

OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE

Minutes of Office of Student Life Board meeting

March 1st, 2022

Present: (all via Zoom) Eamonn Cuggy, Úna Redmond, Fearghal Lynch (immediate past SU President), Terence Rooney (SU President), and Kate Goodman (SU VP for Academic Life).

Apologies: Claire Bohan

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as a true record.
2. Matters arising: It was noted that we need to decide what to spend the surplus funds from last year on. It had previously been agreed that €500K of this surplus would be earmarked for spending on projects over the next five years which would add value to students.
3. Update from OSL Director:
 - a. UR presented an update on the budget and the actual spending to the end of December 2021. All spending is in line with projections. The audited accounts for 2020-21 are currently being prepared and will be returned to the CRO by the due date in May.
 - b. Staff update:
 - i. Some OSL staff are now working exclusively on campus, though others (approx 5-6) have availed of the option to WFH 1-2 days as provided for in the agreed Work-Life balance policy. It is organised so that no student-facing services are impacted.
 - ii. The peer mentor pilot programme has been successful to date. As CB had previously advised the University is unlikely to take on the funding for the coordinator post and suggested that if OSL has the funding it should continue to support this very worthwhile programme. This was agreed for a further two years.
 - iii. The Clubs and Societies Awards return to an in-person event in early April. There has been very positive engagement with their activities since September, and more particularly since in-person activity resumed recently. Membership figures will be available for the next meeting.

- iv. UR reported on a request she received from OSL Unit Heads, on behalf of all staff, requesting that, in light of the current inflation rate, the current OSL salary scales be reviewed. It was agreed that UR and EC would meet to discuss this and circulate a proposal to the Board for review/comment. EC noted that DCU staff had received an increase of 2% since September, though SIPTU was seeking 5%.

4. HR update: No major updates. .

5. Date and time of next meeting: Suggested April/May. UR to circulate date.