

Mary I Students Union, Limerick

Aontas na MacLéinn, Colaiste Mhuire Gan Smál, Luimneach

Minutes:

Meeting: Union Council
Date: Semester 1: Week 3 – Wednesday September 25th 2013
Time: 6:00pm
Venue: T118
Attendance:

First Years:

Stacey Cronin, Ronan Bennett, Johanna Daly, Stacey Buckley, Meg Hennessy, Naoimi Christie, Lorraine Donnellan, Lisa Reardon, John Carroll, Rachel Daly, Siofra Kelleher, Cillian McHugh, Tanya Holliday, Aisling O' Donovan.

Second Years:

Maeve Quinn, Michelle Hayes, Ruth Murphy, Kate Butler, Claire O' Brien, Kate O' Driscoll, Daragh Sweeney, Ciara Fanning, Christopher O' Flynn, Dara Masterson, Niamh Kealy, Padraig Wilson McCarthy, Roisin Scallan, Lorcán O Loinsigh, Azariah McCarthy, Brid O' Donnell.

Third Years:

Matthew Moran, Mai Burke Hayes, Eoin Harte.

Fourth Years:

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

International/Post Grad/Grad Dip/Contemporary Living:

Liam Murray, John Kelly

Exec:

Johanna O' Brien, Elaine O' Dwyer, Laura Griffin, Marian Hanley, James Deegan, Niall Carmody, Shane Hickey O' Meara, Mark Dooley, Grainne O' Dwyer, Jessica Moran, Eileen Costello.

Apologies: Gareth Airey, Stephen Massey, Aileen Kearns, Kate Doyle, Ciara Concannon

Minutes: Elaine O' Dwyer

Item	Action
Item 1	SU Presentation
1.1	NOTED: Presentation was attempted but did not go ahead due to technical difficulties.
Item 2	Unapproved minutes from the last meeting
2.1	NOTED: Minutes approved.
Item 3	Matters Arising From the Minutes
3.1	NOTED: No matters arising
Item 4	Union Council Chair Election
4.1	NOTED: Union Council Chair must be elected. Johanna explained the role.
4.1.1	NOTED: John Kelly and Eoin Harte were nominated. Each made an address and left the room for the vote to take place.
4.1.2	NOTED: A show of hands was used to elect Union Council Chair.
4.1.3	AGREED: Eoin Harte was elected Union Council Chair
4.2.	NOTED: A secretary must also be elected. Johanna explained the role.
4.2.1	NOTED: Azariah Kelly put herself forward.
	AGREED: Azariah was elected Union Council Secretary.
Item 5	Election of Union Council Sub-Committees
5.1	<i>(a) Constitutional review committee</i>
5.1.1	NOTED: Eileen Costello put herself forward for nomination.
	AGREED: Eileen was elected as member of Constitutional review committee.
5.2	<i>(b) Disciplinary Committee(2 U.C. members)</i>
5.2.1	NOTED: Mark Dooley put himself forward for nomination.
5.2.2	AGREED: Mark will sit on disciplinary committee.
5.3	<i>(c) Graduate Students Forum (1 rep from each Taught/Research and Grad Dip Postgrad programmes)</i>
5.3.1	NOTED: There were no graduates present so no members were elected.
5.3.1	AGREED: This will be revisited at a later stage
5.4	<i>(d) Undergraduate Mature Students forum (1 rep from each B.Ed, BA, ECCE and B.Ed & Psych cohort)</i>
5.4.1	NOTED: Melissa Barrett and John Kelly put themselves forward for nomination.
5.4.1	AGREED: Melissa (Mature ECCE) and John (mature grad dip. Adult education) were elected.
5.5	<i>(e) Academic Committee (1 rep from each undergrad course)</i>
5.5.1	NOTED: The following were nominated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maeve Quinn (2nd year B.Ed) - Jessica Copps (4th year B.Ed Psyc) - Muireann Ni Luasa (4th year BA)

