**Agenda:**

**UCDSU Council Meeting 6**

**Monday, 1st February 2021, 6pm**

**Venue - Online**

New Returning Officer introduction.

Stephen Crosby.

The details for the union bi election are on the Union socials.

**(a) The declaration of a quorum by roll call.**

**(b) Minutes arising of the previous meeting.**

Minutes passed by a majority.

**(c) Matters arising.**

**(d) Motions on notice.**

Motion 1 - Calling for a ban on all Deportations Transfer under Covid-19, proposed by Darryl Horan

Chair - speakers against?

* Do you mean deportation orders, or deportations?

DH - Deportation orders

* And transfer, is that another word for deportation?

DH - I believe transfers to be slightly different, and those have been allowed to go ahead.

RP - it's to do with the transfer agreement and Dublin 1 regulation - if someone arrived in a different country before coming to Ireland to claim asylum, they have been allowed to be sent back to that country.

Summation, DH - it's a support for halting all deportations and transfers during the COVID pandemic.

Chair - Vote.

*Passed*.

Motion 2 - Consent Mandate, proposed by Ruairí Power

Chair - speakers against or questions?

* How do you plan on rolling this out??

RP - as part of orientation, is the plan.

*Passes.*

Motion 3 - Provision of Sexual Health Services, proposed by Cillian Murphy

It's to lobby for the reopening of services and to lobby UCD for subsidies of STI screenings.

Chair - any speakers against, or questions? No hands were raised, so we'll go ahead to summation.

Vote.

*Passed.*

**(e) Items for Discussion**

Motion on societies, proposed by Oliver Kilmartin

OK - a motion idea to help societies and chair persons, to professionalise the services and support them in dealing with bullying and harassment, as they come across it. The idea is to lobby for a toolkit for auditors, to train them in dealing with difficult situations.

Chair - the idea is to have a motion for the next Council, correct?

OK - yes!

* Do society auditors not get training already?

OK - I spoke with an auditor who had no training to deal with student issues and bullying. So, this is where the idea came from. They did their best, but he had no training.

Carla Gummerson - I think the idea is that auditors don't get all of the training, because they are supposed to pass everything to the chair of the Societies' Council. But there is a gap in some areas for sure. Especially in dignity and respect.

OK - sure, and I think a lot of auditors actually try to deal with those issues themselves, and that's where the issues arise.

Chair - let's try and keep the discussion general, without naming individuals of particular societies.

* The idea is that the societies council wants auditors to just pass on issues, but a lot of auditors want to work on inclusion and ending bullying themselves. So this kind of toolkit for less serious matters could be really useful!
* We need to be mindful of how much responsibility we put on students who are taking these roles on a voluntary basis. So yes, we should support committees and auditors, but ultimately the chair of the societies council is employed and it's their job to deal with bullying and harassment. So, disclosure training maybe should be rolled out, but not training that puts more responsibility on volunteers.

RP - and just to reiterate, dignity and respect mechanisms are available at all times to all students who need to disclose something.

**(f) Items for Noting**

**(g) Items for Approval**

**(h) The reports of each Executive Officer**

Sabbatical Officer Reports

* Conor Anderson (late)

The summit of student campaigns has been one of the highlights! I'm drafting a joint statement on behalf of these students, which we hope to make lots of media noise with!

*Passed.*

* Hannah Bryson
* Sarah Michalek (defer to the next meeting)
* Ruairí Power

Lots of plagiarism hearings, lots of work on the right to disconnect and the library campaign.

Lots of SHAG week plans!

* Leighton Gray

Housing, period poverty and what not. And lastly, I went for a meeting today with Jason Last, the head of counselling, the head of EDI and some trans students to talk about supporting trans students in UCD.

* Carla Gummerson

College Officer and Oifigeach na Gaeilge Reports

* Science College Officer

*Passed.*

* Oifigeach Dlí

*Passed.*

* Business College Officer

*Passed.*

* Health Sciences College Officer

*Passed.*

* Engineering and Architecture College Officer

*Passed.*

* Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

*Passed.*

* Arts Humanities and Social Sciences

*Passed.*

* Oifigeach na Gaeilge

*Passed*

* Ag, Food and Vet College Officer (defer to the next meeting)

*Passed.*

Ents Officer Reports.

* Steven King, non alcoholic events officer.

*Passed.*

* Ruth Goulding, Ents Rep Co-ordinator.

*Passed.*

* Louise Costello, First year promotions officer.

*Deferred to the next meeting.*

* Emma Gregg, Promotions officer.

*Passed.*

* Louise Costello

*Passed.*

Campaign Forum Reports

* Ruby Smith, Gender Equality Campaign Co-ordinator.

*Passed.*

* Mórna Henehan, Environmental Campaigns Co-ordinator.

*Passed.*

* Lisa Campbell, Residential Campaigns Co-ordinator.

*Passed.*

* Aisling Hudson, Mature Students Campaign Co-ordinator.

*Passed.*

**(i) Questions on notice.**

**(j) Questions not on notice.**

 **(k) All discussions deferred to the instant meeting from any previous meeting, which**

**discussions shall include the hearing of the report of any committee of Council and**

**the taking of any vote consequent upon such report or discussion.**

Council 5 Report - Sarah Michalek, Ents Officer (defer).

**(l) Motions not on notice.**

**(m) Submission of motions to be on notice for next meeting.**

**(n) Any Other Business.**

**Save the dates:**

Next Council meeting: Monday, **15th February, 6 pm**

Motion submission deadline: **Monday, 8th February, 6 pm**

Executive Officer reports, and all other items, due: **Friday, 12th February, 5 pm**