

Minutes

Coiste Gnó Meeting

24/07/2021

Online

11:00-1:00

Present:

Emer Neville-Uachtarán

Adam Lambe-Leas Uachtarán

Eoin Connolly-Rúnaí

Kacper Bogalecki-International Officer (Present for part of the meeting)

Akeno Barrett-Disability Officer

Jack McGinn-Education Officer

Reuban Murray-Uachtarán Oinigh

Saoirse Exton-Equality Officer

Matthew Ryan-Welfare Officer

Salim Kajani-Sustainability Officer

Mohammad Naeem - RLSO (Present for part of the meeting)

With Apologies:

James O'Muirithe-Oifigeach na Gaeilge

Quinton Kelly-Communications Officer

Minutes by: Eoin Connolly-Rúnaí

1- Welcome and Introduction

The Uachtarán welcomed everyone to their first Coiste Gnó meeting

2- CGxROB Bonding/Introduction- Leas Uachtarán

Agreed to hold an introductory meeting with the ROB to get to know each other and introduce ourselves as a Coiste Gno and hold some bonding activities. Date TBD, a Doodle will be sent out to find one.

3- Welfare Policy-Welfare Officer

The Welfare Officer introduced the new Coiste Gnó officers to the internal Welfare Policy, a general guideline for how the Coiste Gnó can collectively work together, standard working hours, days off etc.

Several officers recommended that some aspects of the policy be re-examined and amended, mainly to allow greater flexibility. Proposed for a review of the policy to be held by the members of the SLT, the Rúnaí and the Welfare Officer and for a full consultation of the Coiste Gnó on the policy. The Welfare Officer proposed that the Cosite Gnó work with the Welfare Policy as is for a week before proposing changes.

Decision agreed unanimously to wait until the return to school, hold a trial period and then a review of the policy at the end of that week.

4- Social Media-Uachtarán

Uachtarán reminded officers about responsible use of social media while an ISSU Officer. Accounts are personal not professional, only exceptions being ISSU Uatharán and ISSU Gaeilge. It is the responsibility of the MAC to advise officers on this.

5- MAC Vacancy-Leas Uachtarán

Discussed the filling of the MAC vacancy.

Debate over whether By-election or Co-option was the best course of action, while some argued constitutional language is inconsistent they conceded it is the closest option in principle to the constitution, however, both the Secretariat and MAC recommend co-option, the MAC is under a lot of pressure with their work and want a co-option to fill the seat as quickly as possible. Concerns were raised over when an EA/By-election could be held and if quorum would be reachable.

Motion Passed With Majority to have Secretariat re-open the results of the MAC election, eliminate the former officer and note the new results, will discuss further at the next meeting.

6- Officer Updates

Sustainability: Organising climate college workshop

Equality and **Disability** officers met with Minister Roderic O’Gorman about being recognised as permanent stakeholders in the

Equality Officer has been engaging with Involved Youth Services that works with members of the travelling community

Welfare: Progress on the Period Products Working Group Report

Progress on ISSU awards

Education: Met with the Department of Education on Leaving Cert

Applied reform and is finalising a report

Work on RSE

Meetings with HSE on sexual health resources

Issues raised to the Education Officer about disparity of accessibility and opportunities between the BT Young Scientist Awards and Scifest

Disability: Work on joining Ireland’s Disability Stakeholder Group

Leas Uachtarán: Work on Vote16, plans for cross-party political forums,

networking with organisations and meetings with youth wings of political parties

International: Working on introducing more foreign languages such as Polish, Lithuanian and Romanian to the Leaving Cert Curriculum

Work with Sanctuary Schools (Schools welcoming asylum seekers and refugees)

Establishing connections with SSUNI

Uachtarán Oinigh: Noted bill in Seanad Eireann on traveller education proposed by Eileen Flynn supported by Norma Foley

Working on Student Council Charter, Student Voice Policy Platform and rights of students in the workplace

Rúnaí: Joined Vote16 Working Group

Establishing policy for sharing meeting recordings with the ROB.

Recordings will only be shared with officers that have signed their confidentiality agreements, downloading will be disabled and the recordings will be deleted after a week

RLSO: Organising an RLSO x ROB bonding call which is on Tuesday. Introductory call with new Student Engagement and Training Lead and working with Regional Council Planning and student council training planning.

Working on introducing new student council resources.

7-AOB

Leas-Uachtarán and Education Officer will be meeting with Aodhán O'Riordáin on Monday

Partnership with ExitEntry App supported unanimously in principle, will wait to allow Secretariat/Board to review legal documents

Reminder of partnership with Text50808 and for officers to include it in their signature

Welfare Officer will be sending an email about "Children First" online child protection training