

## **AGENDA**



**CRC 3**

**Semester 1**

Date: 08/11/2021

Venue: DCU Glasnevin Stokes Building SA101

**Exec Attendance:** All present

### **1. Minutes and Matters Arising (2 minutes)**

The chair assumed the minutes as read.

Minutes 1 has been voted and accepted.

Minutes 2 has been voted and accepted.

There were no further questions.

**This was accepted by council**

### **2. Officer reports (5 minutes)**

*Question from:* Ciara Doyle CPSMH. Ciara wanted clarity regarding the DNI badge.

*Response from:* Bobbie VP for diversity and inclusion stated that the badge is in the works to create a diversity and inclusion atmosphere and students can earn the badge and put it on the Cv. (Early develop stage)

**The officer reports were put to a vote and accepted by majority**

### **3. Pre - Nominated A.O.B (2 minutes)**

Helen Wade MSGC1 - Bathrooms in St.Pats campus

Oisin O'Byrne BED2 - Covid-19 lecture attendance

Grace Kangali INTB1 - DCU Covid 19 Protocol

Ciara O Doherty BAJH3 - Lack of cash accepted in St.Pats

#### 4. Items for Agreement (15 minutes)

##### A) Budget presented and discussed.

Wages were the biggest, spending 14 staff and 5 permanent full time student staff. (Including the Sabbaticals Wages)

Election expenses dropped due to digital meetings.

Printing has dropped since the pandemic.

Virtual and in person expenses are very important for students to engage and meet people.

Total budget is 2,032,500.00 euros.

##### B) Questions regarding the Budget

*Question from Helen Wade MSGC1 asked about salary and wages for the sabbaticals*

*Response from dean 23,000-24,000 Euros annually gross.*

**The item was put to a vote and Accepted by majority.**

#### 5. President's Update

The president gave a verbal update to supplement their written report.

*Christmas market is at early planning stage for week 10 22 and 23rd November.*

*Live entertainment with LGBT themed indoor event*

*outdoor live event christmas ball like live at lawn*

*microwaves coming in all campus locations to be decided for health and safety concerns.*

*huge thanks to everyone showing up to the nursing protest*

*union week*

*black history week credit to all*

black student advisory group

**Vp for wellbeing Dean spoke next.**

Dean talked about an anonymous bully tool to help students with creating a safer atmosphere.

Concent trainings and consent certs should be out in a few days banners about consent.

Spiking incidents addressed, but no incidents reported to the union. The union is aware of spiking incidents and is looking at methods to prevent this.

Spiking testing kits available and will be used soon.

Student assistant fund available from 100-500 euro once.

*LGBT dedicated event in person to be announced soon.*

Christine O'Mahony MAP asked about period products in male bathrooms (This will be answered later).

**Vp for Diversity and Inclusion Bobbie spoke next.**

Talked about the boycott of the Irish Time and landis said they stopped selling and stocking Irish time and future discussions will be announced soon.

**The officer reports were put to a vote and accepted by majority**

**6. Items for Discussion (5 minutes)**

**a Asian Week:**

Christine O'Mahony DC631 proposed Asian Culture week similar to Black Culture Week to stop asian hate. An Asian week similar to Black history week. Having an Asian Culture week would give Asian Culture the recognition they deserve. It will show appreciation for the culture and spread awareness. There will be events, activities and food ect.

*Question from Dean he supports the motion and wants clarity for who is responsible for this event.*

*Response from Christine VP for diversity and inclusion. Helen Wade MSGC1 second it.*

***Asian Week was voted in by a majority.***

***There was no debate on this motion.***

**The Motion was put to a vote and Accepted by majority.**

**b** Period Products Service:

Dean Vp for Wellbeing spoke about the 2000 products distributed since the beginning of the program and 1000 products distributed in the first 3 days.

Baskets being stolen causes difficulty to expand the project. (to the male bathroom)  
There are plans to expand into the men's bathroom but it's difficult right now without solutions to the problems.

If needed people can come to the su offices and ask for these period products.

Question From Niamh Rogers BEDLAN1.

Encouraging students to use their Lidl plus to receive free period products.

*Response From N/A*

Question from Kate Wray PBM2.

Kate asked about a reimbursement program for students to buy period products instead of products being vandalised and wasted.

*Response From Vp for Wellbeing Dean.*

SU gets products cheaper than retail and the prices between products vary. It's easier and cheaper if people who need the products come up and ask. There is an effort to find a solution to end the vandalism and waste of these products and is in the works.

Question from Ciara Doyle CPSMH1

*Proposed shoe boxes or recycled boxes instead of containers for these products.*

*Response From Vp for Wellbeing Dean.*

*This method was tried and the boxes deteriorated very fast.*

Question From Jonathan Mc Cormack MINT1

*Proposed to put boxes in more public areas.*

*Response From Vp for Wellbeing Dean.*

*We do have some in public spaces and in gender neutral. Container in bathrooms on the ground floor in the U has been stolen.*

**7. Items for Information (5 minutes)**

A) USI Update from Caoimhe O'Carroll USI VP Dublin

*the nursing strike was talked about thanks to all that attended.*

*VP for welfare has been working with nightlife organisations for spiking. trying to incorporate policies to all night clubs. Students can consult local student unions for further concerns.*

*The mature student seminar was an all online seminar for mature students and looking for more involvement. whatsapp gc for all class rep QR code available.*

*UN climate conference 2021 USI gotten the badge for first year.*

*COP- conference of parties come together to discuss purely climate problems.*

*New Campaign called F\*\*k the fees reflecting anger and a message towards the school fees.*

*The protest is on the 23rd of November.*

*Question from Christine O'Mahony DC613*

*Asked about protesting route and if T- shirts are provided for the protest*

*Response From Caoimhe O'Carroll*

*The protest will be at the Dail and due to sustainability reasons T-shirts won't be provided but temporary tattoos will be.*

B) *CRC training from the new OSL head of leadership and student engagement Barry*

*Update for training sessions the first one is 15/11/2021*

*If people can't attend there is 4 more next month*

C) *Class rep Hoodies this year will be purple! (Yay)*

D) *Ross VP for community and citizenship talks about union week*

*Student nurses - Kate for academic life did good work on that !*

*Teachers and student teachers unions will be talked about on Wednesdays*

*Accommodation unions and accommodation support will be looked at on Thursdays*

*National union will be attend on Friday*

## 8. A.O.B

### Helen Wade MSGC1 - Bathrooms in St.Pats campus

Helen talked about the lack of hygiene in St.Pats

Terrence SU president will contact relevant departments regarding it

### Oisin O'Byrne BED2 - Covid-19 lecture attendance

Osin talked about the importance of attendance related to grades even if there may be covid concerns

Kate Goodman VP for academic life explained that she will get it sorted out.

### Grace Kangali INTB1 - DCU Covid 19 Protocol

Grace wants more information regarding the protocol and contact tracing

Dean VP for wellbeing explained that details should be on the website and that if there's any concern to email him regarding it.

### Ciara O Doherty BAJH3 - Lack of cash accepted in St.Pats

*Ciara mentioned that there is a lack of cash accepted in St. Pats*

*Terence SU president responded that this will be looked at.*

***Finally for the election Boris Yu was voted in to be the CRC secretary***

***On that note, CRC3 Semester 1 was adjourned***