

## MINUTES

**CG MEETING - 08/8/2022 19:00-22:00**

### **Attendance**

#### **Present:**

- **Uachtarán: Caitlin Faye Maniti**
- **Runaí: Andrew Victory**
- **Education Officer: Jack McGinn (Partially Present)**
- **Regional Liaison & Support Officer: Mohammad Naeem**
- **Welfare Officer: Anjelica Foley**
- **Equality Officer: Rebecca Livingstone**
- **International Officer: Shari Irfan**
- **Communications Officer: Aoibhín Ní Gleasáin**
- **Oifigeach Na Gaeilge: Gráinne Ní Ailín**
- **Sustainability Officer: Jamie Mac Giolla Bháin**
- **Disability Officer: Eva Grace**
- **Uachtarán Oinigh: Emer Neville**

**Partially Attended by National Student Voice Development Officer -  
Emma Sweeney**

#### **With Apologies:**

**N/A**

#### **Absent:**

- **Leas Uachtarán: Denis Lynch**

Minutes completed by Andrew Victory

## Agenda

<b>1 - Introduction + Attendance</b>	19:00
<b>2 - Strategic Planning Meeting Update - SLT</b>	19:00 - 19:15
<b>3 - Officer Catch-up and Check-in</b>	19:15 - 19:25
<b>4 - Irish University Association Stance - Uachtarán</b>	19:25 - 19:30
<b>5 - Student Council Charter - Uachtarán &amp; Runaí</b>	19:30 - 19:40
<b>6 - Climate Action Short Course Programme Nomination</b>	19:40 - 19:50
<b>Break</b>	19:50 - 20:00
<b>7 - UNCRC - Uachtarán</b>	20:00 - 20:05
<b>8 - TY Expo - Education Officer</b>	20:05 - 20:15
<b>9 - Working Groups</b>	20:20 - 20:30
<b>10 - Brand Guidelines - Communications Officer</b>	20:30 - 20:40
<b>11 - Intro to ISSU - Communications Officer</b>	20:40 - 20:50
<b>Break</b>	20:50 - 21:00
<b>12 - Belong to Stand-up week - Equality Officer</b>	21:00 - 21:05
<b>13 - Welfare Team Update - Welfare Officer</b>	21:05 - 21:10
<b>14 - Angela Curran regarding CAO process - Uachtarán</b>	21:10 - 21:20
<b>15 - General Skills Update</b>	21:20 - 21:45
<b>16 - AOB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Actions from Previous Meeting.</li><li>● Canva Use</li><li>● Comms Officer Boundaries</li><li>● In-Person Meetings Accessibility Notice</li><li>● ROB x Coiste Meeting</li><li>● Bonding Update</li><li>● Meeting Feedback (Google Forms &amp; Agendas)</li><li>● In-person Meetings</li><li>● A few words from An Uachtarán</li></ul>	21:45 - 22:00

### **1 - Introduction + Attendance**

Total Officer count is 12 + National Student Voice Development Officer Emma Sweeney.

### **2 - Strategic Planning Meeting Update - SLT**

Uachtarán Oinigh and NSVD Officer.

Main aim to take pressure off the Secretariat and shift certain roles i.e. media preparation.

Fixing remits so each branch of the organisation is doing what they are supposed to do.

Orla, the chair of these meetings, should be coming back with the minutes of the meeting shortly.

BOD reps will be going back to full BOD to vote on issues discussed.

Really productive meeting - NSVD officer. .

### **3 - Officer Catch-up and Check-in**

For full details on the officer catch up and check-in please check out our latest Monthly Evaluation of Work linked [here](#).

### **4 - Irish University Association Stance - Uachtarán**

IUA is looking for ISSU stance on leaving certificate results.

A representative from IUA called Uachtarán regarding collaborating with ISSU in lobbying the gov't on early LC results.

Currently results are quite late and IUA wishes to change that.

Later results can have an impact on issues such as accommodation.

Welfare Officer - do teachers unions have a stance on this issue? Suggest that we wait until the USI builds a stance.

Uachtarán Oinigh - we must keep in mind the capacity of the SEC and Department of Education. It would be worth listening to other opinions on this matter, but consider capacity.

Uachtarán should meet with Michael Gillespie, general secretary of the TUI.

Communications Officer - should be considered the effect on all second level students.

Runaí - slowly introduce the concept to the department of education during consultation with LC reform.

Education Officer - echoes the advice of the Uachtarán Oinigh.

Final Decision: More time and info on the issue needed in order to build a stance.

Uachtaran will forward IUA's current rationale to the Coiste Gnó.

### **5 - Student Council Charter - Uachtarán & Runaí**

The student council charter is well underway, with weekly meetings between Runaí, Uachtarán and Reuban Murray (Uachtarán 2020-2021).

Oifigeach na Gaeilge and the Communications Officer have been linked with to produce the physical document and translations.

The next step is to meet with Limerick and Clare ETB to sign the charter into policy.

It is suggested by the Runaí to hold a meeting with Uachtarán, RLSO, Runaí and Limerick & Clare ROs.

## **6 - Climate Action Short Course Programme Nomination**

Coiste Gnó approves Sustainability Officer for nomination - should change over with the term switch rather than remaining with the nominated officer.

## **11 - Intro to ISSU - Communications Officer**

This agenda topic was brought forward in the schedule given the extra time prior to a break.

