**UL Student Council 2022 / 23**

**Meeting 3**

# **Minutes**

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|  | **Meeting** | **:** | **UL Student Life Council** | | | |
|  | **Date** | **:** | **October 25th 2022 (Semester 1 - Week 8)** | | | |
|  | **Venue** | **:** | **Library Boardroom** |  | | |
|  | **Time** | **:** | **6pm** |  | | |
|  | **Members: Maeve Rutledge; Maeve Gilmore; Kieran Guiry; Eoghan O’ Mahony; Niamh Hickey; Ahmed Mirza; Amanda Moloney; Evan Mansfield; Ciara O Flynn; Ronan Cahill; Drishiti Singhal; Kaustubh Katti; Edel Straum; Emma Wright, Amy Mc Guinness; Mohit Sadarangani; James Conner; Gareth Moore; Aldrin Sam William;**    **In Attendance: Gillian O Gorman**    **Apologies: Jasmine Ryan; Laura Corcoran; Louis Storan; Siobhán Wilmott; Louis Pemble; Ella Fay; Katie Martin;** | | | | | |
| ***No.*** | ***Items*** | | | | ***Responsible*** | ***Time Allocation*** |
|  | **Welcome to New Members**   * **Eoghan welcomed James Conner the PESS department representative.** | | | | **Eoghan** |  |
| **1.** | **Minutes and Matters Arising**  Minutes of Council Meeting – 17th October  Proposed Niamh  Seconded Maeve Rutledge | | | | **Eoghan** | **5 Mins** |
| **2.** | **Meeting Business** | | | |  |  |
| **a.** | **Role Reminder & Code of Conduct**  Gillian outlined the purpose of Student Council and the roles of elected officers. She outlined the variety of responsibilities placed on officers and representatives detailed in the byelaws and the possibilities for collaboration and joint leadership. As the executive functions like a parliamentary cabinet, their remit is to be proactive in fulfilling their goals and participating in decision-making, to support the wider Student Life aims and goals.  She encouraged all representatives to use their voice to hold Executive and other officers to account, to build constructive and supportive relationships, and to assist in the informing and advisory of policy and procedure in UL Student Life.  Detailed that the Student Council agenda is concerned with its own activities and items which are raised from the student body to them, and that any broad items for discussion will be brought to Executive to assemble working groups and deliberate on the matter. | | | |  | **10 mins** |
| **b.** | **Executive Reports**  **President**  Maeve G updated council on the ongoing tendering process for the Student Centre. Final tenders should come through early November with construction by January. Discussed the halving and renaming of the Student Levy fee to compensate for the delay and be more transparent. Addressed issues with parking in Oaklawns and how Limerick City and County Council’s regulations do not allow individuals who have not been in residence in an area for under 4 months to obtain parking permits. She has meetings organised with UL in relation to these issues and how they impact commuter students.  **Welfare**  Discussed her experience deputizing last week and how it was enjoyable to engage directly with Students through the forum. Met with Mary I welfare officer to discuss student social safety. Shared updates on working with Jigsaw Limerick so herself and Kieran can offer expertly facilitated workshops on managing exam stress.  **Academic**  Kieran participated in the Student Forum and received feedback from students which he was able to bring back to the board. Addressing issues with power outlets in the library. Met with the CoOp office to build mutual relationships to assist students. Hosted his ‘Don’t drop out, drop in’ campaign to help students who are thinking of exiting their course.  **Communities**  Engaging with SISC to help underrepresented student voices to engage in different forms of representation and activism. Working with OUT in UL for Pride Week and Photo Soc to support events. Working on creating active listening spaces with the PSU to give students a voice on the Ethnic Diversity Forum. Creating a referral pathway for students seeking accommodation with the new accommodation officer.  **Student Council Chairperson**  Chaired council in Week 6 and has attended prior Executive Meetings. Attended the USI Walkout and attending Student Forum. Attended Walk with Welfare and Gender Equality workshops.  **Faculties Officer**  Attended Council and Exec in Week 6 & 7. Attended and actively contributed to the Class Rep Forum. Assisted in the delivery and publicization of NStEP training. Has delivered one set of training sessions so far. Discussed vacant positions on student council at the student forum and encouraged students to get involved.  **Events Chairperson**  Last week, Ronan met with Maud & Maeve to discuss his role and creative ways to the third council chairperson role. Discussed the massive success of the Robert Grace gig, how it went smoothly, and it is indicative of the work being done to create vibrant student events.  **UL Experience Chairperson**  Discussed the meeting she had with Maeve G to outline her role and responsibilities and she plans in the future to create social media content to publicise the work UL Student Life does to encourage students to get involved. Attended exec last week. | | | | All | **5 mins** |
| d. | **Safety Training for SA/Dangerous Situations**  James offered to prepare a safety training session for interested students. Maeve offered to work with James on this project to help overall student safety. | | | | James | **5 mins** |
| e. | **Pronouns for Student Identification**  James inquired into changes regarding student identification. In Laura’s absence, Niamh outlined how she is collaborating with UL Admin to provide identification that is more representative of student’s experiences, such as stopping the use of dead names or inaccurate pronouns. | | | | James | **5 mins** |
| f. | **Social Event**  Ronan is looking for suggestions and planning on putting together a survey for ideas. The climbing wall was suggested as an activity. Niamh also suggested a small get together after Christmas for Exec & Council to connect. | | | | Ronan | **5 mins** |
| g. | **Student Handbook Idea – Presentation, Feedback & Actions** | | | | Mohit | **15 mins** |
|  | **AOB**  New requirements in the contract required Stables to change their practices. There are ongoing negotiations between the owners of Stables and administration, which two student representatives are involved in and aided by Maeve R, to source an alternative if Stables decides to forgo contract renewal. The goal is to provide another venue that provides reasonable prices on goods and prioritises student safety.  Edel proposed the use of drink covers to prevent spiking incidents. Maeve R clarified that this was included in her manifesto and that herself and Maeve G are working on rolling out a pilot programme of using drink covers but are currently looking for manufacturers to provide them at a reasonable price for students. | | | |  | **5 mins** |

**Duration: 90 minutes Next Meeting: 9th**

**Action List**

* James and Maeve G to collaborate on Student Safety project and self-defense training
* Ronan to send out a survey gathering ideas for Social Event