timeline for the development of the Engagement Strategy has been identified. Work on the Strategy to take place during Semester 1 of the 2023/24 Academic Year with the Strategy to be published and implemented for Semester 2

Goal 2: **Review the constitution and update our representative structures to make them simpler and more accessible**

The proposed Representative Structure has been brought to the MISU Executive Committee & Union Council for feedback. This feedback will be reviewed and included in the Structure

Addition of a 3rd full-time officer to take effect in the 2023/24 Academic Year. They will be based between Limerick & Thurles and will alternate with Vice-Prez Academic. Sabbatical Officers will be present on both campuses at all times during term time

Goal 5: **Review and redefine the role of the class rep in MISU**

A review and redefining of the role of the Class Rep have been included as part of the work on the representative structure

MISU Management Advisory Board

The purpose of the **MISU Management Board** is to provide advice and guidance to the MISU President and Vice Presidents (Sabbaticals), and the General Manager on a range of strategic, management, operational, and corporate governance issues. The Board also ensures that the Sabbatical Officers are fulfilling their constitutional responsibilities and that any concerns of this are reported by the Chairperson of the Board to the Chairperson of Union Council.

The Board is responsible for; the development of and the direction of mid-term and long-term strategic plans of the MISU; the acceptance of Annual Work Plans as submitted by the Sabbaticals and General Manager; the efficient use of MISU resources as well as corporate governance.

The current membership of the MISU Management Advisory Board is;
Previous Sabbatical Officers

Alison Dervan (MISU Vice-President 2015/2016 & 2018/2019)

Niall Carmody (MISU President 2014/2015)

Cillian McHugh (MISU Vice-President, 2012/2013 – Chair up to end of term as member in October 2022)

External Members

Emmett Mullaly (Chair – since October 2022)

Shane O' Sullivan

Sarah O' Donnell

Noel Gavin

Ex-Officio Members

Aoife Gleeson (MISU President)

MISU Vice-President (Position Vacant since Nov 2022)

Dee Kennelly (MISU General Manager)

The Board has met four times during the current Academic Year and the following matters have been discussed by the Board:

- Sabbatical Officer Reports which provided the board with an update on progress in dealing with a range of ongoing issues (e.g., academic delivery, placement, supervision, appeals)
- General Manager Reports which included correspondence undertaken on behalf of MISU, Internal Financial Controls, MISU Operations for the 2022/2023 Academic Year, Senior Management Meetings, HR & Operations
- Reports from the Commercial Services DAC Board incl. financial position
- Governance of MISU. The Board approved the following documents; Code of Conduct for Board Members, Conflicts of Interest Policy, Scheme of Matters for the Advisory Board (approved by Union Council in February 2023) and Schedule of Delegation for General Manager.
- Review and approval of the MISU Audited Accounts to the 31.08.2022

- Update of the MISU Reserves Policy in line with the Accounts
- Monitoring of the MISU Risk Register and the Items for which the Board has been identified as the Risk Owners
- Monitoring of the Strategic Plan goals
- Reviewing and approving the MISU Budget 2022/2023
- Reviewing and approving the 6-month management accounts
- Role and responsibilities of the Board

MISU FINANCES

MISU's financial year runs from 01 September to 31 August.

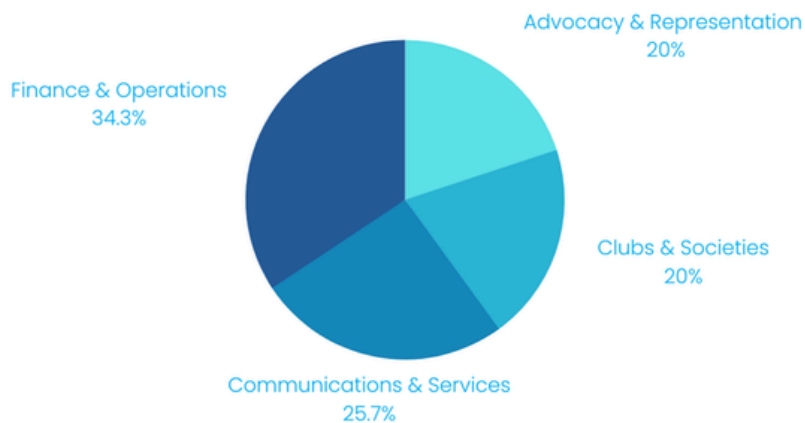
MISU (the Union) is funded through a capitation allocation which we receive from the Student Contribution Charge.

