Minutes

CRC 2
Semester 2
Date: 15-02-2021
Venue: Online via Zoom
Time: 18:00

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.

Response from Sean Smyth BED4: The exec minutes, there was supposed to be minutes for five meetings, but there are only minutes for three. Not every officer report is in the folder.
Response from Eoin Crossen (Chair): The folder sharing setting has been fixed, if some officer reports are not available it is because they have not been uploaded by the officers.
Response from Dean O’Reilly (VP Welfare and Equality): With the constitutional referenda that went through last year, execs have to meet a minimum of ten times per semester, not necessarily five times by week five.
A) President’s Update

Fearghal Lynch: Elections are coming up next week so nominations to be in by Wednesday. If anyone has questions about the roles for next year or campaigning, contact the SU. Results came out last week, a lot of emails came in. If reps gather any information from students, contact the SU. In terms of the library opening, meetings took place last with positive conversation. For now it unfortunately remains closed, but there is a lot of work going on to change this. S.H.A.G fest last week was a success, including the speed dating event with just under 30 societies, talks on HIV and sex work in Ireland. Rainbow week coming up next week. The survey that was sent out for semester one feedback is being finalised and will be circulated.

The officer reports were accepted by majority.

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

A) Newsletter audio files - Caoimhe O'Carroll BCL3
B) Update on consent training - Dean O’Reilly (VP Welfare and Equality)

4. Items for Agreement (20 minutes)

A) Expired CRC Motions 18/19 - Chair
Motions passed by CRC have a three year lifespan. These motions are coming up for renewal. Other motions passed that calendar year are not included as that contained mandates for past CRCs and referenda.
There is no debate on the motions themselves - only renewal.

All the motions were put to a vote and accepted by majority.

B) Students with Disabilities Advisory Group Terms of Reference - Dean O’Reilly (VP Welfare and Equality)
Dean summarised the motion.

The motion was accepted by majority.

5. Items for Discussion (10 minutes)

A) INTRA Placements - Shauna Rose Raeside AP3
Shauna Rose discussed the INTRA placement situation, noting that many students chose DCU because of it. Students were reassured that paid internships would be found by most students and those who did not would be placed within the School. Students want to know why campus facilities that they require are not open to them despite being
available for research purposes and for those who need to be on campus to get their qualification.

Response from Chloe McMorrow (VP Education and Placement): Many students have gotten in touch with similar issues. Waiting on reply as to why these placements have been cancelled.

Response from Adam Costello Doherty DC525: Can reach out to get information to clarify mixed information.

Response from Chloe: Yes, that’s the issue as students are being told completely different things. Students need clarification and a reason.

Response from Dean O’Reilly: As Shauna mentioned, some students have left their part time jobs for placements. If students are struggling financially, get in touch with me and I will get in touch with student development to see if there is any assistance available.

6. Items for Information (5 minutes)

A) Lead DCUSU - Podge Sheehan
Podge discussed the upcoming elections and reasons to put forward for nomination. Discussed the help available to those campaigning, such as workshops on video editing and time management. Outlined the various roles available.

7. A.O.B (15 minutes)

A) Newsletter audio files - Caoimhe O’Carroll BCL3
Mentioned audio file Lucien included in his emails and suggested including audio files in weekly emails. It would make things more accessible to everyone.

Response from Lucien Waugh-Daly: It’s a great idea, makes it accessible to students with accessibility issues and gives an alternative. Have already been in touch but was told there was no need for it. If anyone would like to see it, send me an email.

Response from Dean O’Reilly: Was told that it does not necessarily make it more accessible, what would be more helpful would be a plain text version of the email. Can ask the advisory group about this.

Response from Fearghal Lynch: Emails at the start of the year had text or voice setting added. Can be added in again.

B) Update on consent training - Dean O’Reilly (VP Welfare and Equality)
Consent training was done for first year students. A phase two has been made available on Loop. This is available in the Develop Module on Loop and students will receive a digital badge once completed.
Question from Caitlin Grant (Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Rep): Could there be training to become a facilitator or trainer?

Response from Dean: Usually there would be but as workshops are now online, there is no need for it. It seems that the content will be online next year also. However, if it will be needed, there will be.

On that note, CRC2 Semester 2 was adjourned