



Minutes of Office of Student Life Board meeting

May 11th, 2021

Present: (all via ZOOM) Eamonn Cuggy, Claire Bohan, Úna Redmond, Fearghal Lynch (SU President)

Apologies: Chloe McMorrow (SU Education and Placement Officer).

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as a true record.
2. Matters arising: There were no matters arising which are not on the agenda.
3. Update from OSL Director:
 - a. Financial update. UR provided an update on the spending to April 30th, 2021 which was mapped against the budget. This was discussed and the pertinent points noted. Not surprisingly, given the low level of activity Clubs and Socs spending is greatly reduced and a significant portion of their budget remains unspent. It was agreed that up to €100K be spent on the projects which were previously discussed in this financial year and then a further €100 in the year 2021/22.
 - b. Staff update: OSL staff continue to work from home but once restrictions are lifted will begin to return to campus in line with guidelines. From mid-August, it is hoped that all staff will be on site. UR is working on a WFH policy to be implemented from then. It will take account of the fact that we are a student facing service and that all requests may not be facilitated. The Clubs and Socs Awards will take place virtually on May 20th. A lot of thought has gone into ensuring that this is a worthy celebration and recognition of the efforts of Clubs and Socs during the year.
 - c. UR noted the email received from the CLC Chair in relation to the agreement recently signed between Bohemians Football Club and DCU Sport. Their concerns around the lack of consultation with DCU Sports clubs and the potential impact on their access to the facilities were acknowledged. It was agreed that the OSL Board would respond to the email.
4. HR update: One point to note. SS&D and the OSL hope to jointly fund a pilot peer mentoring programme for 2021/22. It will entail one new staff position for the OSL at coordinator level. This was agreed and €60K was assigned to this project.
5. Date and time of next meeting: June 2nd, 2021