

Mary I Students Union, Limerick

Aontas na MacLéinn, Colaiste Mhuire Gan Smál, Luimneach

Minutes:

Meeting: Union Council
Date: Semester 1: Week 4– Wednesday February 19th 2014
Time: 6:00pm
Venue: T117
Attendance:

First Years:

Aisling O' Donovan, Amée Bermingham, Eimear Flaherty, Siofra Kelleher, Patricia Glynn, Stacy Buckley, Amy Coughlan, Ailise Hogan, Lisa Reardon, Rachel Daly, Tanya Holliday Kevin Farrell, Kate Doyle Naoimi Christie, Claire Douglas Johanna Daly,

Second Years:

Brian Curtin, Lorcan O Loinsigh, Brid O' Donnell, Azariah Kelly, Maeve Anne Quinn, Rebecca McNamara, Stephen O' Brien, John Carroll, , Keith Doherty, , Niamh Kealy, Stephen Levingstone, Dara Masterson, Claire O' Brien, , Christopher O' Flynn, Daragh Sweeney, Roisin Scallan, Michelle Hayes, Stephen Massey, Cathal Murphy

Third Years:

Siobhan Griffin, Eoin Harte, Cathal Whelan

Fourth Years:

Robin Kirwan, Annette Lordon, , Alan Roche, Sylvia O' Shaughnessy, Niamh Shek, Melissa Barrett, Jessica Copps. Muireann Ni Luasa

International/Post Grad/Grad Dip/Contemporary Living: Liam Murray, John Kelly, Catherine White, Rebecca Egan

Exec: Mark Dooley, Shane Hickey O' Meara, Elaine O' Dwyer, Laura Griffin,

Apologies: Jessica Moran, James Deegan, Johanna O' Brien, Niall Carmody Gráinne Dwyer, Marian Hanley, Gareth Airey, Lawrence Considine, Cillian McHugh, Kate O' Driscoll, Ciara Fanning, Miryam Kevaney, Ciara Concannon, Brónagh Murphy Simmone O' Connell, Matthew Moran, James Simcox, Megan Davis Sophie Kelleher, Laura Brosnan, Andrew O' Grady Emer Kelly Jennifer Olden, Vivienne Culbert, David Walsh

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

Action**Unapproved minutes from the last meeting**

- NOTED: Minutes could not be approved as they were not present.
 NOTED: Minutes will be brought to next UC.

Matters Arising From the Minutes

- NOTED: Nothing arose from the minutes as they were not present.

Item 1**Apologies**

- 1.1** NOTED: Apologies were given by UC Chair

Item 2**RAG week feedback**

- 2.1** NOTED: *UV paint party* was a disappointment. Students expected paint canons like last year.
2.1.1 NOTED: Elaine explained that these canons were expected on the night but there was a miscommunication between the company and the SU with regards to the package purchased.
2.2 NOTED: *Hermitage Green* were a disappointment this year. They sang their own material as opposed to covers.
2.3 NOTED: Overall feeling around week was that the line-up was 'brilliant' and a great week was had.
2.4.1 NOTED: Student commented that there should have been more RAG Packs available.
2.4.2 NOTED: Elaine explained that the number of RAG packs sold is dependent on the capacity of venues used throughout the week.
2.4.3 NOTED: The Halla, for example, can only seat 350 students. Therefore, it wouldn't make sense to sell 400 RAG packs.
2.5 NOTED: Laura (Ents officer) thanked the students for being so easy to work with during RAG week. There was no hassle with students in terms of queues etc.
2.6 NOTED: Elaine informed students that there were no resident complaints made this year. The storm which swept the country worked in our favour this year in this regard.

Item 3**Elections**

- 3.1** NOTED: Elaine informed students that elections for SU officership positions are coming up.
3.1.1 NOTED: Elections will take place on March 6th this year.
3.1.2 NOTED: Forms will be made available on February 21st. Forms must be completed by February 28th.
3.1.3 NOTED: Anyone who is interested in any of the positions is encouraged to ask questions in the SU.
3.1.4 NOTED: Shane (Welfare Officer) told students that he has found being in a joint officership a positive, in the sense that you always have someone to work with and there is less pressure involved.
3.1.5 NOTED: Laura (Ents officer) answered students query about applying for positions despite knowing that you will be on placement during the position. Laura informed student that it is manageable.

