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| A blue and red logo  Description automatically generated with low confidenceMeeting minutes  **UL STUDENT COUNCIL 2023/24 | MEETING 5** | |
| **Meeting:** | UL Student Life – Student Council |
| **Date:** | November 28th 2023 (Semester 1, Week 12) |
| **Time:** | 6:00 PM |
| **Venue:** | Library Boardroom |
| **Members:** | Ronan Cahill; Ronan Mannix; Emily Rosenkranz; Katie Martin; Roger Dsilva; Emma Wright; Niamh Hickey; Maud Keane; Todor Aleksandrov; Mahir Jha; Molly McNamara; Lauren Moriarty; Viskwasena Balaji; David Lin; Evan Mansfield; Aine Brady; Shripa Joshi; Edel Straum; Eoghan O’Mahony; Juliette Pinson; Satyam Yadav, Kye Earle; Tania Lipper; MD Abrarul Haque Mohsin; Clíodhna Roche; Rhea Edison Alcanther; Prassanna Presath Barani Prasad; Scott O’Brien; Jack Trehy; Amna Basheer; Elliot Buckley; Sara Lee; Kushagra Gupta; Bjorn Vila; Kritney Phartiyal; Leanne Kidney; Patrick Curtin; Dorothy Madden; Alexander De Barra; Kieran Spaight  In Attendance: Jasmine Ryan; Dáire Martin ; Andrew Bowie  Apologies: Molly McNamara |

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| ***No.*** | ***Items*** | ***Responsible*** | ***Time*** |
|  | **Welcome to New Members**  **Dorothy Madden – Mature Student Rep**  **Alexander DeBarra – CoOp Councillor**  **Kieran Spaight – Campus Facilities Councillor** | **Emma** | **5 Mins** |
| **1.** | **Minutes and Matters Arising**  Minutes of Council Meeting – November 14th, 2023  Eoghan proposed, Maud seconded. | **Emma** | **5 Mins** |
| **2.** | **Meeting Business** |  | **5 mins** |
| **a.** | **Executive Reports**  **Student President**   * **Attended ACUI Conference in Boston** * **Trained up Commuter Hub Volunteers** * **Updated on Library Vending Machines**   **Welfare**   * **Attended Governing Authority** * **Had first meeting with Welfare Team** * **Ran the Wellbeing Series Workshops**   **Vice President Academic**   * **Joined the board of Irish Chamber Orchestra** * **Met with the Erasmus Working Group** * **Joined an International Student Working Group** * **Hosted the Class Rep Forum** * **Contacted Red Bull to sponsor free cans during Exam Breakfast**   **Vice President Communities**   * **Hosted Thanksgiving Celebration in the Common Room** * **Met with head of Disability Service** * **Reviewing and developing the Sensory Hour** * **Met with Amna, Community Councillor** * **Planning and shopping for Student Parent Santa**   **Experience Chair**   * **Updated on progress with the Class Rep communications strategy. Emma advised throwing in a Padlet and sign-up sheet and sharing with the Student Councillors.**   **Equality and Diversity Chair**   * **Attended the Ethnic Diversity Forum chaired by Katie and Edana.** * **Attended the Class Rep Forum.** * **Mahir will now takeover hosting the Sensory Hub.**   **Student Council Chair**   * **Working on Student Council Recruitment, delighted to see the meeting room full and only 14 vacant positions left.** * **Reviewing Procedural Motions** * **Working on the Student Council Handbook with Daire** * **Reviewing plans and ideas for implementation in Semester 2**   **Faculties Officer**   * **Working on Representative Recruitment** * **Put forward a motion on the ERB requirements.** * **Working on the Class Rep communications strategy**   **Clubs Officer**   * **Connecting with clubs on how they can assist in providing activities for commuter students; she has been advised that this could be a painstaking process.** * **Talking to clubs with increasing membership numbers.**   **UL Experience Chair**   * **Working on Class Rep recruitment strategy and has designed a story board. Looking forward to filming the content.**   **Events Chairperson**   * **Interviewed about the New Student Life building.** * **Organized a social event in Stables after Council.**   **PSU Nominee**   * **Attended EDF Panel Discussion** * **The Spar near flagpoles will have a 50% discount to Students; he will distribute these vouchers in the future. This initiative is on a trial basis.** * **Working with ULSL on the upcoming Student Parent Christmas**   **Community Councillor**   * **Attended EDF Panel Discussion** * **Working on an anti-discrimination awareness project with Katie;** * **Joined the Charity Week Focus Group**   **Student Services Councillor**   * **Attended the Class Rep Forum**   **School of Engineering Rep**   * **Attended Class Rep Forum** | **Emma** | **15 mins** |
| **b.** | **Procedural Motion 17.8**  **Emma introduced her motion which aims to provide for the live amendment of motions as the Student Council Standing Orders do not provide for this.**  **Eoghan noted that this motion will simplify the running of Council going forward.**  **The motion has passed.** | **Emma** | **10 mins** |
| **c.** | **Mock Trial**  **A mock trial was held exhibiting the function of the new procedural motion.** | **Emma** | **5 mins** |
| **d.** | **Exec Oversight Committee**  **Jasmine discussed the plans to assemble the Executive Oversight Committee in the next semester. The Committee has had issues garnering members in the past and requires refreshed planning.**  **There will be consultation from LRO Staff and Student Council members on the terms of reference for the committee.** | **Jasmine** | **5 mins** |
