



dit students' union

**Minutes: Class Rep Meeting Mountjoy Square**  
**Date: 12/10/2009**  
**Time: 13:00**  
**Venue: Mountjoy Square**  
**Room: 314**

*1<sup>st</sup> Meeting*

**Potential Class Reps: 46**

**Number of Class Reps Elected to Date: 30**

**Number of Class Reps Present: 19**

**In Attendance: See Attendance List**

**Visitors: See Attendance List**

**Apologies: Orla Butler, DT572/2**

<b>Minutes:</b>  <i>There were no previous minutes</i>	
	<b>Action Box</b>
<b>Matters Arising:</b>  <i>There were no matters arising</i>	
	<b>Action Box</b>
<b>Correspondence:</b>  <i>There was one piece of correspondence from the DITSU Electoral Commission:</i>  Dear CRM member,  As you may be aware the Electoral Commission has been reviewing a number of matters over the past 5 months. We have concluded a significant component of our programme of work and a matter we intend to examine in the next few months relates to the role of Part-Time Officers and their role descriptions.  As you are no doubt aware these have been the subject of some confusion over the course of the past 3-4 years. I just wanted to inform you that this matter was under review and once we have reached a decision we will be contact.	

Deiric Ó Broin Chairperson Electoral Commission	
	<b>Action Box</b>
<p><b>DITSU Issues:</b></p> <p><b>Class Rep Training</b>          Jonathan read out an email regarding Rep Training. It is due to take place this weekend the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of October in the Bracken Court Hotel, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin. Anyone who is interested should drop down to Jonathan or Peter in the SU office to fill out a form and leave a €10 deposit. This deposit is refunded upon arrival at the Hotel.          Jen Jordan (VP Academic and Student Affairs) elaborated on the content to be covered and the handiness of being a class rep particularly when it comes to filling up your CV and possible Interview questions.          There will be entertainments, freebies, free bus and a tee shirt for all. Professor Brian Norton and Dr. Frank McMahon (Director of Academic Affairs) will also be guest speaking.</p> <p><b>Walk in the Park</b>          The 1<sup>st</sup> RAG (Raising and Giving) event of the year is taking place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October having been rescheduled from the 8<sup>th</sup> of October. Sean Campbell (VP Services and Trading) asked all Class Reps to tell their class what a fun &amp; healthy this event is of raising money for our RAG Charity, Our Lady's Children Hospital. He told all Reps who are interested to call into Peter in the SU Office for more details or check out <a href="http://www.ditsu.ie">www.ditsu.ie</a></p> <p><b>Halloween Ball</b>          Fionnula Coffey (DT544/3) asked Sean Campbell what the story was with the DITSU Halloween Ball.           Sean said that there were issues with the Halloween Ball and their venue had fallen through. However it is a joint venture between DITSU and the Drama Society and more details will follow once they're confirmed.</p> <p><b>Fees</b>          Jonathan announced the under the Green Parties "Proposed Renewed Programme for Government" 3<sup>rd</sup> Level tuition fees have been taken off the table. However this will not affect the possible raise of the Registration Fee (Currently €1500) nor will it change the current cutbacks the DIT are currently forced to take.           Tracey Flinter (President) asked Class Reps to contact their TD's and let them know their frustration over the cutbacks in DIT. DITSU is organising a "Ring your TD Day" where the Purple Place in MSQ will be enabled to allow students to email their TD to express their opinion. This is due to the fact that the CPIT Team are telling TD's and Senators what's wrong, but they are only one voice. DITSU needs the student body to communicate directly and give many voices for Elected Officials to listen to.</p>	

<p><b>DIT Issues:</b></p> <p><b>Library</b>  The library service has been cutback and now only operates three full days and two half days in MSQ. The library closes at 5.15pm on Mondays. Jonathan spoke to Dr. Philip Cohen (Head of Library Service and Student Ombudsman) and expressed students concern over this. The library simply does not have the manpower available to operate four full days. Jonathan said he would survey the Class Reps to see what day they would prefer to have a reduced service on rather than Monday. The Reps are to get back to Jonathan by the next CRM.</p> <p>Tracey Flinter (President) reiterated that students need to use the library till 9pm at night if they are in studying so the library service opening till 9pm is justified. If the service is not used to its full potential it will be reduced again.</p>	<p><b>Action Box</b></p>
<p><b>LPIT Report:</b></p> <p>The LPIT has not yet been elected so there was nothing to report.</p> <p>Jonathan explained the role and functions of LPIT.</p>	<p><b>Action Box</b></p>
<p><b>A.O.B</b></p> <p><b>Elections</b>  Claire Healey, Student Participation Co-Ordinator for the Students' Union went through all the different democratic roles within the SU. The following was noted:</p> <p>Governing Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kathryn Payne</li> <li>● Kieran Keane</li> <li>● Aine Gibbons</li> <li>● Fionnula Coffey</li> <li>● Rebecca McKenna</li> </ul> <p><i>DEEMED ELECTED</i></p> <p>Part-Time Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Due to a Technical issue with the Local SU Office the nominations received for Part-Time Officer positions were not valid. Nominations were reopened for the next CRM.</li> </ul> <p>DITSU Sub-Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Thomas Moran (Academic and Student Affairs Sub-Comm)</li> <li>● Jonathan Hayes (Chief Ops &amp; Comms Sub-Comm)</li> <li>● Kieran Keane (Services &amp; Trading Sub-Comm)</li> </ul> <p><i>DEEMED ELECTED</i></p> <p><b>Art and Design Week</b>  Fionnula Coffey (DT544/3) and Jonathan ran through the idea behind Art &amp; Design Week and said that anyone can enter the activity. A</p>	<p><b>SSA</b></p> <p><b>Jonathan</b></p>

display of all work will be made in the Students Canteen in MSQ, however efforts are being made this year to role it out across the entire DIT even though it is traditionally a Mountjoy Square activity. If anyone has any ideas or wants to get involved in Art and Design Week they can contact Jonathan or Fionnula.

**Union Students of Ireland (USI)**

Tracey Flinter (President) explained the roles, responsibilities and duties of USI. She explained she was at National Congress in UCD over the weekend and they discussed the upcoming challenges all the Students' Unions were facing for the coming year. She advised Reps to keep an eye out for USI posters and to check ditsu.ie for information throughout the year.

**Site Issues**

Kieran Keane (DT544/3) raised the issue that the light-box in the Interior Design Studio was broken and had sharp edges.

**VP Services & Trading**

Interior Design 2<sup>nd</sup> Year studio have a set of broken lockers that are posing a Health and Safety Risk.

**VP Services & Trading**

Portland Row – Internal Wi-fi is not reaching all floors. Sean Campbell (VP Service and Trading) is aware of this issue and it is under investigation.

**VP Services & Trading**

There were various complaints about the lack of a Free Printer Service. Jonathan to persue.

**Jonathan**

*Time meeting concluded: 14:00*

*Date of next meeting: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 09*