For the 2021/2022 Academic Year:

Total Income received	€428,137
Total Spend	€440,347

The following gives a summary of the Union's expenditure for the period.

Capitation Expenditure



MISU COMMERCIAL SERVICES DAC FINANCES

MISU Commercial Services DAC is a company owned and operated by MISU to manage the Union's commercial activity.

MISU Commercial Services DAC generates revenue from the following activities:

- The campus shop (An Siopa) (Limerick Campus)
- MISU online store (shop.misu.ie)
- Advertising on MISU social media platforms and MISU website
- Commercial Services provided through the Information & Services Desk and shop.misu.ie

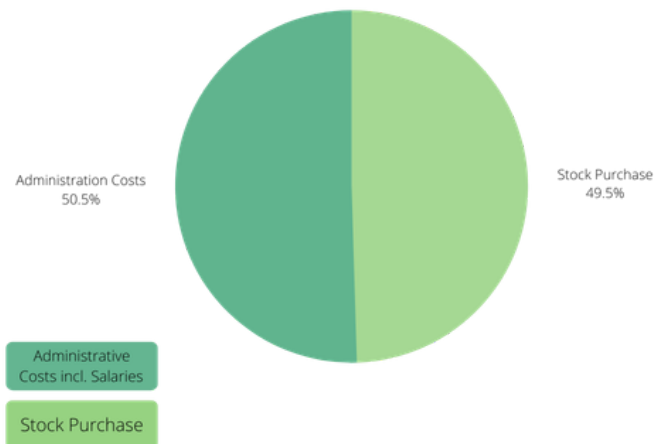
The financial year for MISU CS DAC runs in line with that of the Students' Union from 01 September to 31 August.

For the 2021/2022 Academic Year:

Total Income received:	€246,769
Total Spend:	€225,078

The following chart gives a breakdown of the expenditure for the period:

