



## Minutes

	<b>Meeting</b>	: <b>PSU Exec Meeting</b>	
	<b>Date</b>	: <b>24.3.21</b>	
	<b>Venue</b>	: <b>Teams</b>	
	<b>Time</b>	: <b>16:45-18:30</b>	
	<p><b>Attendees:</b> Andrea La Touche, Rania Shadeed, Louis Pemble, Aman Niyaz, Doireann Peelo, Sandrine Ndahiro, Vedant Modi, Panashe Chikwengo, Cian,  <b>Apologies:</b> Niamh O'Neill  <b>Absent:</b>  <b>In attendance:</b> Aimée McKenzie</p>		
<b>No.</b>	<b>Items</b>		<b>Actions</b>
1	Minutes approved by Doireann, seconded by Louis		
2	<p>ALT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This week looking at the survey for the information for looking at the strategic plan. Details will be going out to all PG students. ALT focus on Strategic Plan with Sanj.</li> <li>PhD students, letter re: ALT has received the details re GEMS students. ALT will look at it tomorrow, but it will go to Access and Student affairs soon. ALT is happy to share it for feedback.</li> <li>Library adding 56 seats on Monday.</li> <li>Still doing Tai Chi and Yoga, 5k to every 2 weeks with bigger prizes.</li> <li>This week the Covid tracker has been in trial for the 3-week trial on student portal. Green pass to come to college or red pass to stay at home.</li> <li>Shannon PG conference, 40 submissions from UL. ALT on its management committee and it is going well. ALT hoping to say hello to UL before the conference to say hello and good luck.</li> </ul>		<p>ALT</p> <p>ALT</p> <p>ALT</p>
3	<p>Rania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SP, plan for it to be ready. Adding necessary strategies for the coming year, digital plan, communication plan. Step by step guide for the incoming.</li> <li>Shannon Conf. Rania on the design/marketing/strategy team. 96 people registered, over two days.</li> <li>3-4 year have asked Ann L from GPS that in the letter they have explicit details regarding fees. Deciding where to put it, which letter.</li> <li>International trip. Still up in the air. Response that the learning outcomes are the same but the tenders for the trips add a cost. Nige/Finbarr re: cost of physical element.</li> </ul>		<p>RS</p> <p>RS</p>

4	<p>Cian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Since Wednesday's meeting. Starting a series of HR staff meetings about policies.</li> <li>· Two new staff members, Siobhan, and Ellie. No HR induction so they are doing that.</li> <li>· GA report submitted.</li> <li>· Yesterday kicked off a Human Rights campaign. It has been taking longer to get it organised. Posting social infographics from Tues. to Friday. Live stream with a Q&amp;A with the housing advisor on Monday morning.</li> <li>· Second meeting of the presidential search board. No reference in the job description about student engagement and student experience. Cian and another GA member spoke up about that.</li> <li>· End of last week (raised by 2 students) some request for authorization for students allowing access, giving.</li> </ul>	
5	<p>Vedant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Andrea checking and sorting the letter.</li> <li>· Rania 3–4-year issue.</li> <li>· A PhD person in UL Global. ALT will wait to hear back from Ann L about who will represent or be a support for PhD students. Either GPS/UL Global will have ideally a representative. Someone to deal with visas, UL Global might not have the resources to manage PhDs as well.</li> </ul>	ALT RS
6	<p>Doireann</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· To Cian, re college accommodation for the summer are you able to get your money back if you are not going to be here for the summer. Accommodation for 51 weeks for PG students. ALT requested an email be sent to her regarding details. Panashe in the same situation, stated if you made the final payment you are tied in, but if you informed them before the final payment, you may have some room to get some money back.</li> <li>· Panashe stated there is a time limit to get your money back. People were successful but others are trying to without as much success.</li> <li>· Cian explained that for undergrad students, the deadline for them to get a refund. Students were able to get credit on their account. They could get a refund for semester 2 and a credit for semester 1 portion that they did not use due to level 5 lockdown. Will check details.</li> </ul>	
7	<p>Sandrine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Attended a meeting with three others regarding setting up a meeting for condemning all racism. Sandrine getting messages about it. Staff has contacted .....against racism. Sandrine meeting with staff member to do what they need to do on their own.</li> <li>· Algerian students have contacted Sandrine, she cannot say anything because UL has not said anything up or support nor condemn the abuse/racism.</li> <li>· Sandrine believes it could be staff/supervisors who are putting together the details. These students did not expect this and are afraid.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· ALT to contact Nigel about email regarding racism condemning. There was a meeting to set up this meeting, but nothing has been sent out. It is not looking good for UL. Sandrine is frustrated about the lack of transparency.</li> <li>· Since the incident, Andrea has been meeting with the cohort of Algerian students on Sundays. UL has increased security in Thomond village.</li> <li>· Cian – Chelsea has an email drafted to send out. Sandrine is worried that it is week 12 and that it will lack any impact.</li> <li>· Rania offered that Sandrine, and the students are not the only ones frustrated, the students, PSU and staff members are disappointed.</li> </ul>	
8	End of Exec. 17:15	

**Duration: 1 hour and 2 minutes**

**Next meeting: 28.4.21**