- 5.5.2 AGREED: - Mai Burke Hayes (3rd Year ECCE)
5.6 All of the above were elected.
(f) *Entertainments Committee (6 members of general union membership)*
- 5.6.1 NOTED: The following put themselves forward:
-Christopher O' Flynn (2nd year B.Ed)
-Tanya Holliday (1st year Arts)
-Shauna Glynn (2nd year ECCE)
-Robin Kirwan (4th year BA)
-Niamh Kealy (2nd year B.Ed)
-Jill Howlett (2nd year ECCE)
-Stacey Buckley (1st year B.Ed)
-Daragh Sweeney (2nd year B.Ed)
-Mark Noble (2nd year B.Ed)
-Rachel Daly (1st year BA)
-Andrew O' Grady (4th year BA)
-Laura Healy (2nd year ECCE)
-Azariah Kelly (2nd year BA)
-Ronan Bennett (1st year B.Ed)
Jessica Copps (4th Year B.Ed Psych)
- 5.6.2 AGREED: The committee will be decided upon outside of this meeting in order to ensure a diverse committee. **SU Pres/
SU Vice
Pres**
- Item 6**
6.1 NOTED: **Garda Clinics**
Johanna outlined the idea behind the Garda Clinics. A guard will be available to meet with students (to stamp/sign forms etc.) every Tuesday from 2.30-4pm in the SU meeting room.
- 6.2 NOTED: Clinics need to be flagged with classes. **All Reps**
- Item 7**
7.1 NOTED: **Child Protection/Safeguarding policy**
Johanna informed the council of how the colleges' policy for child protection was open to suggestion/student input. Ger Crowley, the External Safeguarding Advisor, will be undertaking the policy review. He can be contacted at gcrowley@resilience.ie.
NOTED: Reps need to alert their classes. **All Reps**
- Item 8**
8.1 NOTED: **Orientation Survey**
1st year reps were notified of the orientation survey that is currently circulating online. Johanna stressed the importance of student participation in order to get feedback for next year.
- 8.2 NOTED: All 1st years are to alert their class of the survey which can be found on College101. **1st year
reps**
- Item 9**
9.1 NOTED: **Clubs and Socs Week**
Johanna filled everybody in on what clubs week is and the reasoning behind it:
- That every club and society will hold an event that week
- Deliberately early to encourage early activity among clubs and societies. **SU Pres
/ Vice
Pres**
- Item 10**
10.1 NOTED: **INTO Meeting**
Members of the INTO will be coming to the college on the 7th

- of October to meet Mary I students.
- 10.1.1** The purpose of this meeting is to inform students, especially final years, of the proposed cuts in education in the October budget 2013. These cuts will affect student teachers directly. It is important that as many students as possible are present at the meeting in order to highlight their concern for future employment opportunities.
- Item 11** **Canteen News sheets**
- 11.1** NOTED: Elaine asked for feedback on news sheets. It was suggested by UC members that not as many should be printed every week.
- 11.1.1** AGREED: News sheets are being used.
- Item 12** **Class rep training/Ice-breakers**
- 12.1** NOTED: Some ice-breakers were done at the beginning of the meeting.
- 12.2** NOTED: Training, which involves the SU powerpoint, will be covered at the next UC meeting.
- Item 13** **AOB**
- 13.1** NOTED: Padraig Wilson brought up an issue his class are having with an Irish lecturer. Elaine will meet with him tomorrow morning to discuss this. **SU Vice Pres**
- 13.2** NOTED: Cillian McHugh asked if anything was happening with bike rack covers. Johanna will look into this. **SU Pres**
- 13.3** NOTED: Melissa Barrett highlighted that serious bullying was occurring in her class.
- 13.3.1** NOTED: Shane (Welfare and Equality officer) agreed that bullying is a huge problem and needs to be dealt with.
- 13.3.2** NOTED: Johanna and Elaine are hoping to run an anti-bullying/cyber-bullying campaign in the coming weeks. **SU Pres /Vice Pres**
- AGREED: Bullying cannot be tolerated in the college.
- 13.4** NOTED: Chris enquired about sponsorship for class hoodies and if it was possible to get a business' logo on the hoodies. This will be looked into. **SU Pres /Vice Pres**

Meeting concluded at 6.45pm

Signed: _____

MISU Council Chairperson