



AGENDA

COUNCIL

Date 27.10.20

Location Virtual

Time 7pm

Chair Yannick Gloster

Secretary Cian Walsh

1. Approval of Minutes

Miontuairscí

2. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Pointí ag teacht ón gcruinniú deireanach

None

3. Items for Noting

Míreanna le tabhairt faoi deara

A. Part-Time Officer Reports

B. Minutes of UF

C. EC Report

4. Elections

dToghcháin

A. Communications Committee

2 Ordinary Committee Members

B. Education Committee

1 Ordinary Representative from JF, SF, JS, SS

C. Welfare Committee

2 Ordinary Committee Members

D. Electoral Commission

2 Biennial Members 1 Annual Member

5. Sabbatical Officer Reports

Tuairiscí na n-Oifigeach

A. President

B. Education

C. Ents

D. Communications & Marketing

E. Welfare & Equality

6. Discussion Items

Ábhair le plé

A. Schedule 3 Updates

Presented by Megan O'Connor, Education Officer

B. OC Breach Notification

Presented by Cian Walsh, Secretary to Council

C. Student Academic Difficulties

Presented by Hannah Heskin, SF Biological & Biomedical Science Class Representative

7. Motions

Rúin

A. Motion on the Irish Committee

Council Notes

That Irish is one of the recognized languages of the Union.

Council Also Notes

The need to include more students in the representation and backing of the Irish Language in the Union.

Council Resolves

To create the Coiste na Gaeilge with the attached membership and Terms of Reference.

Proposed by Gretchen Nic Sheanlaoich, Oifigeach na Gaeilge

Seconded by Eoin Hand, Uachtarán an Aontais

Tugann an Chomhairle faoi deara

Go bhfuil aitheantas ag an nGaeilge mar cheann de na teangacha oifigiúla d'Aontas na Mac Léinn.

Tugann an Chomhairle faoi deara chomh maith

Go bhfuil níos mó mac léinn de dhíth ó thaobh ionadaíochta agus tacaíochta na Gaeilge faoi scáth an Aontais de.

Beartaíonn an Chomhairle

Coiste na Gaeilge a bhunú leis an mballraíocht iniata agus na Téarmaí Tagartha in aguisín.

Molann: Gretchen Nic Sheanlaoich, Oifigeach na Gaeilge

Tacaíonn: Eoin Hand, Uachtarán

B. Motion to Amend the TOR of the Welfare Committee

Council Notes

That the Welfare Committee Terms of Reference is in need of an update.

Council Resolves

To amend the membership and Terms of Reference of the Welfare Committee with the attached membership & Terms of Reference.

Proposed by Leah Keogh, Welfare Officer

Seconded by Eoin Hand, President

C. Motion on the Welfare & Equality Committee

Council Notes

That the Welfare & Equality Officer requires a complete committee to assist in their workload.

Council Regrets

That the Standing Welfare Committee is not fit for purpose.

Council Resolves

To create the Welfare & Equality Committee with the attached membership and Terms of Reference.

Proposed by Leah Keogh, Welfare Officer

Seconded by Eoin Hand, President

D. Motion on Support for International Students

Council Notes

That international students are a particularly vulnerable cohort which is now further exacerbated by the COVID19 pandemic.

Council Also Notes

That international students pay significant fees and do not qualify for grants such as SUSI or the Student Assistance Fund.

Council Regrets

That this fee is subject to a 3-5% annual increase in Trinity College student fees and this was not reexamined during the COVID19 crisis.

Council Believes

That international students require more support from the college and believe that the current lines of communication are insufficient. Regardless of EU status, every student needs additional support during the global pandemic.

Council Mandates

That the Student's Union lobbies against the annual 3-5% increase in student fees, including non-EU students.

Council Further Mandates

That the President and International Part Time Officer lobbies to ensure the adequate provision of information for international students by the college, including but not limited to the planned methods of teaching for the rest of the year and student support services available.

Council Further Mandates

That the President also lobbies to ensure that support is made readily available to students by the college on a case-by-case basis when in relation to difficulties regarding travel status to other countries, finances and Government Health guidelines where appropriate. All information should be clearly accessible to students with reference to ever-changing situations and all information should be updated accordingly.

Council Further mandates

Non-EU students are included in the movement to reduce EU student fees for the

2021-2022 academic year.

Proposed by: Rucha Benare, Julia Bochenek, Emma Hurson, Boluwaduro Kareem, Aliya Syeda, Dylan Krug, Olivia Butler, Emily Tzu Ying Yu, Lauren Vrbanic, Jane Cook

Seconded by: Patrick O'Mahony, International Officer

E. Motion on Petition to Reduce College Fees

Council Notes

That student access to campus and facilities is severely restricted due to the on-going pandemic.

Council Also Notes

That despite these restrictions, the College fees for the year have not decreased

Council Mandates

That the union adopt a formal stance in favour of lowering College fees for this year.