| **e.** | **ERB Regulations**  **Niamh presented her motion on the Electoral and Referenda Board. She noted that the ERB regulations in their current form are loose at best. The hope is to create a more structured byelaw.**  **Katie invoked procedural motion 17.8 and asked for all instances of Clubs and Societies to be renamed as UL Wolves. It was noted that for the purpose of clarity with the constitution this should remain Clubs and Societies for the time being.**  **There was discussion about contradictory language between ERB Rules and Guidelines published in 2023 and the Elections Byelaw. Members and students should refer to the Elections Byelaw in the constitution.**  **Emma noted 4 amendments to the motion.**  **Emma invoked Procedural Motion 17.3 that the vote be taken later as the item will need multiple revisions.**  **The Council voted by a simple majority in favour of taking the vote later.** | **Niamh** | **10 mins** |
| **f.** | **Palestine Motion**  **Aron Calvert introduced his motion on Palestine. He read a letter from a Palestinian student.**  **Ronan noted that he received numerous emails from students supporting this boycott.**  **Emma noted that there is no contravention of the constitution as the ULSL constitution provides for no alignment with political parties, but the BDS movement is not such.**  **Niamh asked for an updated list of universities taking part in the BDS movement on the UL Student Life website.**  **Katie proposed 17.8 to amend to *anti-apartheid awareness* campaign as it is more effect and substantive. Katie proposed, Niamh seconded. The floor voted in favour.**  **Niamh proposed 17.8 to run an ongoing anti-apartheid awareness campaign. Niamh proposed, Jack seconded. The floor voted in favour.**  **Emma put forward procedural motion 17.3 to move vote on the motion to the end of the meeting. Cliodhna proposed and Ronan M seconded. The floor voted in favour.**  **Roger noted that a similar motion is still under consideration in the PSU Executive. He is abstaining from voting. Niamh noted that while she is a member of the PSU and has read the motion tabled at that meeting, she believes there is enough difference between the two motions, and she does not feel the need to abstain.**  **The motion was put to the floor for a vote. A simple majority has passed the motion.**  **Amna, Aron and Niamh will be involved in compiling information on BDS.**  **Ronan noted that he and the Executive will return and review the motion and the next steps.** | **Aron** | **10 mins** |
| **g.** | **Harm Reduction**  **Eoghan reintroduced his discussion from last week’s Council now that Welfare Officer Emily Rosenkranz has returned.**  **Maud proposed a harm reduction campaign on study pills. Niamh noted that there should be awareness that SISC provide a safe, non-judgemental, and confidential service.**  **Ronan C wanted to note that the harm reduction initiatives so far have run incredibly well, such as the harm reduction tent.**  **Emily has been in contact with Healthy UL to collaborate with them on their Substance Use and Misuse Policy. She will be meeting with Substance Abuse and Gambling Officer to discuss any policy changes.**  **Jack asked if ULSL can highlight on their social media that the supports and services available are confidential.** | **Eoghan** | **5 mins** |
| **h.** | **Student Council Feedback**  **Daire outlined the purpose of the Student Council Feedback. The hope is to streamline and improve Student Council based on the members’ advice.**  **The data will be collated over the coming weeks.** | **Daire** | **5 mins** |
| **i.** | **Support for Students Affected by Conflict**  **This motion was passed at the previous meeting, but it is being reviewed to amend a legal term. The motion reaffirms the work on the Union to support all students.**  **The language was edited to reflect “all students.”**  **Eoghan invoked procedural motion 17.8 to amend the motion on the floor. Niamh proposed and Katie seconded. and a full vote from the floor passed motion 17.8 (review at 7.23)**  **A full majority of Council voted to pass the amended motion with the new language.** | **Eoghan** | **5 mins** |
| **j.** | **The Role of the LRO**  **Daire and Jasmine outlined the purpose of the Leadership and Representation Office and encouraged Councillors to reach if they need any assistance.** | **LRO** | **5 mins** |
| **k.** | **Disability Supports**  **Katie postponed this matter till the next Student Council.** | **Katie** | **5 mins** |
| **3.** | **AOB**  **Kye Earle noted that the light on the water bottle filing station is still red. A service engineer has reviewed the station and declared the water safe to drink.**  **Dorothy noted that the I zone in the library cannot use certain chairs as they are specifically designed only for disabled students; Dorothy Madden will link in with Todor on the matter. Ronan Cahill noted that he will revisit the matter later.** | **Emma** | **5 mins** |

### **Duration: 90 Mins | Next Meeting: TBA**