Breakdown of Spend



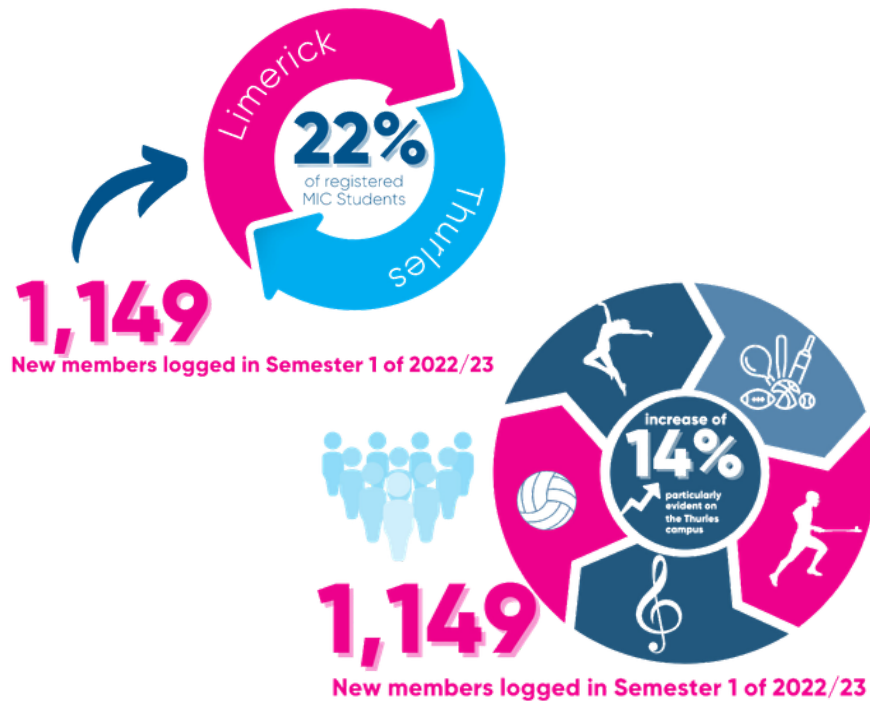
Clubs & Societies 2022/23

The 2022-23 academic year has been a hive of activity for Clubs & Societies across both Limerick and Thurles campuses.

September 2022 saw a change in sign-up procedures for Clubs & Societies, with the re-introduction of the €2 membership fee. This membership fee, which students are required to pay upon signing up online, ensures their official membership to the Club or Society and ensures that their activities while members, are covered under the Clubs & Societies Activity Insurance. This positive step now means that we have a clearer picture of active members within a society.

The 2022-23 academic year saw membership figures exceed all expectations with an increase in memberships based on the same period in 2021.

Activity levels have exploded in Thurles in particular with 69% of all students on campus currently involved in an extracurricular activity. Thurles has a thriving sporting community with numerous accolades to their name including the Senior Hurlers winning the Ryan Cup in Waterford in February 2023 and the Men's footballers reaching their own final in the same weekend. Numerous other teams in Thurles have reached the final stages of their respective competitions during Semester 2 with the latest victory coming in the shape of the newly formed Mens Soccer Team winning their division cup at the end of February 2023. The most recent accolade being 1st year student Aaron Ryan being named on the Electric Ireland GAA Higher Education Rising Stars Hurling Team of the Year.



The 2022-23 academic year also saw a return to the Arts with MIDAS, our Dramatic Arts Society, returning to the Lime Tree Theatre stage with one of the biggest student musical productions in the country. With approx. 1000 audience members over their 2-night run, and over 50 students working on their production since October 2022 this spelled a triumphant return to the Lime Tree for MIDAS after a 3-year absence due to Covid. As the academic year started to wind down, Thurles students held their first official campus Awards night with 18 Awards bestowed in celebration of the student achievements of the year. Success from the Limerick campus came in the form of MIDAS being crowned Best Society in a Cultural/Academic/Social field and also taking away Best Event for their musical 'Upstaged!' at the BICS 2023 Awards.

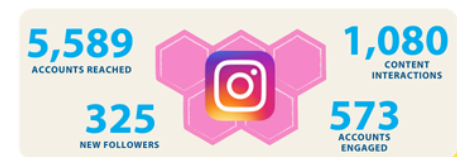
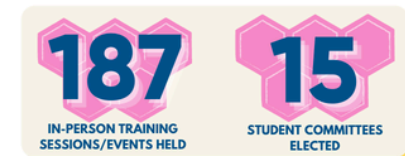


Challenges of 2022 / 2023

- Huge increase in activity levels across campuses, in particular Thurles, which took up a considerable portion of time
- The lack of clear procedures in relation to Clubs/Sports ownership within the college led to a lot of confusion early in the year which took time to work through
- Not enough time to focus on the development of smaller Clubs/Societies due to resources being put into larger and pre-established Clubs/Socs

Clubs & Societies Strategic Plan Goals Progress

- Thurles campus – engagement levels highest they have ever been this year offering them more sports and societies to become involved with. New jerseys and equipment secured for all teams via MIC Buildings and Estates
- The annual Survey is currently underway to compare against last year's statistics



Communications & Services 2022/23

The Communications & Services (Comms & Services) Department's primary function is to manage MISU communications and provide services including information and commercial services through the Information & Services Desk, social media, An Siopa and shop.misu.ie.

