

Minutes

	Meeting	: PSU Council Meeting
	Date	: 25.11.2020
	Venue	: Teams
	Time	: 17:15-18:30
	<p>Attendees: Andrea La Touche, Rania Shadeed, Louis Pemble, Aman Niyaz, Doireann Peelo, Sandrine Ndahiro, Vedant Modi, Nakuul Marwah, Neha Misri, Aditya Kumar, Afroja Ahmed, Elizabeth Tipton, Tom Cranley, Margarita Tretiakova, Clara Barbosa Galvao, Fernanda Zamboni, Michelle Daly, Niamh O'Neill, Simin Arshi, Shannon</p> <p>Apologies: Panashe Chikwengo</p> <p>Absent: Michelle Cotter, Tanvi Parab</p> <p>In attendance: Aimée McKenzie, Sanjana Shashikumar</p>	
No.	Items	Actions
1	Minutes taken as read, proposed by Vedant, seconded by Doireann	
2	<p>Election of a Deputy Chair of Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doireann stepped forward for the role. Approved by Vedant, seconded by Michelle Daly 	
3	<p>Andrea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PSU PhD rep resigned, and after much discussion about the role and its remit, this year the role will be divided amongst the PhD reps on Exec and Council. Vedant will be working with Andrea and the GPS regarding the issues faced by international students who are under the assumption that their spouses will be able to work if they accompany them to Limerick. There are a variety of clouded issues that are not evident to individuals looking 	

5	<p>Email from Fintan Breen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrea and Rania requested the Exec and Council to input their thoughts on an email circulated by Fintan Breen from Academic Registry. • Louis brought up the email from AR • Michelle Daly – experience/has received a lot of feedback from the Algerian students. Faced huge changes in registration/module registration/change of registration form/platform re: student hub /not clear for submission of the forms/ delay in getting response/ Michelle to send an email about concerns to Rania. • All information, good and bad, thorough feedback from other members. No direct line or phone, incomplete replies from UL. • Please submit the responses soon as Rania and Andrea are meeting with Fintan and Pat soon. • Louis asked if they are keeping up with the growth of the increase in students • Doireann stated that expectations are a big part of how the experience is perceived 	
6	<p>Visas/1G. dates for ratification brought back, PSU Sabbatical Officers are fighting the battle on getting the submission dates – Andrea requested details. 10 August submission date. Conveying issues to government and UL on the issue.</p>	Andrea and Rania
7	<p>Conferring – students were not happy with the idea of online conferring. UL stated that unions were on side when they told UL they were not in favour. For accurate feedback, the conferring team should have been sent out rather than how it was done this year. Consultation to come from UL rather than unions.</p> <p>Re: Conferring ceremonies, August were delayed until Jan but they are not going ahead. Question was wrong – and no one expected the second wave. Other schools are offering graduation for students only – no parents – getting cert – no handshake – wearing a mask.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doireann – asking for content from Exec and Council for the PSYou! Looking for anything special or talent you have. Leaning on each other to get this off the ground.	
11	Louis adjourned the meeting at 18:15	

Duration: 1 hour

Next meeting: December 9, 2020