

Mary I Students Union, Limerick

Aontas na MacLéinn, Colaiste Mhuire Gan Smál, Luimneach

Meeting: Union Council
Date: Semester 2: Week 10– Wednesday April 2nd 2014
Time: 6:00pm
Venue: T117
Attendance:

First Years: Megan Davis, James Simcox, Aisling O' Donovan, Eimear Glavin, Stacey Buckley, David Walsh, Kevin Farrell, Naoimi Christie, Eimear Flaherty, Siofra Kelleher, Spohie Kelleher, Amee Bermingham,

Second Years: Roisin Scallan, Ciara Concannon, Daragh Sweeney, Ciara Fanning, Dara Masterson, Stephen Levingstone, Christopher O' Flynn, Padraig Wilson McCarthy, Miryam Kevaney

Third Years: Eoin Harte, Eric O' Connor, Vivienne Culbert,

Fourth Years: Niamh Shek, Jessica Copps, Melissa Barrett, Annette Lordan, Alan Roche, Emer Kelly, Robin Kirwan

International/Post Grad/Grad Dip/Contemporary Living:

Exec: Johanna O' Brien, Marian Hanley, Laura Griffin, Eoin Harte

Apologies: Elaine O' Dwyer, Amy Callan, Niall Carmody, Mark Dooley, Gráinne O' Dwyer, Eileen Costelloe, Azariah McCarthy, Brian Curtin, , Liam Murray, Niamh Kealy, John Carroll, Stacey Cronin, Ronan Bennett, Jennifer Olden

Minutes: Johanna O' Brien, Elaine O' Dwyer

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| Item 1 | Unapproved minutes from the last meeting | |
| 1.1 | NOTED: Minutes were approved. | |
| Item 2 | Matters Arising From the Minutes | |
| 2.1 | NOTED: Reminder about <i>Darkness into Light</i> on April 7 th from 11am-3pm. | |
| Item 3 | Summer Daze | |
| 3.1 | NOTED: Summer Daze has been moved from Thursday, April 17 th to Wednesday April 16 th . | |
| 3.1.1 | NOTED: Celebrations will commence at 12pm. 'Shave or Dye' will take place on this date also. | |
| Item 4 | Exam Notice: New Swiping system | |
| 4.1 | NOTED: Eoin outlined the new system that will be in place for this semester's exams. Students MUST identify their seat number (located on the LAN) prior to exams. | |
| 4.1.1 | NOTED: Students MUST bring their student I.D card to exams so that they may be swiped. | |
| Item 5 | Garda Clinic Reminder | |
| 5.1 | NOTED: Clinics take place every Tuesday from 2.30pm-4pm in SU meeting room. | |

Item 6 TEFL Courses

- 6.1** NOTED: Johanna informed students about an email that was sent by Margaret Healy during the week:
- 6.1.1** NOTED: The Preparatory Certificate in English Language Teaching (Prep. CELT) is only offered to **graduating 3rd B. Ed. and B.Ed + Psychology students**. They must be in their final year. Courses are run in December, January and May each year. 30 is the maximum number of students in each class.
- 6.1.2** NOTED: This year the course will run **19th – 23rd May**. If there is sufficient interest, we may be able to run the course the following week 26th-30th May.
- 6.1.3** NOTED: The course is coordinated through the Education Department and interested students should contact Sheila O'Callaghan directly (Sheila.OCallaghan@mic.ul.ie) in the Education Office. She registers students, ensures payment (200 euro), books rooms etc. . The course is ACELS approved and is only for State Qualified Teachers (SQTs). Therefore it is not offered to BA, ECCE students or postgrads. Successful course completion will enable students to teach in summer language schools here in Ireland.

Item 7 AOB

- 7.1** NOTED: Union Council Chair announced that a vote to elect a new chair will take place at the AGM. 5% of students votes are needed in order for the votes to be valid.
- 7.2** NOTED: Beauty and the Beast takes place this week. Students encouraged to support their peers.
- 7.3** NOTED: Gaeltacht: Reminder that students receiving full maintenance grant can get transport and accommodation covered if they apply for a field trip grant. Form can be downloaded from SUSI.
- Students are advised to contact student services with any queries they may have.
- 7.4** NOTED: Teaching Hero Awards: Closing date for nominations is April 10th. Class reps asked to remind their classes.
- 7.5** NOTED: Student Levy: Students were informed about 2 levies which are set to be introduced in September 2014:
- 7.5.1** NOTED: *Careers levy* –background of levy was given; Last year, referendum took place. 332 students took part, 329 votes were valid and 3 spoiled. 217 disagreed with the implementation of a levy to fund a careers service while 112 agreed. Suggested levy was €35 per student/per year (for 3 years) to fund a CO and an EO for the careers service. MISU are disappointed with the college for implementing the levy even though students rejected it.
- Students were invited to comment on the information given.
- Some comments: 'Not happy', 'Why can't we share UL services?', 'They are openly nullifying the student voice'.
- 7.5.2** NOTED: *Hardship levy* –Johanna explained that MIC is mimicking UL by charging a hardship fee on top of student contribution fee of €8 per student.
- The SU have not been informed specifically where the money will go but it will most likely go toward the student assistant fund (SAF)

Signed: _____

MISU Council Chairperson