

Minutes

	Meeting	: PSU Council Meeting
	Date	: 03.02.21
	Venue	: Teams
	Time	: 17:15-18:30
	<p>Attendees: Andrea La Touche, Rania Shadeed, Louis Pemble, Aman Niyaz, Doireann Peeló, Sandrine Ndahiro, Vedant Modi, Niamh O’Neill, Panashe Chikwengo</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Absent:</p> <p>In attendance: Aimée McKenzie</p>	
No.	Items	Actions
1	Minutes not submitted due to laptop issue for Aimée McKenzie. They will be presented once her laptop is returned from repair.	
2	<p>Overview of ALT report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DP. Hanratty’s 80 cards with €10 in each for the residents. Met residents and brought a PhD student. • Knockalisheen €40/child. Disney sponsorship from Chair of GA subgroup. Access Equality and SS. Ages/profile/details for children as the gifts were packaged from Disney that way. <p>International events did not go ahead due to Covid-19 lockdown.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea met with international UL Global events on Dec 22 event. Students were so excited so be out for the first outing. • Andrea working on PhD visa issue. Petition online to gather momentum on this piece. 7-year limit on student visas – will be worked on as well as spouse and family criteria. • Online events, the PSU are seeking what postgrads are interested in participating online. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPS online survey regarding researching through Covid-19 for PhD students • PG Month, events, online. Loads to do and engagement. • Class rep from IWA, Student representation, finally. • Algerian cohort have arrived (134) a few weeks ago, PSU and PCC have provided food for them for the first two weeks. • One student was feeling unwell/went for Covid-19 test. PSU have sourced a contact for testing centre. We have created a support system for contact members for anyone in hospital during this time if they have Covid. Immediate support, guidance, comfort them. • Re: Aldi incident, Andrea has contacted the area manager about the situation. She is awaiting their response. 	
3	<p>PG Month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aimée gave a brief overview of the events happening for PG Month • Considering the pandemic, the PSU did not want to dismiss the PG Month and decided to mark it with online events which they hope will appeal to the students • Andrea requested members of Exec share details on social media 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All details are circulated in weekly student emails and social media 	
4	<p>Vedant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PhD looking at UL Global and Ireland for ideas on the visa issue. Looking for loopholes for information given to students regarding visas. Making voices heard across Ireland. PhD/Researcher booklet will be launched at the end of PG Month PhD podcast, is to roll out in March until May. Kerstin Mey asked to be the first podcaster. PhD career talk with Elain Kiely at the PG Month Looking for more PhD events PhD continuation fee to be discussed offline with ALT, RS, AM and VM 	<p>Vedant working with PhD team for more details</p> <p>Vedant/PhD Team/AM/GO</p> <p>VM and all to meet to discuss</p>
5	<p>Doiereann team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bingo event hopefully for the end of the PG month. Fun prizes as well as good prize. Possibly the 25. PSYou – needing more input to get off the ground. 	<p>**please clarify as I was distracted by my people</p>
6	<p>Panashe for Sandrine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Want to increase IG numbers to get more engagement. Anything that is happening...trying to get some of our posts on Student Life or UL Global. Officers to introduce themselves, or running IG stories, asking questions, answer them throughout the day. Whatever the Officer wants. To get more eyes on our social media. Suggestion to make the most of the PG month, UL Global/Student Life, t-shirts, hoodies, for at least one week. Missed what's happening.....Start planning ahead of what's happening in March after lockdown..... 	<p>**please clarify as I was distracted by my people</p>
7	<p>Niamh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on the international trip refund. Faculties not much report. Faculty Boards – reps to attend meetings Class reps – slow to get reps for classes for MA's. should be training with SL. Faculty reps trying to get in touch with the class reps for feedback. Survey out to students – will it go ahead? Ethics forms would be needed. Possible to look through other surveys for details D asked if any information is available to put out to the community send it on to share with them. 	<p>Niamh/Rania Rania/AM/Naimh</p> <p>Cian to forward to Niamh</p>
8	<p>Rania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main point for R is the international trip. Waiting to hear from Nige Grade re-check, setting up a committee about academic issues. Academic Advocacy Group Website is nearly done – soon! Induction PGR survey, authentication student emails, PSU involved in Library sessions and feedback, PSU helping with circulating info to PG students through social media Working on PG Month 	
9	<p>Elections of Student Life will be in March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It needs to be from the PSU Exec and the person cannot be running for election in 2021 for a Sabbatical role in either Union. All students can run for Student Life elections and all students can vote for SL elections. 	

10	<p>We need to have representation on the Electoral Referenda Board (ERB)</p> <p>Role of ERB can be found page 23/24 of our constitution https://www.ulstudentlife.ie/about/su-governance/</p> <p>1. Under article 11, there shall be an Electoral and Referenda Board, ERB. The ERB shall:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make the Rules and amend the Rules from time to time 2. Ensure co-ordination of all aspects of the elections or Referendum according to this constitution and the Rules (subject to paragraph 2 above) 3. Be responsible for the hiring and coordination of election or referendum staff. 	
11	<p>PSU elections later in the year due to change of Sabbat start date for PSU.</p>	
12	<p>Andrea mentioned her meeting at the latest Governing Authority went very well and the Chancellor of UL's Governing Authority, Mary Harney would like to stay in touch with student representatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures put in place due to Covid and online teaching. Good to know the Chancellor is interested in hearing from the Officers. • Nigel Healy, UL's Provost congratulated Andrea on the wonderful work the PSU is doing. 	<p>**please clarify as I was distracted by my people</p>
13	<p>Andrea adjourned the meeting.</p>	

Duration: 1 hour

Next meeting: February 10, 2021