

MINUTES

Coiste Gnó Meeting - 02/11/2022 10:00-12:00

Attendance

Present:

- **Uachtarán: Caitlin Faye Maniti**
- **Runaí: Andrew Victory**
- **Education Officer: Jack McGinn**
- **Welfare Officer: Anjelica Foley**
- **International Officer: Shari Irfan**
- **Communications Officer: Aoibhín Ní Gleasáin**
- **Oifigeach Na Gaeilge: Gráinne Ní Ailín (Partially Present)**
- **Disability Officer: Eva Grace**

With Apologies:

- **Regional Liaison & Support Officer: Mohammad Naeem**
- **Equality Officer: Rebecca Livingstone (joined virtually)**
- **Sustainability Officer: Jamie Mac Giolla Bháin**
- **Uachtarán Oinigh: Emer Neville**

Absent:

N/A

Minutes completed by Andrew Victory

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Liberty Hall

10:00 - 12:30

1.1 Welcome and Attendance	10:00
1.2 Officer Check-in	10:00 - 10:10
2 Religious Freedom of Expression Stance - Equality Officer	10:10 - 10:15
3 ISSU Advertisement Programme - Education Officer	10:15 - 10:20
4 OBESSU Annual Financial Contribution - International Officer	10:20 - 10:30
5 Communications Officer Update - Communications Officer	10:30 - 10:35
6 Mental Health Reform - Welfare Officer	10:35 - 10:40
7 Role of the Education Officer - Education Officer	10:40 - 10:50
Break (Minuting Break for Andrew Iolz)	10:50 - 11:00
8 NAPD Leader Article - Uachtarán	11:00 - 11:05
9 Strategic Planning Meeting - Uachtarán	11:05 - 11:20
10 Resignation of the Leas-Uachtarán Update - Uachtarán	11:20 - 11:50
11 - Any Other Business	11:50 - 12:30

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Minutes

1 Welcome and Attendance

2 Religious Freedom of Expression Stance - Equality Officer

Proposal: The ISSU holds the belief that every student deserves the right and the freedom to practice and express their religion and that it should be respected within educational settings. This is shown in article 44 of Bunreacht na hÉireann.

Article 44

2 1° Freedom of conscience and the free profession and practice of religion are, subject to public order and morality, guaranteed to every citizen.

Students should be able to express their religious faith through the wearing of clothing and other religious items such as but not limited to hijabs, a kabbalah, a kippah, rosary beads, a kara or a turban. This is subject to health and safety concerns or any other concerns deemed valid by the the school or educational institution. Schools with canteen services should also accommodate students with religious diets including but not limited to Kosher diets, Halal diets or religions that follow vegetarian or vegan diets (ie Hinduism or Buddhism). The ISSU also believe that schools should provide safe and quiet multi-faith spaces for students to avail of for worship during the school day.

Uachtarán Oinigh (in advance via absentee email): I'd recommend one slight working adjustment - changing "This is subject to health and safety concerns for certain things or any other valid concerns of the school or educational institution." to "This is subject to health and safety concerns or any other concerns deemed valid by the school or educational institution."

Equality Officer - reads out stance and accepts recommendations of the Uachtarán Oinigh in advance of the meeting.

Uachtarán - proposed we undertake the UO amendments

Motion is subject to amendments by the Uachtarán Oinigh:

Yes - 9

No - 0

Abstain - 0

The Motion has passed without objection.

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3 ISSU Advertisement Programme - Education Officer

ISSU Advertisement Programme has been developed by the education officer and secretariat; this is in order to fund more ISSU events.

Education Officer - advertisement@issu.ie is the contact for all things related to advertisements

Communications Officer - the logo on the invoice documents needs to be updated.

Motion to approve a trial of the ISSU Advertisement Programme has passed by affirmation.

4 OBESSU Annual Financial Contribution - International Officer

International Officer: highlights the new OBESSU AFC scheme which will be approved at General Assembly

Coiste Gnó is in agreement with the AFC Scheme

International officers also mention OBESSU's COMEM - 2nd - 5th of December; both the International Officer and Uachtarán are unavailable; open to the CG for interest - one person will be sent rather than two due to financial constraints.

5 Communications Officer Update - Communications Officer

The communications officer is currently undergoing a period of lower capacity due to exam season.

6 Mental Health Reform - Welfare Officer

The welfare officer proposes we join Ireland's leading coalition on mental health reform - members include USI.

Uachtarán Oinigh (in advance of meeting via absentee email) - has this been approved by the board for membership fees?

Welfare Officer - the board has approved the membership fees.

Motion for ISSU to join the Mental Health Reform:

Yes - 7

No - 0

Abstain - 1

The motion has passed, the ISSU will apply for membership to Mental Health Reform.

7 Role of the Education Officer - Education Officer

Raises concerns of the sharing of education as a remit over 3 positions (Uachtarán, Leas Uachtarán, Education officer) but notes that this is because we are an education organisation.

The education officer wishes to create a discussion on the role of education officer.

Uachtarán - raises a concern about getting too specific in the constitution.

Rúnaí - raises concerns about the merging of Rúnaí with Leas-Uachtarán and highlights concerns over the amount of officers on the Coiste Gnó.

9 Strategic Planning Meeting - Uachtarán

Previous Strategic Planning Meeting (SPM) was held in July and was attended by various parties, this time the full board of directors and Coiste gnó will be invited.

The Uachtarán encourages the Coiste Gnó to add availability into the lettuce-meet and invited the Coiste to prep meetings in advance of the SPM.

10 Resignation of the Leas-Uachtarán Update - Uachtarán

Uachtarán updates on the Coiste Gnó on steps taken so far and reads out the recommendations of the Monitoring and Advisory Committee.

Oifigeach na Gaeilge - in favour of holding an Extraordinary Assembly and notes that 21 days is sufficient for election handbook.

Education Officer - raises concerns over quorum, and recognises the need for a back up plan in case quorum is not met.

Communications Officer - raises concern over her capacity with regards to running for an Extraordinary Assembly.

Education Officer - We need to select a Chairperson and Returning Officer as soon as possible.

Welfare Officer - can we place the correct constitution for the role of Leas-Uachtarán in advertisements so as to not create confusion over job descriptions, as they will be running for the position left vacant, and not the position as outlined in the constitution on the website.

Rúnaí - we can also propose a new AA/EA procedure document to clarify future discrepancies.

Proposal: to hold an online extraordinary assembly for the purpose of holding a bye-election for the vacant position of the Leas-Uachtarán, and the possibility of Constitutional Amendments to be approved by the Coiste Gnó by Tuesday the 8th of November.

Yes - 7

No - 0

Abstain - 0

The Motion has passed.

Proposed Date - 10th of December

The Proposal has been passed - an EA will be called for the 10th of December, for a bye-election for the Leas-Uachtarán and a decision will be made for any constitutional amendments will be made by tuesday.

Any Other Business

N/A