

MINUTES

Coiste Gnó Meeting - 15/10/2022 19:00-20:00

Attendance

Present:

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

With Apologies:

- **Leas Uachtarán: Denis Lynch**
- **Communications Officer: Aoibhín Ní Gleasáin**
- **Disability Officer: Eva Grace (Out of Office, attending the Ombudsman for Children's Beyond Limits)**

Absent:

N/A

Minutes completed by Andrew Victory

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Agenda
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Online
19:00-20:00

1.1 - Welcome and Attendance	19:00
1.2 - Officer Check In	19:00 - 19:10
2 - Gaeilge Education Update - Oifigeach na Gaeilge	19:10 - 19:20
3 - Joint Committee on Mental Health Supports in Schools and Tertiary Education - Uachtarán	19:20 - 19:25
4 - NCCA SPHE Consultation - Uachtarán	19:25 - 19:30
5 - Period Products Working Group and Partnership - Welfare Officer	19:30 - 19:40
6 - Student Council Charter Update - Runaí	19:40 - 19:45
7 - An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil Date - Runaí	19:45 - 19:50
8 - Religious Freedom Stance - Equality Officer	19:50 - 19:55
9. Membership Concern - Uachtarán Oinigh	19:55 - 20:15
10. Any Other Business (AOB)	20:15 - 20:20

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1.1 Introduction and Attendance

1.2 Officer Check-in

2. Gaeilge Education - Oifigeach na Gaeilge

Since our last meeting, the Oifigeach na Gaeilge has been working on many Gaeilge education issues.

With regards to Papers T1 and T2 for the Junior Cycle Exam - it is noted that if any changes are made to the Leaving Cert it will disrupt the Junior Cycle

Many issues regarding the content on the course were raised throughout a consultation with the regional officer body.

3. Joint Committee on Mental Health Supports in Schools and Tertiary Education - Uachtarán

The ISSU has recently released a submission on this matter. We have been invited to a roundtable discussion on this.

The uachtarán wishes to nominate the welfare officer to attend this event in her absence.

The welfare officer has been nominated by the coiste gnó without objection.

4. NCCA SPHE Consultation - Uachtarán

The NCCA is inviting the ISSU to an in-person consultation to input on the drafted Junior Cycle Curriculum. The Uachtarán is liaising with the NCCA and the Secretariat to confirm a date and venue which will suit. More information will be issued at a later date.

5 - Period Products Working Group and Partnership - Welfare Officer

The welfare officer is currently looking at a period product partnership with various organisations to provide period products for ISSU events.

The welfare officer is proposing a working group to focus on period products known as the 'period products working group'

Yes - 8

No - 0

Abstain - 1

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The motion is passed and the welfare officer will establish the Period Product working group.

6 - Student Council Charter Update - Runaí

Due to a number of concerns, including uncontrollable delays and officer capacity a decision has been made to consider delaying the implementation of the student council charter.

This decision has been made in order to give the charter the respect it deserves as an award winning document, and to implement correctly and precisely rather than implementing it unsuccessfully.

7 - An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil Date - Runaí

The secretariat has the Coiste Gnó to formally approve the structure and dates of an Chomhdháil Bhliantúil (Annual Assembly)

The motion is passed without objection.

The details of An Chomhdháil Bhliantúil 2023 will remain confidential until nearer to the time of the event in case any changes are made.

8 - Religious Freedom Stance - Equality Officer

Following our last meeting, the equality officer was asked to develop a proposed stance on religious freedom of expression.

International officer - raises concerns over the examples provided in the proposed stance.

Welfare Officer - agrees with the international officer.

Final decision: allow the equality officer more time to create the stance.

9. Membership Concern - Uachtarán Oinigh

It has been established that a member school does not have an active student council.

Under article 5 of the constitution, member schools are required to have an active student council. It is proposed that we contact the school and ask them to establish a democratic student council within a certain timeframe

Education officer - what if the school returns with queries regarding it. Should we conduct an internal review of all schools first before taking this on?

Sustainability officer - echoes the education officers point and advocates to promote a sustainable student council.

Proposal - to conduct an internal review of membership and establish whether member schools have student councils in accordance with article 15.1.3 of the constitution.

Yes - 9

No - 0

Abstain - 0

The motion has passed and the coiste gnó will conduct an internal review of the membership

10. AOB

N/A