Minutes

CRC 2
Semester 1
Date: 17-11-2020
Venue: Online via Zoom
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Time: 13:15

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)

1. Minutes and Matters Arising (2 minutes)
   
   The Chair assumed the minutes as read.
   
   No questions were asked.
   
   The minutes were accepted by majority.

2. Officer reports (5 minutes)

   The Chair assumed the Officer Reports as read.
   No questions were asked.

   A) President’s Update

   Fearghal Lynch confirmed that there is now more study space available across the three campuses, including bookings in the U building. Mentioned Lucien (VP Academic Affairs) is planning Union Week and to check socials for up-to-date info. Elections for SU part-time officers to close tomorrow - asks to spread the word to those who might be interested.
   The SU are preparing isolation packs for students self-isolating due to Covid-19.

   The officer reports were accepted by majority.
3. **Pre - Nominated A.O.B (2 minutes)**
   - A) CRC Graphics - Sinéad Mooney CS2
   - B) Katie Archer BHA23 - Class Rep Training - Katie Archer BHA23
   - C) Class Rep Elections - Sam Jones ME1 and Louise Tracey
   - D) U Building - Glen Scanlon EPL1
   - E) Instagram - Siobhán Horr BEd1

4. **Items for Agreement (10 minutes)**
   - A) Semester 2 Duration Motion - Louise McLarnon IS3
     - Louise explained that 10 weeks were insufficient to cover all course material and that there was a lot of pressure being placed on lecturers and students to cover all material and complete assignments. Mandated the SU President and VP for academic affairs to lobby for the restoration of a 12 week semester.

     *Response from Lucien:* Agreed with Louise’s statement and confirmed that semester 2 will be 12 weeks making the motion invalid. Had already put forward a request for assignment deadline extension for semester 1.

     *Question from Robert Richmond JR2:* Will the 12 week semester include a reading week?

     *Response from Lucien:* Confirmed reading week from 15-20 February.

     *Question from Louise:* Will there be a tutorial week or will lectures be the same as pre Covid-19?

     *Response from Lucien:* Depends on the course, will discuss this possibility with the various faculties.

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

5. **Items for Discussion (0 minutes)**
   - N/A

6. **Items for Information (10 minutes)**
A) Mental Health Week - Dean O’Reilly VP Welfare and Equality
(Read by the Chair)
Student engagement with recent online events has been moderate. Plans to introduce DCU counsellors to students via Graphics when back from leave. As usual, participation in hoodies giveaway was high. Self-isolating packs to be delivered to students. Mental health refresher to take place in semester 2.

No questions were asked.

7. A.O.B (15 minutes)

A) CRC Graphics - Sinéad Mooney CS2
Asked if graphics will be used again this year to summarise items voted on in CRC to be posted on social media for those who are not class reps but are interested.

Response from Fearghal: Yes, they can be included on the website, weekly newsletter or social media.

Response from Eoin: As CRC meetings have been happening quickly and minutes need to be certified, that has not happened yet, but will for the future.

B) Class Rep Training - Katie Archer BHA23
Asked if the 15 minutes before CRC1 was the extent of Class Rep training.

Response from Eoin: That was a short introduction until the Class Rep Training could take place.

Response from Dylan: Training timetable is currently being re-organised so that everyone can attend all sessions. Workshops will also be available for content beyond the Class Rep role.

C) Class Rep Elections - Sam Jones ME1 and Louise Tracey
Sam mentioned BMED1 students were asking when Class Rep Elections will take place as they have not yet been given the opportunity to vote.

Response from Dylan: BMED1 elections have taken place and those successful will be contacted shortly. Asked Louise to mention to SE2 students that would want to fill the role to contact him.

D) U Building - Glen Scanlon EPL1
Mentioned lack of seating and strict rules on moving chairs in the U building and asked if anything could be done about this.

Response from Chloe: Security have been instructed to maintain these social distancing rules but SU are looking into providing more space for students who need to carry out group work.

Response from Fearghal: Recommends Glasnevin campus canteen, library etc.

E) Instagram - Siobhán Horr BEd1
Asked if an Instagram page could be set up specifically for BEd1 students to communicate through DMs, polls and lives.

Response from Eoin: Recommends a Facebook group.

Response from Chloe: Also recommends a Facebook group but mentions it is up to students as it is not run by the SU.

On that note, CRC2 Semester 1 was adjourned