

Minutes
Coiste Gnó
Online Meeting
25/09/2021
18:30-21:00

Present:

Emer Neville-Uachtarán

Adam Lambe-Leas Uachtarán

Eoin Connolly-Rúnaí

Quinton Kelly-Communications Officer

Reuban Murray-Uachtarán Oinigh

Mohammed Naeem-Regional Liaison and Support Officer

Saoirse Exton-Equality Officer

Jack McGinn-Education Officer

James Ó Muirthe- Oifigeach na Gaeilge

Kacper Bogalecki-International Officer (Present for Part of the Meeting)

With Apologies:

Akeno Barrett

Absent:

Matthew Ryan

Salim Kajani

Minutes By: Eoin Connolly-Rúnaí

Herstory.ie Project - Equality Officer

Herstory.ie is looking for young women activists to commemorate and the Equality Officer asked CG members to submit Suggestions

Anti-Infiltration Strategy - Equality Officer

ISSU is a member of Le Chéile and the topic of far-right infiltration came up and the Equality Officer was asked if ISSU had a specific strategy against it which it doesn't. Officers raised the point that ISSU is apolitical so it can't simply discriminate against people on the basis of ideology alone but officers agreed that the Constitution does take a stance against spreading hate and there are processes that can be used but more specific language on the likes of infiltration would be useful.

Regional Council Attendance- Uachtarán and RLSO

The RLSO updated the CG on upcoming Regional Councils. The Uachtarán asked CG Officers, especially those Over 18, to attend Regional Councils. Offices should try to attend their local one at least and Over 18s are important to have for facilitation purposes.

Charity Impact Awards - Uachtarán

Award nominations have opened and it would be good for ISSU to put itself forward. It would be worth entering to both honour the brilliant work of last year's CG and it has a financial reward for the winners. CG unanimously voted in favour of entering.

Minute Publishing Process - Communications Officer

The Communications Officer noted a contradiction in the Minutes Publishing process, minutes are shared within a week after a meeting but are technically approved at the next meeting. The Rúnaí proposed a solution to instead have the vote a few days after the meeting through the CG channel to ensure there is a vote and that the minutes are shared within

the required time frame. The CG unanimously agreed to the Rúnai's proposal.

Extraordinary Assembly

There will be an Extraordinary Assembly in the October Mid-Term Break in order to fill MAC vacancies. CG discussed potential amendments to the Constitution it may want to put forward. Discussed current policy of frequency of CG meetings and potential reforms to make it more flexible. The Oifigeach na Gailge raised the necessity of having a meeting every two weeks and if it would be better to revert back to a meeting once a month. Several Officers raised concerns that this would lead to an excessively long meeting or short notice emergency meetings during the month and that having more advanced planning of in person meetings would be a better solution. Officers agreed allowing a bit more flexibility in the wording of the constitutional language and new processes would solve some of the current scheduling issues. There will be an EA logistics meeting with MAC and Secretariat soon.

SLT Update

The SLT has been discussing the necessity of the body itself and the Uachtarán wanted officers' inputs. Several officers concurred that the functions of the SLT are necessary but having it as a defined separate body may not be necessary and can cause tension. Officers agreed that meetings and work between the Uachtaráin and Secretariat is necessary but mandating that the rest of the CG be kept separate from it is not constructive. CG Officers simply having the option to attend the weekly meetings would be good.

Skills Academy-Rúnaí

The Rúnaí updated the CG on the plans for Skills Academy in the October Mid-Term break and asked them to continue working on potential workshops for the event.

CG Meetings-Uachtarán Oinigh

Officers discussed the current process for setting CG meetings and potential improvements to get dates decided more in advance. Officers agreed to try to hold the in person meeting on the first Saturday of each month from now on.

Officer Updates:

Rúnaí: Met with SSUNI President, Vice-President and International Officer alongside the ISSU Uachtarán, Leas-Uachtarán and International Officer about upcoming meetings with SSUNI. Ran a Vote16 event with the Leas-Uachtarán alongside NYCI about creating a coalition/network to campaign for Vote16 in Ireland. Planning to get feedback on the sharing and content of Minutes and Recording from Regional Officers

Equality Officer: Had a meeting with BelongTo alongside the Disability Officer and talked about Stand Up Week and LGBTQ+ representation in schools as a whole and working on Equality Legislation Reviews.

Leas-Uachtarán: Attended the meeting with SSUNI and the Vote16 event.

Oifigeach na Gaeilge: Working on Imeacht eolas fé T1 agus T2 and met with the Conradh na Gaeilge Oideachas Working Group

Communications Officer: Will be meeting with the Chairperson of the Wexford Trade Unions Council about opening a second ISSU Office in the SIPTU building in Wexford.

RLSO: Working on Regional Councils alongside Regional Officers. Represented ISSU at the OCO Digital Voices Report Launch, participated in a panel discussion alongside the Ombudsman Dr. Niall Muldoon

Education Officer: Also looking into other potential ISSU locations in Limerick. Working on Oireachtas submission on Leaving Cert Reform. Working to get LCA schools in ISSU and finalising the LCA reform report. Working with HSE Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Unit. Attended TY Expo with the Uachtarán and Less-Uachtarán. Working on a CBA handbook with RO's. Working on International Exam Systems Report.