

MINUTES

CG MEETING - 15/7/2022 - 19:00-21:00

Attendance

Present:

- **Uachtarán: Caitlin Faye Maniti**
- **Runaí: Andrew Victory**
- **Education Officer: Jack McGinn (Partially Present)**
- **Welfare Officer: Anjelica Foley**
- **Equality Officer: Rebecca Livingstone**
- **International Officer: Shari Irfan**
- **Communications Officer: Aoibhín Ní Gleasáin**
- **Sustainability Officer: Jamie Mac Giolla Bháin**
- **Uachtarán Oinigh: Emer Neville**

With Apologies:

- **Regional Liaison & Support Officer :Mohammad Naeem (Out of Office)**
- **Disability Officer: Eva Grace (Out of Office)**
- **Oifigeach Na Gaeilge: Gráinne Ní Ailín**
- **Leas Uachtarán: Denis Lynch**

Absent:

N/A

Minutes completed by Andrew Victory

Meeting Agenda:

1 - Welcome and Introduction and Attendance	19:00-19:05
2 - Work Plans - Uachtarán	19:05-19:15
3 - Short Skills Academy Discussion -Uachtarán There will also be a discussion about Skills Academy on Monday during the CG Training.	19:15-19:35
4 - SSUNI Introductory Meeting - International Officer	19:35-19:45
5 - SAD Meeting -Welfare Officer	19:45-19:50
Break	19:50-20:00
6 - Sustainability Update - Sustainability Officer	20:00-20:05
7 - Strategic Planning Meeting Runthrough - Uachtarán Oinigh	20:05-20:20
8 - Officer Days Off - Uachtarán Oinigh	20:20-20:30
9 - Working Groups	20:30-20:40
10 - AOB	20:40-21:00

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1 - Welcome and Introduction and Attendance

2 - Work Plans - Uachtarán

Timeline for work plans: Due by 28th of July for Uachtarán and Staff to go through.

Aim to have these work plans completed by Wednesday.

Must include your goals, aims, and personal Statement for the year ahead.

Events and campaigns need to be mentioned ASAP to give comms and secretariat time.

3 - Short Skills Academy Discussion - Uachtarán

There will also be a discussion about Skills Academy on Monday during the Coiste Gnó Training.

Coiste Gnó voted to make amendments to the proposed agenda. Must be finalised by Monday

4 - SSUNI Introductory Meeting - International Officer

Plans to host an introductory meeting as soon as possible however, their executive elections are coming up within the next few weeks.

They ran a report on mental health <https://ssuni.org/mentalhealth> and our international and welfare officer wish to complete a similar report.

Because of the short timeline with their elections upcoming, a meeting with An Uachtarán, the International Officer and the Welfare Officer should be held with their honorary president to discuss their report.

A joint executive introductory meeting should be arranged with the next executive as soon as possible.

5 - SAD Meeting - Welfare Officer

Generally a good idea to set up a meeting between Coiste Gnó and Student Advisory Directors.

CG officers need a director on working group selection panels so it would be nice to meet with them.

The Sustainability Officer proposes a meeting of the Coiste Gnó, MAC and SAD.

Uachtarán Oinigh proposed that we wait until after the Strategic planning meeting on July 28th.

Final decision: Review after 28th.

6 - Sustainability Update - Sustainability Officer

Confirmed the Summer Sustainability Conference plans for July 26th. The event will be run with the support of the Equality and Education officers.
3 main areas for the conference - Equality, Climate and Education.
Salim Kajani and Beth Doherty will return to help with each group.

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
Coiste Gnó has approved the sustainability officer to work with staff on gaining observer status. This should allow us to eventually get COP badges.

7 - Strategic Planning Meeting Runthrough - Uachtarán Oinigh

Meeting on the 28th of July of reps of CG, MAC, ROB, Secretariat and BOD.
Meeting liaises with Fiona Dunne to get an ICTU rep to help with Strategic Planning of our union. Aims to create ISSU long term plan/goal.
CG 2022 is being represented by Uachtarán, Leas Uachtarán, and Uachtarán Oinigh.
The BOD currently meets roughly every six weeks but should be meeting 4 times a year.
The end goal is to make our organisation work easier and to give the staff and coiste more autonomy.

8 - Officer Days Off - Uachtarán Oinigh

Coiste Gnó officers have to take one day off a week for their welfare. The full coiste gnó should be working for at least 2 days of a week.
Education Officer - This item should be left until school resumes for various reasons.
Runáí - Agrees with the Education officer but asks CG to place Out of Office notices and work hours into calendars.
Final Decision: Days off to be reviewed when school and college/uni resumes.

9 - Working Groups

Working Groups currently approved by the coiste:
'Digital Communications' - Led by Communications Officer.

'Welfare Team' - Led by Welfare Officer

'Resource working group for international students' - Led by International Officer. (WG name could change, but will remain generally along these lines)

'Vote@16 and voting education' - Co Lead by Runáí and Leas-Uachtarán.

Not all working groups were proposed. It was suggested that we hold off on most until nearer to school returning as that is when engagement picks back up.

10. AOB

- Comms Officer Notice.
- Welfare Podcast:

The Welfare officer will reach out to External organisations to seek advice on podcasts and sensitivity regarding welfare discussions. Both equality and international officers have previous experience with podcasts, and welfare officers should liaise with these officers for advice.

- Reminder to CC/BBC Uachtarán on external emails.
- CG Training on Monday will be moved online.

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