

Minutes
Coiste Gnó Meeting
(Online)
20/2/2022

Present:

Emer Neville - Uachtarán

Eoin Connolly - Rúnaí

Denis Lynch - Welfare Officer

Quinton Kelly - Communications Officer

Jack McGinn - Education Officer

Salim Kajani - Sustainability Officer

Reuban Murray - Uachtarán Oinigh

Saoirse Extón - Equality Officer

Mohammad Naeem - Regional Liaison and Support Officer

With Apologies:

Adam Lambe - Leas Uachtarán

Kacper Bogalecki - International Officer

Absent:

James Ó Muirthe - Oifigeach na Gaeilge

Minutes by: Eoin Connolly - Rúnaí

Gaisce Challenge Partnership

The Coiste Gnó voted unanimously to become a Gaisce challenge partner, meaning involvement in ISSU is an officially recognised Gaisce activity

Friday's For Future Collaboration

FFF Dublin are looking to meet with President Michael D Higgins to discuss Climate issues and are asking ISSU if they are interested in working with them on it.

Discussion points:

- Currently the nature of this collaboration is not entirely clear and there are concerns for ISSU's remit here as our primary focus is education
- Uncertain what the goals for the meeting are
- A potential collaboration should be structured and defined, if a meeting was already secured and we were invited in our own context there would be no potential issue
- Don't know if other organisations have been invited

The Uachtarán and Sustainability Officer will meet with FFF Dublin to get more information and to flesh out a potential collaboration

AIS4CA (All-Island Schools 4 Climate Action)

AIS4CA is campaigning to get climate action in the school curriculum. They reached out about ISSU support for them. The CG unanimously voted to support the initiative. The Sustainability Officer will link in with AIS4CA

Joint meeting with the ROB

There will be a joint meeting of the Coiste Gnó and the Regional Officer Body next week. This will be the first using the new format for the joint meetings.

An Chomhdháil Bhliantiúl (CB) Discussion

- The Education Officer stressed the importance of highlighting the amount of commitment needed to be on the Coiste Gnó in the Running for Election Webinar
- The Uachtarán Oinigh is planning an event for policy writing where people looking to write policies can ask questions to experienced ISSU members in order to optimise their policy writing and have more information
- The Rúnaí is looking into alternative methods of voting on motions in order to allow Observer Delegates to join the zoom call and has reached out to University Student Unions to find out how they run their council meetings
- It's a two day event with Coiste Gnó and Election Candidates in person on the second day, venue TBD. Exact timing and Agenda is not decided yet but most if not all policy and constitution discussions will be held on the first day with as much time for elections as possible on the second
- At CB Regional Officers for Sligo-Leitrim will be elected by delegates from those schools
- The exact timeline for pre-events (e.g. Running for Election Webinar) is TBD
- A Discord server for all delegates will be used again and may be how voting on policy is conducted so all delegates, especially voting delegates, should ensure they have Discord

AOB

The Equality Officer updated the Coiste Gnó on the success of the collaboration with Herstory.