Developed by the communications officer and was part of their manifesto for election.

A way for students to learn more about ISSU and officer roles.

A 'takeover' on social media, through the Comms Officer.

Tiktok style, day in the life of an officer.

Not for individual officers to take over ISSU socials. Comms Officer will manage the posting, for confidential and passwords.

Uachtarán - raises questions on the timeline of this campaign.

Communications Officer - as soon as it is ready, to be planned around calendars.

Education Officer - make sure they are filled with lots of work.

## **7 - UNCRC - Uachtarán**

As a Donegal RO, now Uachtarán Caitlin Faye was involved in a project surrounding the UNCRC as in an ISSU capacity.

After leaving the ROB, she remained involved in a personal capacity as a second level student.

Uachtarán wishes to remain involved in her new position.

Background - It is a UNICEF project on Ireland's submission to the UNCRC.

Final decision: Uachtarán will remain involved in this project within her position as Uachtarán.

## **8 - TY Expo - Education Officer**

The Education Officer will not be around for the TY expo this year.

The Education Officer is looking for reps to represent the ISSU at this year's TY Expo.

Location & Date - National Sports Stadium on the 27th Sept this year.

Current Team of Coiste Gnó officers:

- Equality Officer
- Uachtarán
- Runaí
- Welfare Officer
- Sustainability Officer
- Uachtaran Oinigh

## **9 - Working Groups:**

Working groups formally established by the Coiste Gnó

- Internal Irish Language Website Working Group
- Disability Delegation
- Rural Students Sustainability Working Group
- Education for Sustainable Development Working Group

## **10 - Brand Guidelines - Communications Officer**

Removal of the 80% transparency requirement.

Additions to the brand guidelines include ALT text and videos.

They are designed to make the brand guidelines more accessible.

The Welfare Officer raises a concern with the length and detail of the ALT samples in the brand guidelines.

Disability Officer reassures that the new brand guidelines are in line with ALT text and accessibility guidelines. Echoed by Comms Officer and Uachtarán Oinigh.

Final decision - The Brand Guidelines have been updated. They can be viewed [here](#).

## **12 - Belong to Stand-up week - Equality Officer**

Uachtarán received a message from Belong to confirm the ISSU's.

Runaí - could be a really good idea to cover some media and press statements.

Stand up week is Nov 14th to 20th

No Objections, the motion has passed.

## **13 - Welfare Team Update - Welfare Officer**

The deadline has been moved until 2 days after the ROB x Coiste Meeting.

Update on the CG x ROB meeting to follow.

## **14 - Angela Curran regarding CAO process - Uachtarán**

Looking for consultation from students on the CAO process from student

Private guidance counsellor looking for simple consultation on the current CAO process

Eva, Mohammad, Emer, Gráinne, Andrew have provisionally confirmed interest.

Offer will also be presented to the Regional Officer Body at the next meeting.

## **15 - General Skills Update**

Panel Chairs:

Day One - Disability Officer

Day Two - Uachtarán

Day Three - Sustainability Office

Conradh na Gaeilge - Oifigeach na Gaeilge

Team has been changed so this workshop could be different to the past.

Office location has been confirmed.

It is confirmed that it will be taking place, but presentations will be fixed closer to the time

Sustainability Officer:

- Only Richard Grogan and Fiona Dunne (nominating a rep) have been confirmed.
- Suggested by Uachtarán Oinigh that Allison from FM104be invited

Runaí

- Only Malcolm Byrne from Fianna Fáil has confirmed.
- All political parties have been contacted directly to inform them of the opportunity.
- Messages have been left and we are awaiting replies.
- Common trend is that they are on annual leave.

## AOB

- Actions from Previous Meeting.
- Meeting with the Student Executive of SSUNI.

**Action:** circle back after next meeting.  
Possibility of an In-person Meeting.

- Meeting with SAD.

SAD requests a meeting with An Uachtarán and Leas Uachtarán first. The Cg x SAD meeting will be proposed by an Uachtarán at that meeting.

- Canva Use

All officers have access to Canva Pro. Comms officer requests that people use canva only for ISSU work. We have access for charitable reasons, not personal use.

If you are using it for personal use please share it with the comms officer first and listen to their decision as they are communications officers.

This set is being taken so that the communications officer doesn't need to request login details..

- Comms Officer Boundaries

Follow up on notice from the meeting. An email will be forwarded to re the situation. No officer should be working constantly. The comms officer must be kept in the loop regarding campaigns and graphics needed to ensure the comms officer's welfare.

- In-Person Meetings Accessibility Notice

At in-person meetings please speak once at a time as it affects people with sensory issues. Link with staff to include issues such as this to be included in the welfare policy.

- ROB x Coiste Meeting

Reminder to officers to reply to it ASAP. A decision is to be made on Wednesday.

- Bonding Update

Bonding is cancelled due to staff capacity. It will be rescheduled.

- Meeting Feedback (Google Forms & Agendas)

Coiste Gnó generally agrees that the agenda point form and the agendas so far have been good and helpful.

- In-person Meetings

Runaí was given permission to plan dates for in-person meetings now from after September onwards without seeking dates from Officers first. September's meeting will be organised on a date selected by full coiste gnó.

Uachtarán proposes to schedule all the constitutionally mandated CGxROB calls in advance

- A few words from An Uachtarán