Minutes

CRC 4

Semester 1

Date: 07-12-2020

Venue: Online via Zoom

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Time: 13:00

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), Elliot Grennan (Clubs Officer), Aoife Harte (Societies Officer), Rachel Murphy (Faculty Rep, Science and Health)

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 spoke about the Christmas activities taking place on campus during the week. Free membership for all students in the DCU gym until the end of this month, more information may be found in the newsletter. Library furniture that was no longer being used was rehoused instead of being thrown away. Welcomed Aoife, Elliot and Rachel to the Exec team.

   Question from Adam DC525: Will students be returning on campus in semester 2? Asking so that students have time to plan ahead.
Response from Fearghal: The same will continue from Semester 1 to 2 i.e. if there was mandatory attendance in the first semester, this will continue. Not all students will need to be on campus in the coming semester.
Response from Lucien: The individual programme chairs can also provide information on campus attendance.

The officer reports were accepted by majority.

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

A) Joint Honours Deadlines - Ailbhe EAJLI4 & Katie Archer BHA23

4. Items for Agreement (15 minutes)

A) Sustainability Working Group - Lucien Waugh-Daly
   Presented by Katie Archer BHA23
   Read out motion.

   Response from Lucien: Strongly encouraged everyone to back the motion in order to set up the working group that will be permanent. Discussed lapse in communication between students opinions on sustainability and the work carried out by the SU.

   Response from Dylan Mangan: Fully supports this motion and acknowledges the success of various working groups.

   Question from Ross Boyd BSSCI3: Also fully supports motion. Will this supercede the committee?

   Response from Lucien: If there are projects that people would like to be brought forward, spinoff meetings can take place.

B) Union Week - Lucien Waugh-Daly
   Read out motion. Mentioned that all students are entitled to contact SIPTU for advice on employee issues.

C) Semester One 2021/2022 - Sean Coffey BSI3
   Read out motion.

   Response from Lucien: Asks to oppose this motion as a new academic calendar is underway and he has already been taking action in regards to this. A 10 week semester seems inevitable at this point but he will continue to try to push for a 12 week semester.
Question from Kate Goodman: Would it be possible to change wording to lobby Lucien to try change the 6 week gap period to a 5 week in order to increase the semester to 11 weeks?
Response from Lucien: The 6 week period cannot be changed.

Response from Sean: Was not aware that Lucien was already taking action in regards to this motion. Has it been taken into account that a 10 week semester will not prepare students in the same way as a 12 week for the workforce?
Response from Lucien: Will raise this issue next meeting.
Response from Chloe McMorrow: There will be more time to make sure the second 10 week semester will work better than the first.

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) Teaching Hero Awards - Eoin Crossen (National Forum Student Associate)
   Opportunity for students to forward staff members that are doing great work and getting them recognised on a national level. Closing this month. Nomination form will be in the newsletter.

7. A.O.B (15 minutes)

   A) Joint Honours Deadlines - Aibhle EAJLI4 & Katie Archer BHA23
   Aibhle: Joint Honours students complained that there were many assignments due within days of each other - Extensions were granted to other student years and courses but not EAJLI4. There is no communication among lecturers.

   Response from Chloe McMorrow: Lecturers do not have an overview of assignments, students are under too much pressure. There should be improvement for the second semester. Will be addressed again.

   Question from Fearghal: Was there any feedback from the programme chair?

   Response from Aibhle: Was told that the deadlines were set in stone long before the commencement of semester and could not be changed as it would clash with other course deadlines.
Chloe McMorrow: If everyone could please sign the petition for student nurses.

Chair wished everyone a lovely Christmas and best of luck with assignments and exams.

On that note, CRC4 Semester 1 was adjourned