The department undertook a number of activities during the 2022/23 year. These activities have been outlined below

- Produced and publicised the Student Information Guide 2022-23
- Provided information campaigns on; Accommodation, Parking, Module Registration, Exams
- Development and provision of specific information pieces for misu.ie
- Development and promotion of the MISU Annual Feedback Survey
- Liaised with the MISU Vice-President to produce a Class Rep Recruitment Campaign, Class Rep training materials and clothing
- Supported the MISU President in organising a town hall for Thurles students to provide feedback on events suggested by the Thurles Officer and Thurles Student Activities Officer

- Supported the MISU Postgrad Officer in conducting a survey among Postgrad students on their experience as students of MIC
- Supported with delivering Orientation for incoming 1st year students
- Organised and promoted the MIC Thurles Ball
- Organised campus visits by GOSSH, Supermacs, Goya Bowls, USIT, SABIS Networks, Designer Minds, Spin South West and Shannon Ices
- Supported with the delivery of a number of events including; Student Activity Days, Pride Week, Christmas Daze, Sex Ed Quiz, Charity Week, Teacher Recruitment Fair and a Wellness Event
- Assisted with content creation, promotion and running of the MISU Referendum held on Tuesday, February 21st and the MISU Election and By-Election
- Worked with the Simon Community to ensure food parcels would be available to students for the 22-23 academic year

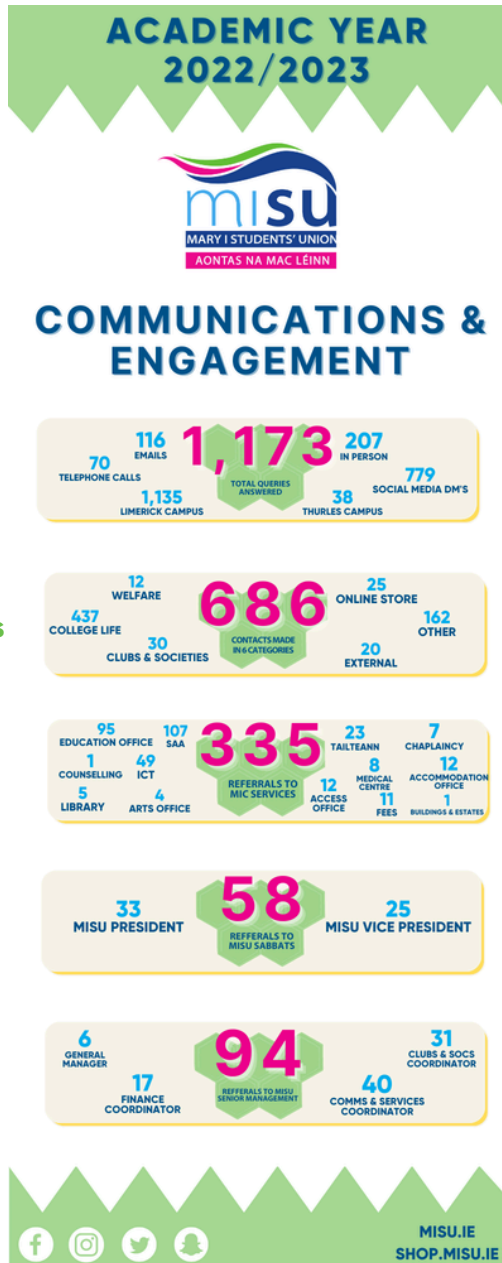


Challenges of 2022 / 2023

- Arranging on campus activity for the Thurles campus was a challenge as it proved difficult to get companies to commit to visits
- Arranging events on campus in Limerick proved difficult due to limitations on what vendors are permitted on campus