Item 4**Disciplinary Committee**

- 4.1** NOTED: Two ordinary UC members were sought to become members of the Disciplinary Committee as stated in the MISU constitution.
4.1.1 NOTED: Rebecca Egan and Sylvia O' Shaughnessy volunteered to be part

of the committee and were approved.

Item 5 “Marchathon”

- 5.1** NOTED: Elaine explained that Limerick Smarter Travel are hosting an event entitled “Marchathon” which will run from March 3rd -7th.
- 5.1.1** NOTED: Three people make a team and pledge to walk for 30minutes a day. The team captain must register online and clock in the minutes his/her team has walked every day during the week.
- 5.1.2** NOTED: Every team that registers has the chance to win I-pods & tablets. The idea behind the event is to promote physical health

Item 6 Street Smart Event

- 6.1** NOTED: This event will take place in the Halla on Thursday, Feb 20th from 11am-3pm.
- 6.1.1** NOTED: The event aims at promoting Road Safety Awareness among primary school children.
- 6.1.2** NOTED: Anyone who is studying primary teaching or Early Childhood is encouraged to go.

Item 7 Student Assistance Fund

- 7.1** NOTED: Anyone who has queries about the Student Assistance fund can drop into Room C7 on Monday, Feb 24th between the hours of 10am-12.30pm and 2-4pm.
- 7.1.1** NOTED: Deadline for application forms is March 3rd at 4pm

Item 8 MIC Ball

- 8.1** NOTED: SU are organising the ball this year which will more than likely take place on the 21st or 28th of March.
- 8.1.1** NOTED: The ball is open for everyone; however, final years will be given priority.
- 8.1.2** NOTED: Tickets will go on sale in about 2 weeks.

Item 9 AOB

- 9.1** NOTED: Car park security: Complaints made about the way in which security are dealing with people.
- 9.1.1** NOTED: Barriers are still not fixed –getting ridiculous at this stage
- 9.1.2** NOTED: Issues with lack of parking space. Management are working on getting a space facility.
- 9.2** NOTED: Module time allocation cut: 2nd year B.Eds told on Monday that their Music, Drama and Art module has to be cut (decrease in hours) due to lack of funding.
- 9.2.1** NOTED: Elaine will follow this up with Gwen Moore and the Dean
- 9.2.2** NOTED: Postgrad As were not offered the T1 module this year.
- 9.2.3** NOTED: Elaine will follow this up also.
- 9.3** NOTED: Side gate query: Student enquired as to why the side gate beside the pitch isn’t left open permanently.
- 9.3.1** NOTED: It was stated that the gate prevents undesirables from coming on campus.
- 9.3.2** NOTED: It was suggested that the gate should be left open from 8am-8pm.
- 9.3.3** NOTED: This will be looked into.
- 9.4** NOTED: 2nd year Ed. Elective poll: Poll went out to investigate which electives are more popular among students. This was a beneficial process.
- 9.5** NOTED: Smoking ashtrays: There are no ashtrays at main entrance of

**SU Vice-
Pres**

**SU Pres &
Vice Pres**

- college. This is resulting in people littering.
- 9.5.1** NOTED: Elaine will follow this up with Brian Kirby **Vice-Pres**
- 9.6** NOTED: Exams: BAs wondering when their exams will take place.
Explained that all exams will take place in Week 14 unless otherwise stated.
- 9.6.1** NOTED: Laura (Ents) stated that BA psychology students are an exception. B.Ed psychs and B.A psychs have had different exams in the past.
- 9.6.2** NOTED: Students who are going on J1s are concerned about when repeat exams take place. It was noted that repeats take place mid/late August.
- 9.6.3** NOTED: Elaine will seek clarification. **Vice-Pres**
- 9.7** NOTED: Elaine asked students if they have any issues with dogs on campus. There have been complaints made (by staff) about dogs not being on leads, leaving excrement on the pitches, chasing people on running track.
- 9.7.1** NOTED: Students don't have any problems with dogs on campus.

Meeting concluded at 6.21pm

Signed: _____

MISU Council Chairperson