Council Further Mandates

That the President establish a petition in favour of lowering College fees.

Proposed by Dillon Broaders, SF Physical Sciences Class Representative

Seconded by Ruaidhrí Campion, SF Theoretical Physics Class Representative

F. Motion on Ethnic Minority Workshop

Council Notes

The diversity of the student population at Trinity and the Union's commitment to inclusivity for all ethnicities.

Council Mandates

That the Ethnic Minorities Officer organise an annual workshop introducing the

various ethnicities in the student population of Trinity. The speakers in this workshop shall be comprised of speakers sourced from Trinity's staff & student population.

Proposed by Catherine Zhou, JF French JH Class Representative

Seconded by Philly Holmes, Communications & Marketing Officer

G. Motion on Class Rep Elections Report

Council Notes

The success of the recent online class rep elections.

However Notes

That some administrative errors occurred, which should be rectified going forward.

Council Mandates

That the EC produce a report on class rep elections annually with recommendations on improvements going forward if necessary, to be presented no later than the second Council of the academic year.

Proposed by Megan O'Connor, Education Officer

Seconded by Daniel O'Reilly, STEM Convener

H. Motion on OC Review of Schedule 4

Council Notes

That it only has the power to set mandate on any subject relevant to the aims and principles of the Constitution or the administration of the Union.

Council Regrets

That it has, in the past, passed motions which fell outside of its remit.

Council Mandates

That the Oversight Commission, at least once per Academic Year, conduct a review of Schedule 4 and present this review to Council, with recommendations for council to strike from Schedule 4 any mandate which they feel is not relevant to Union administration or the aims and principles of the Union, or is otherwise outside of the remit of Council.

Proposed by Daniel O'Reilly, STEM Convener

Seconded by Eoin Hand, President

I. Motion on Ad Hoc Body Minutes

Council Notes

That there are a number of ad hoc Union bodies chaired by Officers which have no formal reporting lines to Council.

Council Believes

That for it to effectively oversee Union activity, it must first be able to see it.

Council Also Notes

That all Sabbatical and Part Time Officers are already mandated to submit a brief report to every meeting of Council.

Council Mandates

That any officer who chairs an ad hoc Union body which does not already have a formal reporting line to council, attach the minutes of any and all meetings of that body approved since the previous meeting of Council to their Officer report.

Proposed by Daniel O'Reilly, STEM Convener

Seconded by Eoin Hand, President

J. Creation of a Diversity in STEM Campaign

Council Notes

That Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) has a well recognised problem with diversity and representation.

Council Also Notes

That there has been a campaign called "Diversity in STEM" which has been run in the faculty of STEM informally for a number of years

Council Wishes To

Formally recognise and support this campaign.

Council Resolves to Create

The Diversity in STEM Organising Committee, with the attached Terms of Reference.

Proposed by Daniel O'Reilly, STEM Convener

Seconded by Leah Keogh, Welfare & Equality Officer

8. Questions

Ceisteanna

9. Any Other Business

Aon Ghnó Eile

Coiste na Gaeilge

Terms of Reference

October 26, 2020

1 Béarla

1.1 Membership

- Although desirable, the ability to speak Irish is not required to be a member of the committee. Members must be interested in issues surrounding the language in the college and in SU representation.
- Irish Language Officer (Chair, ex-officio)
- President (ex-officio)
- Communications Officer (ex-officio)
- 9 Ordinary Committee Members

1.2 Terms of Reference

1. The duties of the Coiste na Gaeilge shall be to:
 - a) Discuss and improve on Union policy on the Irish language.

- b) Highlight any issues that individuals may face relating to the Irish language under the SU.
 - c) Promote and support SU campaigns relating to the Irish language
 - d) Support representation of the Irish language within the SU.
2. Meetings of the Coiste na Gaeilge:
- a) Meetings of the Irish Language committee shall take place at least twice per teaching term.
 - b) The meetings shall be conducted through the Irish language where possible.
3. Appointment of the Ordinary Members:
- a) Any member of the Union may apply to be an ordinary member.
 - b) The format of the application will be decided by the Irish Language Officer.
 - c) Applications will be assessed by the Irish Language Officer.

1.3 Review

The Committee shall, on or before January 31st 2021, review its own performance and its terms of reference and shall report its conclusions and recommendations for the campaign going forward to Union Forum.