Communications & Services Strategic Plan Goals Progress

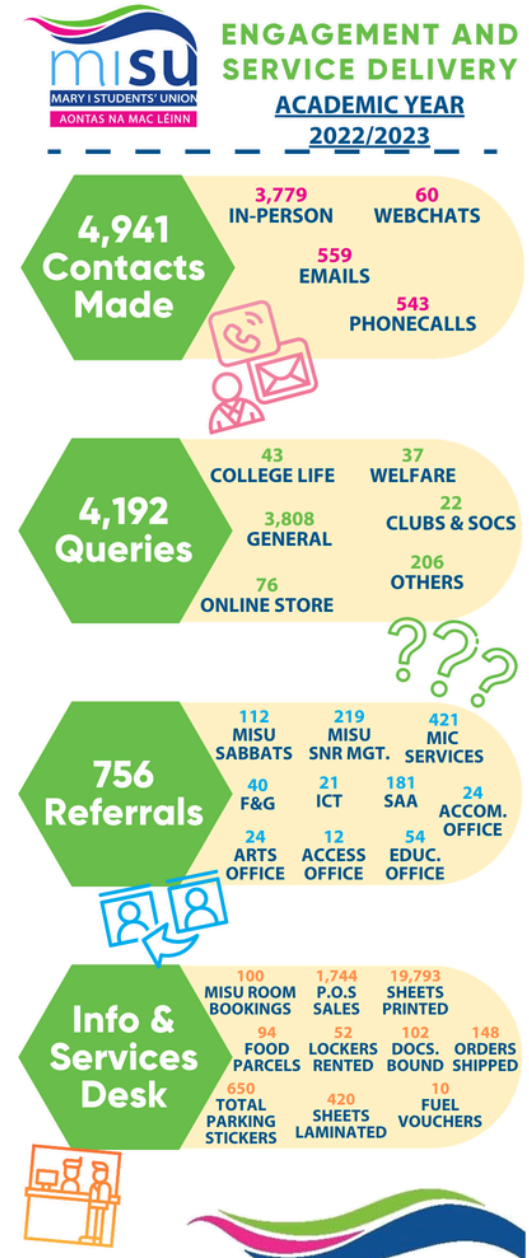
- The annual evaluation of the Commercial Services (Goal 6.3) has been completed for the 2022-23 year
- The Communications & Services Coordinator is currently working on drafting Communication Protocols as part of Goal 6.4.3



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & SERVICE DELIVERY

Challenges of 2022 / 2023

- Engagement with students has been quite low this year. They are disconnected from College life and students are struggling with a sense of belonging to MIC. They do not engage with events or activities that are run and are not inclined to hang around on campus because there is nothing keeping them here
- Increased demand for the services provided by the Information & Services Desk, particularly the printing services led to a return to full opening hours of 9am-5pm in Semester 2



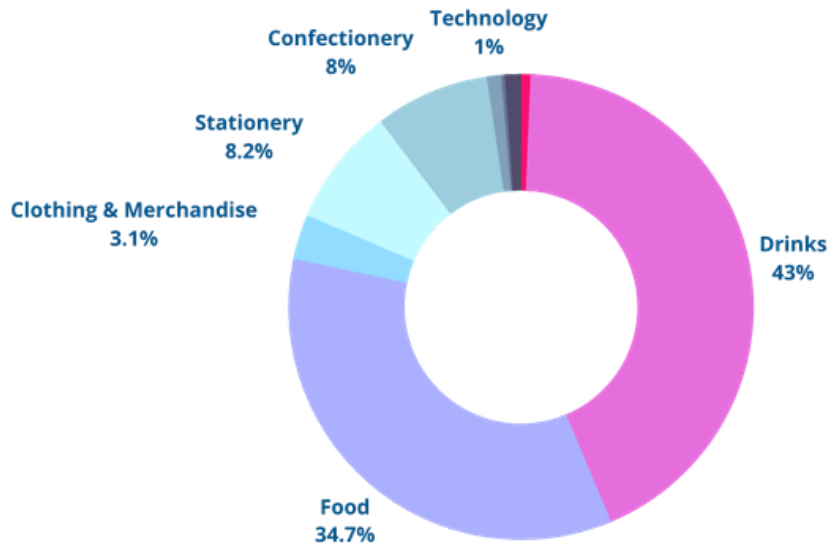
COMMERCIAL SERVICES

MISU offer a range of commercial services through the campus shop (An Siopa which is on the Limerick campus) , online store (shop.misu.ie) and the Information & Services Desk.

