



Minutes

	Meeting	: PSU Executive
	Date	: 18.11.2020
	Venue	: Teams
	Time	: 16:45 - 18:30
	Attendees: Andrea La Touche, Rania Shadeed, Louis Pemble, Aman Niyaz, Doireann Peelo, Sandrine Ndahiro, Panashe Chikwengo, Vedant Modi, , Niamh O’Neil Apologies: Cian Ó Caoinleáin Absent: In attendance: Aimée McKenzie	
No.	Items	Actions
1	Minutes from the previous meeting were taken as read. Approved by Doireann and seconded by Panashe.	
2	Housekeeping. Andrea explained that if there is an error in the minutes, to please bring them to the next meeting to be addressed in “matters arising”. If you cannot make it to a meeting, please send your apologies in advance.	
3	<p>Andrea read through her report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She spoke with Kerstin Mey about the Hanratty’s/DP initiative for Christmas. This cohort of DP residents are often left out, and the PSU will be bringing this forward, look for assistance to fund a small gift for the residents, perhaps a small grooming kit/deodorant or that sort of thing. Sponsorship will be from the PSU and donations from the UL community. • Sitting on the Addictive Behaviour committee, Andrea has read and reported back to the Chair of the committee. • Andrea is seeking permission for Vedant to sit on the Student Access/Community committee. • The new Lab Chairs were delivered to Science and Engineering • UL Global: the PSU is working with UL Global to organize events over Christmas break, weekly events, Milk Market – all dependent on restrictions. Engaging with Limerick city for opportunities. • Sanjana’s contract needs a few more details before it’s ready to go. • Governing Authority/Management Strategy: How will UL operate in the changing world? Andrea attended the GA meeting and will bring more details as they come forward. 	<p>Andrea</p> <p>Andrea</p> <p>Andrea and Rania</p> <p>Andrea</p> <p>Andrea</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before the next meeting – bringing fee concerns to UL (international and national, student experience) realistic expectations for both sides. • Visa implications for students who chose to study at home rather than travel to UL (two year working visa upon graduation) • Healthy UL – strategy for Healthy Ireland – 16 students from the email will move ahead onto the six groups. • Working through about 70 emails a day. • Diwali: Andrea and Rania met with students and brought them sweets to meet students as well as celebrate the holiday. 	<p>Andrea</p> <p>Andrea</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Revamp PSU logo/slogan email to be discussed later</p> <p>Class Reps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Niamh and team will prepare a document to circulate • ULSL to pass on weekly list update of class reps <p>Grade rechecks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • social media survey regarding the process • Proposal re: grade recheck with Academic Regulations • Rania asked for help from student Officers re: grade recheck. No reason for the grade not changing. Lack of clarity, not able to learn from the corrections, lack of feedback <p>Thesis submission early for early grading/results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rania preparing a proposal for this discussion with AR <p>Washing machines/Rania will work on this. Panashe mentioned the machines are temperamental – token and the machines might not accept tokens. Machines not always working or losing €3/each time it isn't working</p> <p>Signs around campus – Rania working on adding signs on campus</p> <p>Induction to new research students by the GPS, Rania presented, welcoming them and introducing the PSU.</p> <p>Children of UL students = Christmas party for the children with ULSL funded by the President's Office of UL.</p>	<p>Rania</p> <p>Niamh</p> <p>Rania</p> <p>Rania</p> <p>Rania</p> <p>Rania</p> <p>Rania</p> <p>Rania and Student Community officer</p>

