

Minutes

	Meeting	: PSU Exec Meeting	
	Date	: 24.3.21	
	Venue	: Teams	
	Time	: 16:45-18:30	
	<p>Attendees: Andrea La Touche, Rania Shadeed, Louis Pemble, Aman Niyaz, Doireann Peelo, Sandrine Ndahiro, Vedant Modi, Niamh O'Neill, Cian</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Absent: Panashe Chikwengo</p> <p>In attendance: Aimée McKenzie</p>		
No.	Items		Actions
1	Minutes will be ready for the next meeting		Aimée
2	<p>Sandrine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equality week is going well, there are daily social media and video posts. There is an event with Out in UL, and a week-long Tik Tok challenge. 		
3	<p>Andrea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with the letter, Vedant connection in HR. Anka Minescu is helping with who to send the letter. Told not to send it directly to Simon Harris but to others...that list will come. We have been advised to get UL support, and create a working group. 7year – student visa, is also in the letter. The lack of information available to potential students is shocking. All goals have been met, website, logo/slogan Strategic Plan is underway, 5k walk is ongoing, less engagement = less prize money Taxi driver, very busy these days PGR StudentSurvey – double the uptake in the response – delighted with that! Leaflet drop to on campus accommodation on March 16. Could not get into all the apartments. In Cappavilla students were out on the green drinking. Andrea spoke with them and they didn't seem worried about getting caught. Testing on campus this week, Thursday and Friday. Marketing comms the details are the same, we will circulate the information this evening. Students/international students incidents happened. There should be a space within the unions for students to complete formal complaints. Trying to get in touch with class reps about circulating information. Conference May 18-19, used to be LPRC now is the Shannon Aman asked who can participate in the conference. 		<p>PhD Team</p> <p>Andrea</p>
4	<p>Rania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference this Friday WODESS. Rania giving the welcome address. Conference is on the impact of covid on their research. Andrea and Rania met with Anytime of the Month, poverty with periods. PSU becoming ambassadors. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Sandrine interviewed R & A about equality. · Grade recheck, calling for grade recheck reform. Received very well, R realized within the staff there are questions around rechecks and appeals. Current process needs to be reformed. R to be on the committee with the Qualitycommittee. · Class rep meetings on Monday, what should the PSU take from the current and move on to it. · Follow up meeting with Algerian with Mairead Moriarty, James Carr and Angela Farrell about wanting to be part of the solution. Specific training to first year students, anti-racism. Andrea and Rania going to work on it. Rania to put together a video about assault. · ALT asked about an update on the international trip. New Dean for KBS, meeting with them next week and including students. Asked the Dean to give a breakdown of the costs, in order to understand the reimbursement or the lack thereof. R curious if the end of the meeting makes sense. This will matter to all students who are in the position of costs including trip costs. 	<p>Aimée</p> <p>Andrea and Rania</p> <p>Rania</p>
5	<p>Cian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Last week launched the Are UL podcast. This week student officer podcast went up. Unedited series. Great upcoming podcast with student nurses · Presidential search board met for the first-time last week. Cian a member of committee as part of the GA. Has signed non-disclosure agreement. · Met with class reps, assistant Dean from each Faculty. The information received was very good and good to know. · Election week. The candidates' manifestos are out, please vote tomorrow. · Final point, there are sanctuary students who were facing deportation. Dept of Justice/last year's student officer team advocated on their behalf. Patrick Ryan wrote to Helen McEntee Minister for Justice, the deportation order has been thrown out. · Doireann offered that class reps met to discuss graduation. They suggested that an apology would be appreciated. The email came and there was no apology. D asked who they can email about that. Cian is happy to meet with class reps about conferring ceremonies. They all went to meetings about it, safety is the issue. ALT wonders if the piece about how the decision came to, the transparency about how the decision was made. The unions looked to be consulted about it, but they were not, regardless of the timeline. The officers could have helped them soften the reality of not having a ceremony. · ALT mentioned that International students were told after the fact about having to come to get their working visa, but then in Feb were told they did not have to come to get the visa. The after the fact of the government's decision makes UL/unions look bad. 	
6	<p>Vedant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · PhD podcast, videos are being edited now. GPS are editing the videos, Ger is doing the rest of the interviews tomorrow. Hoping to share by beginning of April. · Letter to Simon Harris coming together. · 3-to-4-year PhD programmes, up in the air and they are not taking into consideration of their 3 year/4 year. 	
7	<p>Niamh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Getting ready to send around a survey through class reps to April 1-9. Hoping to get best uptake on first week back after Easter. · Lack of clarity on class reps. Going forward what the Faculty reps should do, to be able to move forward to class reps. Moving forward should be able to propose that there are Teams meetings. The training is a video now. ALT asked Cian that there were three dates 	

	of training in the academic year N-Step. Three sessions, first one most important, how to work with lecturers, and to your peers. Cian in complete favour of formalizing the system. To make a system of structure. Louis agreed, and said he is the Maths and Stats rep, and they are definitely not utilizing them as much as possible.	
8	Louis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gillian O’Gorman constitutional review at the moment, meeting with her on Friday about what is going on at the moment. Next week in Exec let us know what is going on from there. 	
9	Doireann <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update, just getting stuffing together for the PSYou. 	
10	Quiz night, Out in UL tomorrow night.	
11	AOB Louis, Student Life had Bingo. Drinks and bingo mix. Louis and to bring it to ALT.	Louis and Andrea
12	17:46 ALT adjourned the meeting.	

Duration: 1 hour and 2 minutes

Next meeting: 7.4.21