An Siopa

During the 2022/23 academic year, An Siopa served 111,660 customers and the chart below shows the most popular products in An Siopa.

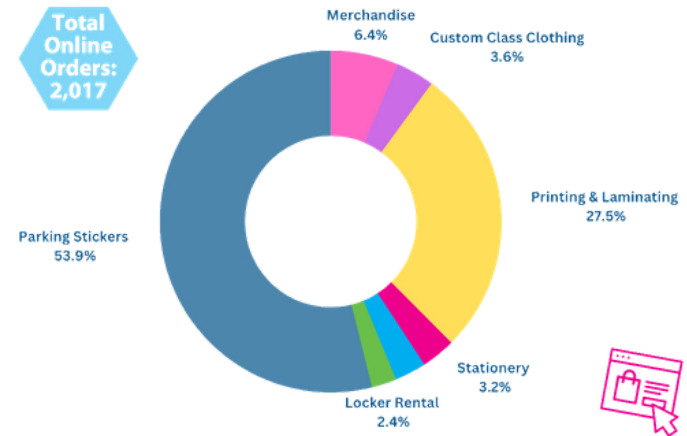
An Siopa Product Sales 2022/23



Shop.misu.ie

During the 2022/23 academic year shop.misu.ie processed 2,017 orders. The below chart shows the most popular products that were ordered.

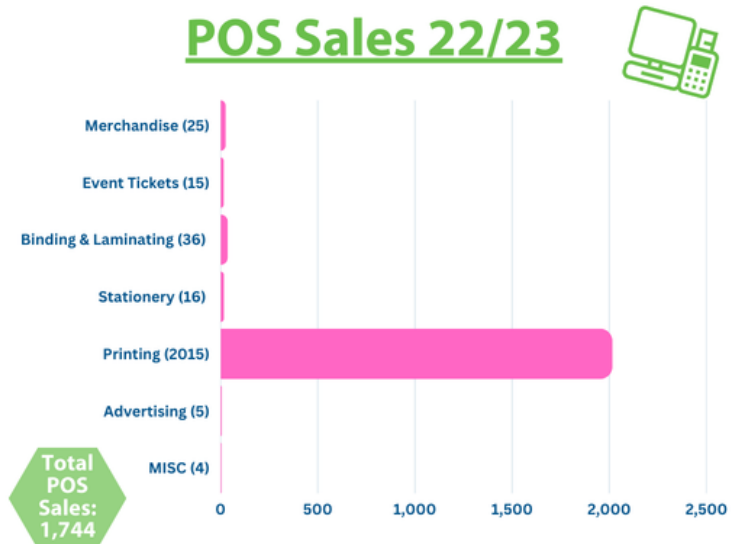
shop.misu.ie Orders 22/23



Information & Services Desk

As well as acting as a first point of contact for students, the Information & Services Desk also offers a range of commercial services. The below chart shows the most popular services used at the desk.

POS Sales 22/23



Thank you!

The students of MIC help make MISU the best Union it can be.

Thank you to each and every MIC student, from the Class Reps who raise student issues and help classes navigate academic life at MIC, to our Clubs & Socs community who provide extra-curricular activities and ways to meet new people, to each and every student who attended a MISU event, bought a coffee in An Siopa, voted in our elections, sent a message on Instagram or stopped by the Information & Services Desk.

We look forward to the 2023/24 academic year and continuing to provide support to the students of MIC in every aspect of their college life.

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