

**UL Student Life**

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

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| **President** | | | |
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| **Date** | **:** | 18/11/2021 | |
| **Audience** | **:** | **UL Student Council** | |
| **Action** | **:** | **Approve** | |
| ***Goals*** | | | |
| **Main Goals** | | | **Progress (what have you achieved since the last Council meeting)** |
| **Return to Campus** | | | Throughout the first few weeks, The 22nd of October was seen by many as a Freedom Day and it seemed very likely that we would be close to normal by the end of the semester and for exam weeks. However, we have seen a huge rise in Covid cases which has led to lots of unrest amongst the student body.  Alice and I have continued to meet with University & Faculty Management at the CAMPG committee, we are very hopeful that 1. UL will reinstate the Covid I-grade for this semester, and 2. that UL will move exams online where possible to do so. |
| **Accommodation Crisis** | | | **Social Media around Twin Room’s**  I am patiently waiting for UL to release the results to the Accommodation Survey that they released on November 2nd.  **My Request to UL**  Following my speech at the Governing Authority 2 weeks ago, I am awaiting UL’s response. We have also began preparation for any complications that may arise for accommodation next semester. |
| **Work towards creation of a “One stop shop” UL Mobile App** | | | I may have to go through other routes in terms of the UL App, as UL have outlined governance concerns around hiring the UL graduates to build the App. |
| **The New Student Centre** | | | Following the approval of the new tender by the Governing Authority, we are currently waiting on the new contractors to arrive on site. |
| **Celebratory Event for the Class of 2020 and 2021.** | | | We are working with the University to organise an event for the 2020 and 2021. We are hopeful that there will be an event in April 2022. |
| ***Other Achievements since last Council*** | | | |
| Library Capacity | | | This is now at 1700 students |
| Commuter Student Hub | | | I brought up the need for BOI building to be used as a Commuter student hub, supported by Provost Nigel Healey and is being looked at by University Exec.  I asked for an update off Kerstin at our recent meeting, they have nothing to update us on. |
| Legal Action against Irish water | | | <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/ul-takes-legal-case-against-irish-water-over-charges-1.4705104>  I supported the University in their legal action against Irish water. They will be carrying out legal action should Irish water not change their stance. |
| ***Attendance at events/meetings and actions taken or agreed*** | | | |
| CAMPG | | | * Accommodations for Student affected by Covid * Planning for Semester 2. * Updates on Exams |
| UL Sport General Manager Interview board | | | I sat on the interview panel for the new manager of UL Sport. We interviewed 8 candidates throughout the day. |
| Governing Authority Finance, HR and Asset Management Committee | | | I voted against 2% fees increase for postgrads and international students. I also received updates from many departments in UL. |
| Class Rep Forum | | | I attended the Class Rep Forum. This was a great success and a really engaging forum for us. We received lots of feedback from class reps, particularly on Academic issues. |
| Orientation Meeting | | | I gave feedback to UL on the Orientations this year and how students found them. This will help UL with planning for next year's orientation. |
| College Court Gates | | | I met with the UL Buildings and Estates department about proposed gates in college court. I swiftly called an Emergency meeting of Student Council to discuss and updated council members with a Memo. |
| Pavillion Board Meeting | | | I met to discuss the operations of the Pavillion and student activity in the venue. |
| Governing Authority | | | I outlined my concerns to the Governing Authority about the proposed Strategic Development Zone and informed them that students may react poorly. |
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| ***Plans before the next meeting*** | | | |
| **Action/work area** | | |  |
| Governing Authority Report | | |  |
| Events | | | Continue to work with Dara to discuss future events and help with any way I can, and look at what we can start to do as restrictions ease going forward. |
| College Court Gates | | | I will be working towards communicating the student stance on the College Court gates. |
| Community Liaison Committee | | |  |
| Maguires Pitches MOU | | | I would like to review the Maguires Pitches MOU between ULSL and UL Sport as I don’t believe it is currently being met. |
| **Student Engagement** | | | |
| **Type of Engagement (Meeting, event etc)** | | | **Purpose and anything to report on** |
| Christmas Ball | | | We launched the marketing campaign for our Christmas Ball during week 7. This ball will take place in the Castletroy Park Hotel on the 24th of November |
| New Student Engagement Co-Ordinator | | | I have met with Dara to discuss future events, including Charity week. We discussed possible acts and this led to a student Instagram survey to see what type of acts students would like to see. I have also assisted Dara with preparation for the Christmas Ball.  We sold out tickets for a second Christmas Ball and are currently monitoring the progression of the ball. |
| Christmas Market | | | We will be running a Christmas Market in the Courtyard on the 1st and 2nd of December with over 10 stalls and entertainment. |
| Enablement Fund | | | I met with Rosemary Fogarty to discuss the enablement fund and possible uses for students. I updated the student council and also the Clubs and Societies that this was available. |
| Movember | | | I am doing Movember as part of the Are UL? Team. We have raised over €1,000 so far for charity. |
| Student Forum | | | We ran the student forum on Wednesday the 3rd of November. The questions were mostly academic related but there were also some engagements about Accommodation, Parking, on campus rental fees and more. |
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| **Media engagement and external relations** | | | |
| **Engagement (Press, other organisations etc)** | | | **Purpose and anything to report on** |
| N/A | | | No engagements since last Council. |
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