



dit students' union

Minutes: DITSU *Aungier Street* Class Rep Meeting
Date: 2nd November 2009
Time: 1pm
Venue: *Aungier Street*
Room: 2.049

Present:

Eric Fitzgerald Class Rep Convenor
Tracey Flinter President
Sean Campbell Vice President Services and Trading
Sharon Hughes Student Support Advisor/Class Rep Clerk
 Class Reps 88 of 144 Class Reps are elected
 23 Reps attended: Attendance sheet available

In Attendance:

Claire Healy Student Participation Co-Ordinator

Apologies:

Jane Asple (DT343), Michelle Breen (DT358), Richard Britton (DT365), Siobhan Walsh, (DT347)

<p>Minutes: Philip Clarke proposed the minutes and Dzordana Baukute seconded them, the Minutes were accepted</p>	
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<p>Matters Arising: There were no matters arising</p>	
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<p>Correspondence: There one items of correspondence received from Jen Jordan, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the Class Reps are immediately nominated as their Programme Rep for the DIT programme committees, the committee which meets to discuss all academic issues related to individual courses. If Reps haven't been contacted by their Programme Chair they should contact the Students Union to make the Committee aware of their nomination 	<p><i>Reps to ensure they know about their Programme Committee</i></p>
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<p>Elections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governing Councillors: There are 15 Governing Councillor positions available to Aungier Street, 13 positions have been filled. Two nominations were received: 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Aidan Knowles •Graham O'Maonaigh <p>•As there were two nominations received for two positions, both were deemed elected automatically. Congratulations</p> <p>•Committees: There were three committees with positions available, only one nomination was received:</p> <p>•<i>Academic and Student Affairs Committee:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •1 seat filled, 2 positions still available, no nominations received <p>•<i>Chief Operations and Communications:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •No seats filled, 3 positions available, no nominations received <p>•<i>Services and Trading:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •No seats filled, 3 positions available, 2 nominations were received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Philip Clarke •Shauna Switzer •Both candidates were deemed automatically elected <p>•Part-Time Officers: There is 2 positions available and the following nominations were received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Societies Officer: Shauna Switzer •Shauna addressed the CRM and asked for their vote <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •22 votes, no spoilt votes. 22 'yes' votes, no 'no' votes, Shauna is deemed elected •Congratulations to Shauna. <p>•Nominations are now officially re-open for all positions and committee and will close Tuesday the 17th November 2009. Positions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Academic and Student Affairs committee •Services and Trading Committees •Chief Operations and Communications Committees •Ways and Means Committees •Communications Part time officer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Forms are available from the office in the basement 	
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<p>Bridget Gleeson from I.S. Asked permission to address the CRM, the meeting allowed Standing Orders to fall in order for her to address the Reps.</p>	

Bridget asked the Reps if they had any issues with Information Systems that she could help with. She apologised for the state of the WiFi over the last few weeks, there was a problem with the server which meant the system wasn't terminating users and therefore registering users that weren't active, she hopes it will be fixed by this afternoon. She opened to floor to hear the Reps' issues:

- Problems with logging into Web CT from home especially over the weekend
- Novell server is a problem for logging in, inconsistent passwords etc.
- WiFi-Fi issues logging in

Bridget explained that the Business Faculty control the Novell system so she will speak to them and the WiFi-Fi is being fixed this afternoon. She asked if there were persistent problems accessing WebCt from off-site please give more details and she'll look into it

Eric pointed out that him and Seanie are happy to address any issues Reps might have over the year as well so email him with any issues at convenor.ast@ditsu.ie

DITSU Issues: (Issues pertinent to the Students Union)

