



# Minutes

	<b>Meeting</b> : <b>PSU Executive</b>	
	<b>Date</b> : <b>2.12.2020</b>	
	<b>Venue</b> : <b>Teams</b>	
	<b>Time</b> : <b>16:45 – 18:30</b>	
<p><b>Attendees:</b> Andrea La Touche, Rania Shadeed, Louis Pemble, Aman Niyaz, Doireann Peelo, Sandrine Ndahiro, Vedant Modi, Niamh O’Neil, Panashe</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b></p> <p><b>Absent:</b></p> <p><b>In attendance:</b> Aimée McKenzie, Sanjana Shashikumar</p>		
<b>No.</b>	<b>Items</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1	Minutes from the previous Exec meeting were taken as read. Approved by Louis and seconded by Cian.	
2	<p>Andrea President Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student rep increasing but still not from IWA. Andrea to chase it up, this week A has been in touch with Ann Ledwith about a global list of all courses/CD.</li> <li>• Andrea met with Nigel Healy about fees and visas. Lots of input and questions from students about fees and asking for refund. There will not be money given back, as there has been huge costs to go to staff training, digitizing everything, there will be government funding. Nigel is happy reply to students directly regarding questions about fees. Although it is a different mode of learning they are being taught to keep up to date with online learning modes to keep current with the digital world and workforce.</li> <li>• Every Child is Your Child, Andrea met with them and Restart. Plan to distribute vouchers to children in DP.</li> <li>• Andrea is exploring the possibility of helping Kildare DP along with Doireann.</li> <li>• Andrea has a goal to get to meet and chat with Exec and Council. Getting a sense of each other and learning from each other.</li> <li>• Bernal, Vedant will expand.</li> <li>• Andrea has identified events that will happen over Christmas break. There will be a walk on Stephen’s Day, and a few days later. She is working with UL Global on some of these projects.</li> <li>• Andrea has had questions from students who will be arriving to quarantine for the two weeks – for “B start” or students arriving for second semester who have already been here in an online capacity this semester.</li> <li>• The International rep who joined Council last week, met with Andrea. She was the international Erasmus representative. She and Margarita will set out a calendar for international events/holidays.</li> <li>• Andrea has contacted the Hanratty’s/Kerstin. Kerstin has agreed that the PSU can seek internal fundraising. Eoin Brady to circulate details through UL. Looking to raise €800, any excess will go to all DP. Contacts within the DP management structure are very helpful so to avoid disruption in the DP centres.</li> <li>• This week Yoga, brunch, Taiichi on Saturday and Sunday in the Milk Market will be resuming.</li> </ul>	Andrea

<p><b>3</b></p>	<p>Rania Vice President update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slogan and logo competition have brought 18 slogans and 8 logos so far. Next week the details will be uploaded on Teams. Take your pick, top one, two or three or if you don't like them you can select "no".</li> <li>• Class rep forum, Niamh and the Faculties team worked on and will circulate the email with class reps survey. Hopefully, details will be about the survey and circulation will be set next week.</li> <li>• Grade re-check, proposal finished and will be sent to Fintan Breen and Pat Phelan. There is a comparison between other universities around Ireland. At UL the same lecturers recheck papers and exams, in other unis external lecturers check the grades. Seeking to know what their feedback is.</li> <li>• Feedback, onboarding. Thank you for all for your input. Information has been sent to Fintan Breen. Rania will follow up with Academic Registry to see how they plan to incorporate the changes.</li> <li>• Rania has communicated with ITD about putting details on Sulis. Rania is hoping to be able to have the services on Sulis rather than the huge amount of emails students receive each week.</li> <li>• Rania is working on signage, or the lack thereof around campus. Any details are pending a response</li> <li>• Rania continues to challenge the cost of class trips cost that are built into student fees.</li> <li>• Rania has been working with the submission date for all Masters students. The plan is to have the information on the academic calendar so that all international students are made aware of the necessity of submitting their thesis in order to be granted a work visa/permit on time.</li> <li>• Children of UL students Christmas event. There was 300+children initially registered, this number was filtered down to 83 children, next week the gifts will be in the PSU and the parents will stop by to collect them.</li> <li>• Update on tops. Trying to source tops as the current supplier is not able to get them anytime soon.</li> <li>• Asked Panashe about washing machines and their progress. Doireann, spoke with a campus manager; machines are outsourced in all but Troy student accommodation.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p>Doireann PRO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doireann and the team have received a few photos and stories, looking for more. Hoping that they will all be in by the end of December so that they can be circulated in Jan. They may look to create a logo in partnership with the PSU logo. Rania mentioned that we may need to turn to Fiverr.</li> <li>• Tom has joined the PRO team and they plan to run online Bingo; he has run it recently and it was a great success.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p>Sandrine Equality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was not much to update. Sandrine and the team are waiting for survey update and hotline approval/discussion with Andrea and Rania.</li> </ul>	

6	<p>Niamh Faculties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Niamh and the Faculty group want to meet with Andrea and Rania about survey and the limitations of it and how the data will be analyzed. Rania can send the data/survey. Because there may be identifiable information it may need to go through ethical clearance.</li> <li>• Niamh is asking about Faculty meetings. Department meetings within the faculties. Seek an update from Fintan Breen. Louis has info that Department meetings will be happening in Jan.</li> </ul>	
7	<p>Panashe Part-time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part-time students – feeling the workload is overwhelming and that they are hoping to have some support as the Course Director is dismissing the comments. People coming forward but if they are not the Class Rep, they are not being listened to.</li> <li>• They are being offered to not have to present as an option. Seek to get all students to come together and then bring it as a group to the Class Rep. If that doesn't work, then bring in the big guns.</li> </ul>	
8	<p>Vedant PhD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Podcast to be read by Vedant hopefully by the weekend. This will be on the PSU PhD page. AHSS intercultural email circulated, Vedant to look at it. Bernal director and GM, looking to get a module credited to all PhD and MA researchers to teach researchers about business, and promoting their research, and look for support.</li> <li>• Worked on sub-access committee for student visas. Andrea may give a brief at the meeting but will present to the group perhaps the next time. The visa/international problem is in contrast the government plan.</li> <li>• 7-year visa/undergrad/MA/PhD not long enough.</li> <li>• Visas issued in Dublin are different than the ones issued by other centres. The point that Grad Dip completion will grant a working visa at other Irish universities but not at UL, will be looked at.</li> <li>• Trying to generate ideas for webinars for PhDs in compliment to Ger Downes webinars as they are not relevant to everyone.</li> <li>• Andrea attended the PhD AHSS coffee/chat.</li> </ul>	
	<p>Christmas get together – if people want to meet up. Andrea to circulate dates. Six per table as of next Friday. Declan to corner off an area for us, dates. Finger food and a drink or two. Friday week which is December 11.</p>	
	<p>History of the pandemic. Andrea has spoken with Nigel about putting a piece together on the pandemic and how it is affecting UL, students, PGs, international, Irish students. A collection of videos from the events will be collected. This will be a research project put together by the PSU.</p>	
	<p>Niamh will meet Rania and Andrea on Monday, December 7.</p>	

**Duration: 59 minutes**

**Next meeting: 9.12.2020**