

MINUTES
CG MEETING
ONLINE
28/01/2024 - 19:00-20:00

Attendance

Present:

- **Uachtarán: Shari Irfan**
- **Education Officer: Heather Doyle**
- **Sustainability Officer: Róisín Myers**
- **Welfare Officer: Máirín Harding**
- **Equality Officer: Bel Nabulele**
- **Communications Officer: Leo Galvin**
- **International Officer: Iffah Rahmat**
- **Regional Liaison & Support Officer: Louisa Tyrrell**
- **Oifigeach Na Gaeilge: Eimear Nic Dhonnchadha**

With Apologies:

- **Uachtarán Oinigh: Caitlin Faye Maniti**
- **Leas Uachtarán: Mohammad Naeem**

Absent:

Agenda

1.1 - Welcome and Introduction - Uachtarán	19:00 - 19:10
1.2 -Minutes of last meeting for adoption - Leas - Uachtarán	19:10 - 19:15
2 - Officer Check-In - Uachtarán	19:15 - 19:25
3 - IWC Updates - Equality Officer	19:25 - 19:35
4 - Racism in Schools Survey - Equality Officer	19:35 - 19:45
BREAK	19:45 - 19:55
5 - MAC Update - Uachtarán	19:55 - 20:25
6 - MAC Recommendations - Uachtarán	20:25 - 20:50
7- AOB	20:50 - 21:00

Minutes completed by the Communications Officer as Leas-Uachtarán could not attend the meeting.

1.1 Welcome and Introduction

Uachtarán welcomes the CG to the meeting.

1.2 Minutes of last meeting for adoption

Objection:

Uachtarán opposes the publishing of the minutes due to uncorrected error in the minutes.

Minutes failed to be adopted

2. Officer Check In

Officers present provide a brief update on their work since their last meeting; for more details please read our most up to date MEOW at <https://www.issu.ie/coiste-gno-updates>

3. IWC Updates

Equality Officer updates the Coiste Gnó on preparations for the Women's Conference.

Uachtarán commends the Equality Officer for the work put into organising the conference.

4 - Racism in Schools Survey

Equality Officer updates the Coiste Gnó on the Racism in Schools Survey and the upcoming dates of importance.

Communications Officer asks when the Coiste Gnó will be able to consult on recommendations in the report

Equality Officer responds that recommendations will be open to consultation after their out of office period.

Communications Officer voices caution over a working group forming recommendations for the report without consultation of elected bodies.

Equality Officer highlights recommendations from the Uachtarán Oinigh and Equality Officer were included and all recommendations should be sent to the Equality Officer for inclusion in the report.

5 - MAC Update

Uachtarán updates the Coiste Gnó on the Monitoring and Advisory Committee (MAC) and recommendations from the Designated Liaison Person.

6 - MAC Recommendations

Uachtarán presents the recommendations of the MAC in relation to the resignation of the Disability Officer.

Welfare Officer comments that Leas Uachtarán and Uachtarán Oinigh are burdened with other commitments and their own remits therefore the suggestions proposed by the MAC would not be fair and suggests a by-election.

Regional Liaison and Support Officer states the recommendations show a lack of awareness of the working arrangements of the Coiste Gnó.

Communications Officer suggests a co-option process take place.

Regional Liaison and Support Officer suggests a more rigorous co-option procedure should take place.

Uachtarán agrees with the Regional Liaison and Support Officer. Uachtarán states a co-option procedure of this kind is unprecedented and should be carefully considered, one member of every body of the union should be involved in the selection panel of an open call for the position of Disability Officer. The Uachtarán recommends applications be anonymised and provided to the selection committee.

Welfare Officer agrees with the Uachtarán and asks for a shortlist and interview to take place as part of the selection process from a positive experience and to more thoroughly evaluate applicants.

Communications Officer alternatively asks for short biographies to be formed and provided to the committee to evaluate applicants.

Sustainability Officer highlights the more valuable details are provided in an applicant-written biography and expresses an availability to provide handover to any subsequent Disability Officer.

Uachtarán states questions in the applications will be the same as questions posed to Disability Officers at An CB. Uachtarán states applications will be opened for 1 week and recommends interviews be explored.

Regional Liaison and Support Officer agrees with Sustainability Officer.

Equality Officer states online interviews should be held online.

Uachtarán states interviews would be held online however, notes members of the Board of the ISSU may be unavailable and speculates on the membership of the selection committee.

Welfare Officer states the Sustainability Officer could provide experience on the Disability Officer remit as another relevant perspective.

Sustainability Officer reiterates an availability to aid in any process regarding a new Disability Officer.

Uachtarán highlights their familiarity with the Disability Officer remit and their future responsibility to train the new Disability Officer.

Communications Officer states the Sustainability Officer could provide valuable insights as an extra member of the selection committee when reviewing written applications, however, not during interviews.

Uachtarán agrees with the Communications Officer.

7 - AOB

ROB Training Day

Regional Liaison and Support Officer states ROB training will be held in February.

Debate Your Decision Makers

Sustainability Officer updates the Coiste Gnó on the event, Debate Your Decision Makers.

Joint Oireachtas Committee on Education North/South

Uachtarán update the Coiste Gnó on the statement being prepared for the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Education North/South. The Uachtarán will be coordinating with SSUNI and USI for this statement and asks officers to review the statement, which will be provided shortly, to provide feedback on remit-specific areas.

Minutes and notification of Agendas

Uachtarán states dissatisfaction with the production of minutes and the notification of agendas to the Coiste Gnó.

Welfare Officer asks to continue this discussion with the Leas Uachtarán present.

Quote

“Grrrrr I orgot” -auto carrot

“We have a fan club Heather didn’t you know?” -CG fan club