

Minutes

	Meeting :	PSU Executive
	Date :	10.3.21
	Venue :	Teams
	Time :	16:30
	Attendees: Andrea La Touche, Louis Pemble, Aman Niyaz, Sandrine Ndahiro, Panashe Chikwengo, Vedant Modi, Cian Ó Caoinleáin, Niamh O'Neil Apologies: Doireann Peelo, Rania Shadeed Absent: In attendance: Aimée McKenzie	
No.	Items	Actions
1	Start of the meeting at 16:37	
2	Louis approved the minutes, Aman seconded them	
3	<p>Andrea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Main goals, writing a letter re PhD students/families. In the throes of feedback. Once letter is finalized and will be sent to other Unis for endorsement. • 7-year visa piece needs more work. • PhD handbook was launched. • Website launched. • Student survey being disseminate. • Resuming 5kwalk end of semester. • No taxi calls. • Promoting PGR survey, poor numbers in past, looking to increase engagement. • collaborating on leaflet drop on covid with SL. • UL consultation review group, Kerstin circulated video today, no uptake from student body on strategic plan feedback. • Engaging with International society for Easter eggs for Knockalisheen, 29 children • Shannon region conference was called LPRC. • Refund/credit for accommodation • Not heard from Patrick Ryan regarding hospital supports • Awaiting Town Hall feedback from Nige's office. Rania has been engaging with Eiste around responding to international support needs. Centred around what students are looking for as they may not be used to what happens here. • Library is reopening Monday for all students. There will be an extra 69 places, currently 128. Keeping an eye on numbers and no-shows. Increase in attendance. • Rania sent in the grade recheck to ARC. Centre piece is on the person who grades you also rechecks your grades. 	
4	<p>Cian</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCC Looking to increase rent up by 2% but freeze it in Plassey village and Troy village. Preference would be to freeze rents in all campus residence. Decision was to hold on 	

	<p>decision. What would 0, 1, 2% increases mean to PCC. As a member of the board, waiting to see what the increase or lack of increase means to PCC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another meeting on their constitution review. • Launched, Are UL. Two journalism students on board with people who are connected to UL alumni, student nurses, band members, performance nerds, student officer team, previous Sabbats, Dr. Caroline West/sexual sex, all organized by Chelsea. Podcasts will be released this or next week. • Nomination week, this year through an excel document. All online which makes it difficult, but people are engaging. Quick turnaround to elections. • Leaflet drop, Cian will be dropping them into the chat. All of the student accommodation and neighborhoods. • Andrea asked about how the student rep/class reps is being developed as we are not directly involved in the Class rep system. Cian not sure of the process, he will mention it to Gillian or John. Louis has been attending the meetings. Andrea added that we are not even at the table for the conversation of the class rep system. The SL student council will remain elected for next year but the following year the change will take place. • Niamh, had engagement with small number of class reps. Some like the way it runs, some are not engaging because of the nature of the year. • Cian asked what he should bring back to the SL group. Andrea said there should be more within reach, it should be more inclusive and directed towards us. Perhaps it's just a simple fix, like the postgrad class rep list get sent to the PSU at the start of the academic year and resent as it changes. Andrea stated that there is training going on, and the PSU is not involved, so there could be over-training of the class reps. Louis offered that Gillian is happy to accept any information and feedback. This would be the time to jump into the negotiations. • Niamh said it would have been helpful to get an email early on about being Class reps. 	
5	<p>Vedant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Started recording podcasts this week • Handbook launched • Simon Harris letter soon to be ready • 3-4 year PhD, there is a lack of clarity. 	
6	<p>Niamh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class reps, only a few there. Happy enough with how things are going, not any problems. Going forward hearing a formal email from PSU and faculties. Semester meeting once per semester to see who the people are. Setting up WhatsApp groups perhaps as a suggestion for groups. • PG survey ready to go out. Rania has given feedback. To be circulated after Easter to get an idea of how the online year has gone. 	
7	No AOB	
8	Meeting adjourned at 17:15	

Meeting length: 43 minutes

Next meeting: 24.3.21