2 Gaeilge

2.1 Ballraíocht

- Níl Gaeilge de dhíth chun ballraíocht a ghlacadh ar an gcoiste, ach tá sé inmhianaithe afách. Caithfidh spéis a bheith ag na baill i gcúrsaí Gaeilge sa choláiste agus in ionadaíocht an Aontais.
- Oifigeach na Gaeilge (Cathaoirleach, de bhrí oifige)
- Uachtarán (de bhrí oifige)
- Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí agus Margaíochta (de bhrí oifige)
- 9 nGnáthbhaill

2.2 Téarmaí Tagartha

1. Beidh sé mar dhualgas ar an gcoiste:
 - a) Polasaithe Gaeilge an Aontais a phlé, agus forbairt a dhéanamh orthu más gá
 - b) Aird a tharraingt ar na ceistanna roimh dhuine ar leith faoi scáth an Aontais
 - c) Tacaíocht a thabhairt d'fheachtais an Aontais a bhaineann leis an nGaeilge
 - d) Tacaíocht a thabhairt d'ionadaíocht na Gaeilge san Aontas
2. Cruinnithe Coiste na Gaeilge:
 - a) Beidh na cruinnithe ar siúl ar a laghad dhá uair in aghaidh an téarma
 - b) Stiúrfar na cruinnithe trí Ghaeilge nuair is féidir
3. Ainmniúchán na nGnáthbhall:

- a) Is féidir le baill an Aontais chur isteach le bheith mar ghnáthbhall an choiste.
- b) Beartóidh an t-Oifigeach Gaeilge leagan amach na n-iarratas.
- c) Déanfaidh an t-Oifigeach Gaeilge scrúdú ar na hiarratais.

2.3 Athbhreithniú

Déanfaidh an coiste athbhreithniú ar a fheidhmíocht agus na téarmaí tagartha roimh nó ar 31 Eanáir 2021. Tuairsiceofar conclúidí agus moltaí an choiste do fhóram an Aontais.

Welfare Committee

Terms of Reference

October 23, 2020

Membership

- Welfare Officer (Chair, ex-officio)
- Education Officer (Secretary, ex-officio)
- President (ex-officio)

Terms of Reference

1. Meetings:

- a) The Welfare Committee will meet on an ad-hoc basis to discuss issues relating to student welfare.

Welfare & Equality Committee

Terms of Reference

October 23, 2020

1 Membership

- TCDSU Welfare and Equality Officer (Chair, ex-officio)
- JCR Welfare Officer (ex-officio)
- Vice-President of the GSU (ex-officio)
- TCDSU Communication and Marketing Officer (ex-officio)
- 3 Ordinary Committee Members, to be elected at first Council of the academic year.

Members to be selected by application:

- Secretary
- Public Relations Officer
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Research Officer
- Off-Campus Officer
- Society Liaison Officer
- Accessibility Liaison Officer
- First Year Representative

2 Terms of Reference

1. The duties of the Welfare & Equality Committee shall be to:
 - a) Assist the in the planning of campaigns relevant to the role of the Welfare Officer.
 - b) Advise the Welfare Officer of any issues faced by members on problems related to the brief of the Welfare Officer, that are causing difficulty to students and to propose solutions to these issues.
2. Meetings of the Welfare Committee:
 - a) Shall take place at least three times per academic semester.
 - b) The agenda of the Welfare Committee may include submissions from the members of the Welfare Committee.
3. Applications of Committee Members:
 - a) Any member of the Union may apply for any role selected by application.
 - b) The format of the application will be decided by the Welfare & Equality Officer.
 - c) Applications will be assessed by the Welfare & Equality Officer, who will appoint the candidates they believe best suited to each role.

3 Review

The Committee shall, on or before January 31st 2021, review its own performance and its terms of reference and shall report its conclusions and recommendations for the campaign going forward to Union Forum.

TCDSU Diversity in STEM Organising Committee

Terms of Reference

October 23, 2020

1 Purpose

The TCDSU Diversity in STEM campaign shall promote diversity inclusion of gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity and any other qualities as decided by the Organising Committee.

2 Membership

- a) Membership shall consist of:
 - i. Deputy STEM Convenor (*ex officio; Chair*)
 - ii. STEM Convenor (*ex officio; Secretary; non-voting*)
 - iii. Four ordinary members, selected by application
- b) The format of the application shall be decided by the STEM Convenor and Deputy STEM Convenor.

- c) Applications will be anonymously assessed by:
 - i. The Deputy STEM Convenor
 - ii. Gender Equality Officer
 - iii. Ethnic Minorities Officer
 - iv. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans Rights Officer
 - v. Officer for Students with Disabilities.

3 Accountability

- a) Approved minutes shall be submitted to the STEM Faculty Assembly by the Deputy STEM Convenor for discussion.
- b) Draft minutes of the Committee shall be circulated to the Union Forum for noting.
- c) Items, if any, of concern to Union Forum will be returned to the Organising Committee as Matters Arising.
- d) The Chair of the Committee shall be available to report orally to the Union Forum on key aspects of the proceedings of the Committee as required.

4 Meetings

- a) Meetings shall be arranged on an ad-hoc basis
- b) There shall be a minimum of two meetings per teaching term
- c) The President shall be invited to every meeting.
- d) The chair may invite other persons to attend meetings for specific agenda items.

5 Review

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