Minutes

CRC 1

Semester 1

Date: 09-11-2020

Venue: Online via Zoom

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Time: 18:15

Exec Attendance: Fearghal Lynch (SU President), Dylan Mangan (VP Engagement and Development), Chloe McMorrow (VP Education and Placement), Lucien Waugh-Daly (VP Academic Affairs), Dean O’Reilly (VP Welfare and Equality), Edy Nastase (Faculty Rep, Engineering and Computing), Ellen Quinn (Faculty Rep, Institute of Education), Caitlin Grant (Faculty Rep, Humanities and Social Sciences), Kate Goodman (Faculty Rep, Business School)

Eoin Crossen (Chair) asked everyone to rename themselves so that their module code is visible alongside their name.

Some ground rules for the meeting were listed.

Ava Downing BEd3 was appointed as temporary secretary for CRC1.

1. Minutes and Matters Arising (2 minutes)

The Chair assumed the minutes as read and apologised for the delay in sending them out, technical difficulties meant that he had to type them out this morning.

The minutes were accepted by majority.

No questions were asked.

2. Officer reports (5 minutes)

No questions were asked.

A) President’s Update

Fearghal Lynch gave a verbal update to supplement his written report. He mentioned a number of plans intended to be carried out by the SU were put on hold due to the pandemic, but said they are very optimistic for semester 2.

He thanked the team and acknowledged its role in students rights especially this year.

Discussed timetable issue.
Confirmed in-person graduations. Orientation was very successful despite being done virtually. Plan to bring in structured tents for orientation was put on hold for semester 1 and are planned to be set up for semester 2 for clubs and socs and small events. Mentioned complaints about lack of study space. The U building is now open for studying and lunch time. The canteen, Pats main canteen and java also open and students are encouraged to use these spaces. Lab opening hours for computing and engineering students to be extended. The SU have been translating government and university information into social media infographs. Instagram following grew by almost 4,000.

**Question from: Seán Smyth BEd4:** Exec meeting minutes aren't online, should they be on the web?
**Response from Fearghal:** There was an initial conversation and chat for the exec team to get to know each other, and minutes were taken. They will be put online soon.

**Question from: Sarah Jones AS2:** There was talk last year about everyone getting a reading week this year. Is there any update?

**Response from Fearghal:** As semester 1 is short, there was meant to be no reading week, courses decided individually whether to have one. As semester 2 timetable is longer, there can be a scope to have a reading week included.

There were no further questions.

**The officer reports were put to a vote and accepted by majority.**

3. **Pre - Nominated A.O.B (2 minutes)**

No pre-nominated A.O.B

**Adam Daly BPY1:** Confused about AOB as this is the first CRC.
**Chair:** Explanation that issues (any other business) can be raised at this point and will be revisited later in the meeting.

4. **Items for Agreement (15 minutes)**

   A) **Returning Officer Ratification (5 minutes)**
   Podge Sheehan (Returning Officer): Read out document.
Explained that it had been decided it would be embedded into the role of Head of Leadership and Student Engagement in the office of Student Life.
Explained role of returning officer is to design election regulations alongside the Electoral and Referenda Committee and elected candidates are returned e.g. voting and training.

Ratify Podge Sheehan as Returning Officer:
No questions posed.

The item was put to a vote and accepted by majority.

B) Schedule E – Podge Sheehan (10 minutes)
Congratulated those elected. Highest number of class reps attending CRC.
Presented Schedule: Election Rules and Regulations. Clubs Officer, Societies Officer (positions open to all) and Science and Health Faculty Rep (position for students within that faculty) to be elected. Rules and regulations had to be presented at CRC before elections could take place.
Election Principles were discussed.
Elections Dates (subject to change):
Nominations open: 7 Nov. Nominations close: 16 Nov.
Results: 27 Nov.

No questions were asked.

The item was put to a vote and accepted by majority.

5. Items for Discussion (5 minutes)

A) Clubs and Socs Officer Election - David Martin
Item already covered. David asked those interested to reach out.

6. Items for Information (5 minutes)

A) Class Rep Elections – Dylan Mangan (5 minutes)
Dylan updated class reps regarding the difficulties and delays with elections. Clarified technical issue with Loop. Congratulated those elected. Some class reps have still to be elected.

Question From Ahmed Mansour MSc EM1: Document for CRC terminology.
Response From Eoin: Will prepare a document. Class rep training will also include this.
Podge: Glossary with good-to-know words and acronyms will be shared. Training on leadership, how-to etc. will also include such information.

Dylan: Next CRC, document will be available, class rep training coming up.

7. A.O.B

A) Mary Adubdu BNPY1: Question about student assistance fund.

Dean (Welfare and Equality Officer): Server Crash occurred the day SAF went live. Tests were taking place with the new system. Notifications will be posted on social media. Will take these issues into account regarding deadlines. Confirmation means application should be fine. Sent in the chat studentassistancefund@dcu.ie for any SAF queries.

B) Lucian (VP for Academic Affairs) clarified that there were no minutes taken from the exec conversation as it was an informal chat rather than official meeting. Happy to provide notes.

C) James Heath BRE1: Delays on BH Elections.

Response from Dylan: Due to technical issues, will be sorted in coming days.

Chloe (VP for Education and Placement): ISS contacted and problem will be resolved following day.

D) Ellen Corr BEd4: Class Rep hoodies for this year.

Ferghal: Will be getting hoodies, dylan will be sending out google form, putting in order soon.

Dylan: Class Rep Election forms already asked for sizes. If anyone wants different size; contact directly.

E) Dean: Period products are available for free, pop up to the help desk, looking into possibility of having a postal service. Highlighted mental health week: ‘Ask me anything’ session tomorrow with great group of therapists. Check out instagram and advertise to class. Hoodies give-aways.

Melissa DC786 asked if all therapy services are online.

Dean confirmed this is through Zoom - through Instagram links and newsletter.

Ellen Corr BEd4 asked if there is a limit to amount of people who can attend sessions.

Dean mentioned limit numbers are set high and if there are extra spaces needed this will be figured out.
8. **CRC Officer Elections**

Podge: 24 Candidates amongst both roles, only 13 available positions, plenty of opportunities to get involved with the students union e.g. clubs and socs officer, science and health faculty rep.

Secretary: Johanna Palaghia

Electoral and Referenda Committee: Leon Browne, Jack Collier, Luca Crone, Jasmine Ennis, Kayley Hardiman, Ayomide Karunwi, Tarryn McCoy, Seán Smyth

The full election results were sent out as a supplement to the minutes.

*On that note, CRC1 Semester 1 was adjourned*