

Minutes

	Meeting	: PSU Executive Meeting
	Date	: 24.02.2021
	Venue	: Teams
	Time	: 17:15-18:15
	<p>Attendees: Andrea La Touche, Rania Shadeed, Louis Pemble, Doireann Peelo, Sandrine Ndahiro, Vedant Modi, Niamh O'Neill, Panashe Chikwengo</p> <p>Apologies: Aman Niyaz</p> <p>Absent:</p> <p>In attendance: Aimée McKenzie</p>	
No.	Items	Actions
1	Minutes from the previous meeting approved by Louis, seconded by Cian.	
2	<p>Andrea</p> <p>Main goal – international students’ partners</p> <p>IUA is also going to lobby on spouses’ rights. Lots of visa issues so the IUA is choosing ones that are more plausible to get through.</p> <p>7-year limit for visas, Andrea looking at the letter at the moment- if the students is going through a level 7 then onto a level 8, or 9 or 10. Bureaucratic process. Want the letter to be precise and correct</p> <p>Student survey – completed</p> <p>Researcher handbook nearly ready to go</p> <p>Website nearly ready to go, thanks to Ayoola, Neha Nakkul and Sanjana.</p> <p>Visa workshop will be offered again due to lack of interest although it is important info for international students</p> <p>No calls this week from anyone in hospital</p> <p>C-19 testing happening on campus again. Suggested everyone get tested. United front from both unions.</p> <p>Review group – ALT and Peadar on the group. Both tried to hold meetings re UL@50.</p> <p>International group/Town Hall – 40 international students, people feeling lost, summary of the session will be put together and circulated. Nigel Healey going off armed with question from the group.</p> <p>ALT waiting to hear from Patrick Ryan regarding Sanctuary University. What does it take to sustain and the needs of incoming students?</p> <p>Awaiting update from Nige re accommodation for those who didn’t end up coming</p>	
3	<p>Rania</p> <p>Town Hall – from the CampG meeting. Nigel organized all international Town Hall. 40 came to the meeting. Loads of questions, international representation on campus.</p> <p>Stigma on international students – cultures and how they view counselling services. Working on a workshop with for international students.</p> <p>Waiting for international trip reimbursement</p> <p>Library is trying to make books accessible online, please contact Rania if there are books you need.</p> <p>Up to launch, website, logo,</p>	

4	<p>Cian</p> <p>Two weeks ago, Alison, Andrea and Rania bringing issues to CampG. Access to library. More study space in the library. Have more than just postgrads in the library. Interesting info... 100 seats available, where 1000 are wanting to use the space. 500/2000 would be better</p> <p>Constitution review at the moment. Positions no longer in existence. Organization moving to limited by guarantee. Moves the governance to the Board, matters like finance which used to sit with student council, no SL employees would sit on the board, only four officers and three externals.</p> <p>SL UL quiz went well. 150 students. Officers ran quiz, great prizes €400 rent, hope to have another similar event(s) soon. What brought the people to the event – it was the cash. Emphasis on that going forward. 300 tickets sold, 150 people but household turned up so there were more people.</p> <p>SL and PSU working on joined campaign for leaflet drop to local students regarding students not following guidelines complaints sent in to the Officer of the President</p>	
5	<p>Vedant</p> <p>Letter for Simon Harris. Limit to 7-year visa needs to be addressed.</p> <p>Rania and Vedant looking at 3 vs 4 year fees.</p> <p>Looking for international student representation on GPS/UL Global for researchers.</p> <p>Career talk with Elaine Kiely – for PhDs went very well with eight in attendance. Research videos.</p>	
6	<p>Doireann</p> <p>Singo Bingo happening tomorrow 7:30. Up to 62 participants.</p> <p>IG highlights.</p>	
7	<p>Sandrine</p> <p>Since last week working with Rania on the IWD video, eight people so far for the video. Looking to Exec and Council for more videos.</p> <p>Looking for different events for equality week. Sandrine offered to do live events with guests.</p> <p>Week 9, main thing is to collaborate with other colleges. Speaking with UCD to see if they want to collaborate on the equality week. Planned it out, needs to speak with Rania and Andrea regarding incentives. Michelle C. has offered to create posts/videos for the week.</p> <p>Meeting with Andrea and LGBTQ+ group soon</p> <p>International students and diverse backgrounds about what equality means to them. Felt that people won't attend many online sessions. Perhaps 2 sessions and then short videos.</p>	
8	<p>Niamh</p> <p>Not much to report. Trying to sort to distribute end of year survey re: what was life like this year. Issues that may have arisen. It is felt that UL won't be back on campus in September. Class rep's election difficult this year. Perhaps more visible on campus. Possibly students falling between the crack as they are not on campus. List of names means nothing.</p> <p>Andrea offered that Cian and his team are looking at the efficacy of Class Reps. We've moved into a digitized world very quickly and survey above might help these issues. Perhaps a piece for module leaders re: class reps.</p>	
9	<p>Panashe</p> <p>Everything needs a better lead time</p> <p>Saturday takeover</p> <p>Equality month – promote that</p>	

	<p>Saturdays might not be very effective, Andrea suggested it might not be the best time. Doireann suggested Saturdays might be better as students have down time at the weekend so, Friday evening/Sunday evening better times.</p> <p>Cian SL pushed info regarding upcoming elections. Chat with Siobhan. People going for coffee/checking phones...etc.</p>	
13	Andrea adjourned the meeting at 5:25	

Duration: 40 minutes

Next meeting: March 3, 2021