- **Governing Council:** Governing Council will be held tomorrow the 4th November 2009 in room 2019 in Aungier Street. All Councillors should attend or send their apologies to administrator@ditsu.ie, and all students are welcome to attend
- **Halloween Ball:** Very good feedback, the issue of very few drink promotions were raised. Eric explained that depending on the night of the week it affects the level of drink promotions that can be offered: Thursday is a very popular night so therefore less promotions available. Essentially the gig was in a very good venue and the ticket prices were very good value
- **Christmas Week:** The first LPIT (Local Programme Implementation Team of Part Time officers and Convenor) will happen this Thursday the 5th November 2009 and they will be hoping to plan some activities on-site during lunch time. It was suggested the we try and do some non-alcoholic activity during the day for the under-age and mature students who aren't able to attend evening events. The Events Department is working on the Christmas Ball. It was asked if there were any plans for any charitable event such as the Giving Tree that St Vincent De Paul did last week, Sean explained there would be some activity for SvdeP and Our Lady's Children's Hospital. Someone asked if we could have some comedians. Eric explained that there had been a few attempts at getting comedians in this semester that were thwarted by various circumstances such as protests and cancellations
- **Events:**
 - The band 'The Spikes' will be playing at lunchtime on the 10th November

Ideas:

- Comedians
- SVP Giving Tree
- Lunch Time Activity

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japanese Pop stars are playing Wed 18th November in the Button Factory, tickets are €5, €8 on the door • Sean asked which week the students would like their Xmas week festivities to be on, the general consensus was the week of the 7th December. The activities will be a range of good clean fun and anyone interested in getting involved or with any ideas please contact us • Volunteers: As usual we need volunteers, this time for 'Welfare Week' , our day is going to be the 16th of November and we'll need loads of bodies for giving out tea etc. • Nominations: As expressed above, nominations are now officially open for all remaining democratic positions and will close on the 17th November 2009, please drop into the Union if you would like a nomination form 	<p>Anyone interested in volunteering contact the S.U. At advisor.ast@ditsu.ie</p>
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<p>DIT Issues: (Issues pertinent to the college)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HEA Funding: This is an issue which will remain on the agenda all year as it will be an ongoing issue. Currently the gym is still closed. Sports are in the process of trying to sub-contract the running of it out to a private company. The Templebar Technician issue has been resolved. One Rep said they were having some issues with their German lecturer, this is an individual lecturer and Eric will talk to the Rep after <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Rep mentioned their class mate plays water polo and has been told they'll be able to use the pool in the next week or two which is good news • One rep said their class is still being split between two classes for lab with one lecturer • One Rep asked if the gym was privatised will it not cost the students more money? Eric explained that it might be but that we had to try something and obviously student value would be one of the key concerns when choosing a provider • One Rep mentioned he had spoken to the Chair of the Dublin V.E.C. About the HEA cuts and had asked them to discuss it at their next meeting. Eric Thanked Graham and reminded all Reps to please contact their local politicians and ask them for a response to funding cuts • Public Meeting with the President: held two weeks ago, there was a moderate turnout and some good questions were asked. The big issue to come out of the meeting for the students was finding out that the staff are against any of the cuts and that they are also lobbying the Government on the colleges behalf. Hopefully now there will be better communication between the staff and students to help strengthen the message • In relation to the Gym and Sport facilities, we will know more within the next 10 days. We are aware what the HEA have said and its up to the college to support that, we will cause a fuss if necessary. The pool is closed because 	<p>Paul to speak to Eric</p> <p>All reps to ask their local representatives for a response</p>

<p>IMPACT and SIPTU have closed the doors, not the DIT so there are more issues arising</p> <p>USI Issues: (Any issues relating to the National Students Union)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
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<p>Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glenn and Darren: Labour Youth are this evening hosting a fee's debate with Ivana Bachick as guest speaker. Its at 6pm in G022 all students are welcome and invited to attend • The GAA want to remind Reps there is a 'Night at the Dogs' for their annual fund-raiser, €10 includes dinner and entry, bus and entry to Coppers, an excellent class night out, contact the club for more information 	
The meeting concluded at 2pm	
Date of next meeting: 24th November 2009	