	<p>Issue around different platforms for students to use. Asking UL services to be present on SULIS rather than weekly updates as students are inundated with emails at the beginning of the week, this information would be better if it was all in one place rather than an onslaught of emails.</p> <p>Trying to help with gown rental – for conferring schedule – getting parchments in absentia, UL promised a celebratory event in the future if possible. Students feel that it wasn't good enough. Students would like to have the opportunity to have a gown to mark the occasion and get photos with family.</p>	<p>Rania</p> <p>Rania</p>
5	<p>Doireann – PRO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PStu – getting to know our current PG with them sending in clips, stories, expressing themselves, share stories or any positive news/events from social media and the new website. • Exec & council sending in videos and clips. PRO team – raising attention of PG community. • BT breaking out and pointing at “you”. 	<p>Doireann & Team</p> <p>All Exec and Council</p> <p>Anyone gifted in animation</p>
6	<p>Sandrine – Equality</p> <p>1. group playing around with different ideas and will focus on a survey regarding equality and diversity within the UL campus. Would like to hold an event “equality and diversity week” based on results.</p> <p>2. Working towards effective campaigns. This semester a social media campaign about “what equality and diversity means to me”.</p> <p>3. Third idea, video series of “did you know...” international students posting videos on how to get around and get things done when they arrive. Afroja (Rosy) taking the lead on international videos.</p> <p>This will be valuable information regarding the gap in information for all newcomers to UL and Limerick.</p>	<p>Sandrine & Team</p> <p>Sandrine & Team</p> <p>Rosy</p>
7	<p>Niamh – Faculties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing a Class reps form to feedback information to the PSU. • CStar – was a training programme that trained researchers. It now needs to be purchased externally; for example, Envivo – qualitative software. The contract was not renewed. 	<p>Faculty Officers</p>
8	<p>Vedant – PhD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team projects, presenting research through podcasts, website to have a section for PhD community. Intercultural awareness, 	<p>PhD Team</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle to work with the Algerian students. • Immigration issues regarding PhD students and their spouses. • Events for PhD students. • Conversation about meeting and chatting/eating/coffee, rather than all work, no play. 	Michelle Andrea
9	<p>Discussion about options for engagement after Dec.1</p> <p>Kahoot quiz, Doireann – will put together a sample quiz for us to try next week.</p>	All members Doireann
10	<p>Branding competition – Rania shared the doc about the slogan/logo. Details below were circulated to all Taught PG, and Research students. The Research student list has been amended to reflect staff emails rather than student numbers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was discussion around the prize money, but it was agreed that the time spent on a logo is far greater than a slogan. • It was clarified that the source file will need to be submitted to the PSU for entry to the logo competition and all ownership will belong to the PSU. <p>Hello UL Postgrads,</p> <p>Your Postgraduate Students' Union wants to engage with you on our rebranding.</p> <p>We have two separate competitions and there will be one winner each, for the creation of:</p> <p>1. UL Postgraduate Students' Union Slogan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Simple and catchy → Relative to the Postgraduate community and for your student union. <p>PRIZE: 30 euro cash prize</p> <p>2. UL Postgraduate Students' Union Logo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Simple and suitable for visibility and promotional items → Colours: Green (as with the current PSU Logo) is best incorporated into the new creation + colour/s of your choice, that you feel fit with your union → Logo should contain an image/ icon of a symbolic place at UL, such as the Living Bridge → Logo should read "UL Postgraduate Students' Union" → Original source files are required for the entries to be valid <p>PRIZE: 100 euro cash prize</p> <p><i>The deadline for submission is 30 November 2020 at 23:59.</i></p> <p>The entries will be presented to ULPSU Exec and Council Committee (they are your postgraduate student representatives) for their selection of the most favoured entries. The PSU President and Vice President will decide the winning entry.</p> <p>Please submit via email to Rania at postgradvp@ul.ie</p> <p><i>*Disclaimer: Please be aware that all entries will solely belong to the ULPSU and can be used in any way as per the need and convenience of the PSU. Please also be aware that in the case of no suitable entry, the PSU will not declare any winners.</i></p>	Rania



	<p>**You can work in teams, but the prize money will be shared by the team.</p> <p>Let us know if you have any questions about the competition. Good luck to you all.</p>	
11	<p>Andrea will meet individuals from Exec and Council online to get acquainted, expect to hear from her soon.</p>	Andrea
12	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sandrine – asking about questions/survey for her team as discussed earlier.	All members are free to supply ideas.
13	<p>Meeting adjourned</p>	Andrea

Duration: 83 minutes

Next meeting: 25.11.2020