

Executive Meeting 3
October 29th 2019
SU Boardroom

Limit Report Times

- Want to create a motion to limit report time for members in order to increase discussions on policy, voting on mandates, increase the speaking time for everyone and end council on time
- Highly encouraged that everyone takes their reports as read, and if they do not there is a time limit of 2 minutes. Want to put a stop to reading reports word for word
- Want to propose a time for all items on the agenda before Council so everyone is prepared to discuss an item and know what they need to highlight
- Create a fair time limit for all members to be at Council. If the 2 hours pass and agenda items are not discussed they are moved to the next meeting
- Might not need a mandate if it is put in the handbook so all members know the practice

Officer Budget

- Each officer has a budget of 1,000 euro for the entire year
- Can use the budget to put on events for their constituents that will address their needs, increase engagement, distribute information about the SU, and provide entertainment for them
- Think of events you want to run, put together a budget and come in to Joanna and Keleigh who will help put the event on
- Fill out the event form Keleigh created and if you need help creating a budget contact an officer

Digs Campaign

- Leaflet drop over the weekend that was very successful; overall the campaign has been going well but the main issue being the lack of volunteers
- There has been an increase of beds available for students and another concentrated push will happen at the start of semester 2
- Could run a speed dating event between students looking for digs and potential landlords, but the issue here is the Union does not want to turn into a housing agency and assume responsibility for problems that arise
- Current lack of regulation in digs and the Union does not have the capacity to adequately protect students
- Look into creating a joint strategy with Deeks about student housing issues and the need for more regulation. Or a housing forum or campaign within the Union to address the issue

Christmas Day

- Will take place on the 28th of November, the 2nd to last day of term

- Current plans include non-alcoholic events, screening movies in the atrium, pass the present and other activities
- Reached out to societies and international student organizations to make it more inclusive and open to those who celebrate Christmas differently or not at all

Exam Prep and Academic Council

- Public skills training workshop on November 5th at 5:00, email Brian if you want to be involved. Will address public speaking and presentation skills that can be useful for Union members
- There are 23 voting seats on Academic Council and want to fill as many as possible with members from the Union. Here they discuss all issues relating to academic and regulations for students
- Next meeting is November 21st at 2pm and it would be great to have college officers and reps present to give a voice to students
- Hold a meeting beforehand with everyone going to ensure that a standard consensus or viewpoint for the Union is understood before attending

Coffee Mornings

- College Officers can organize coffee mornings in their own buildings, maybe 1 or 2 a semester, but it is not mandatory to hold these. The associated costs would be covered by the officer budget.
- If Officers pick a specific location and time a Sabbat can come and help run the event. The Union has free item to give away, tablecloths and signage, just need to organize tea and coffee from caterers
- It is a great way to increase engagement with constituents if done consistently

Direct Provision Event

- Reached out to students who are interested in getting involved with the event and helping organize and run it
- Put together a plan with Christina for a brief of the event. Will meet with other partners next week to discuss budget and overall plans such as press pieces for a proper launch
- Work with USI, UL and ISU to target other Sabbat officers from around the country
- Need to directly lobby the government to make a real change in the current situation

November Climate Strike

- Next Global Climate Strike is 29th of November which is the Friday of week 12. Need to create a plan outlining what the Union will do to keep the mobilization and the interest up. Unsure about how large of a crowd to expect since it is the last week of term
- Talk with the new climate campaigns coordinator to see what resources are available, what partners to reach out to and what role the SU will play in it. Considering running an environmental week throughout week 12
- Discussion regarding amnesty and if it is worth asking for amnesty again. The pros are that amnesty gets a tacit show of support from the school but overall it is a very weak

statement. It would be better to get a joint statement or endorsement of the strike from the university.

- The Union is achieving ongoing clothes swaps that have turned into a campaign against fast fashion instead of a one off event, the Great Donate and working to get the University as a partner, encouraging each building to take steps towards sustainability and working on ending fossil fuel relationships the University

Mind, Body and Soul

- Takes place November 13th during the day and it would be great to have members helping out at the event and in attendance
- Upcoming sexual health and STI awareness campaign with discounted tests for students
- Bringing the Consent play from NUIG to campus and it will first be seen by targeted groups