National Council of the Union of Students in Ireland

Institute of Technology, Carlow

9th-10th November 2012

**Schedule**

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|  | **Friday, 9th November 2012** |
| 5pm | “Working under Equality Legislation”  Cathal Kelly, Equality Authority |
| 6pm | Equality & Citizenship Working Group |
| 7pm | Entertainments Working Group |
| 8pm | Education Working Group |
|  | **Saturday, 10th November 2012** |
| 9am | Presidents’ Working Group/Welfare Working Group |
| 10am | Campaigns Working Group |
| 11.30am | Regional Council |
| 12.30pm | Lunch |
| 1pm | National Council |
| 3.30pm | Campaigns Sub-Committee |

**Meeting:** Presidents’ Working Group

**Date & Time:** Saturday, 10th November, 9am

**Clár**

1. Matters Arising
2. Items for Discussion/ Le Bheith Pléite
3. Students’ Union Funding Structures
4. Pre-Budget Campaign
5. A.O.B./A.G.E.

**Meeting:** Campaigns Working Group

**Date & Time:** Saturday, 10th November, 10am

**Clár**

1. Matters Arising
2. Items for Discussion/ Le Bheith Pléite
3. National Campaign Updates
4. Lobby of the Oireachtas
5. Culmination Event
6. Aftermath
7. A.O.B./A.G.E.

**Meeting:** Education Working Group

**Date & Time:** Friday, 9th November 2012, 8pm

**Clár**

1. Exam Busters Campaign Presentation

- With Welfare Working Group

2. SUSI

- Updates, Issues, Appeals

3. Class Rep Retention

- Successful initiatives, feedback

4. National Student Survey

- Focus Groups

5. Casework

- Caseload, common queries, dealing with staff

6. A.O.B.

**Meeting:** Welfare Working Group

**Date & Time:** Saturday, 10th November, 9am

**Clár**

1) Matters Arising

2) Minutes

3) Items for Discussion/ Le Bheith Pléite

(i) PleaseTalk Candle Lit event

(ii) Anti Bullying Campaign

(iii) Alcohol Subgroup

(iv) Reflective Support Session

4) A.O.B.

**Meeting:** Equality and Citizenship Working Group

**Date & Time:** Friday, 9th November 2012, 6pm

**Clár**

1. Minutes
2. Matters Arising
3. Items for Discussion/ Le Bheith Pléite
   1. Update from the VP for Equality & Citizenship on progress of campaigns
   2. Student Volunteering/Active Citizenship

Update from the Equality and Citizenship Officer on recent engagement with Volunteer Ireland. Feedback from Working Group on plans to promote student volunteering in 2013 and money raised by students during Raising and Giving Weeks

* 1. Pink Training

Outline of the event and code of conduct for the weekend for delegates

1. A.O.B.

**Meeting:** Entertainments Working Group

**Date & Time:** Friday, 9th November 2012, 7pm

**Clár**

1. Minutes
2. Matters Arising
3. Items for Discussion/ Le Bheith Pléite Agenda
4. USI Entertainment Website: Structure and Layout
5. Fight Nights
6. Christmas Balls
7. Rag Weeks
8. Students’ Union Balls

4) A.O.B.

**Meeting:** Dublin Regional Council

**Date & Time:** Saturday, 10th November, 11.30am

**Agenda**

**Items for discussion:**

1. Dublin Region Town Hall Meeting; South and Central
2. Local Protests

**Dates for Noting:**

1. Lobby of the Oireachtas, Thursday 15th November
2. Budget Day – December 5th
3. Next National Council – 7th & 8Th December in Athlone IT

**AOB**

**Meeting:** Border, Midlands & Western Regional Council

**Date & Time:** Saturday, 10th November, 11.30am

**Clár**

1. Matters Arising
2. Public meetings
3. Protests
4. Lobbying
5. Class Rep Page
6. A.O.B.

**Meeting:** Southern Regional Council

**Date & Time:** Saturday, 10th November, 11.30am

**Clár**

1. Minutes
2. Matters Arising
3. Items for Discussion/ Le Bheith Pléite Agenda
4. National Campaign: Upcoming Public Meetings/Protests
5. Student Journalists
6. MO Handbook
7. A.O.B.

**Clár**

**Meeting/Cruinniú:** National Council / Comhairle Náisiúnta

**Date & Time/Dáta & Am:** 10/11/12 – 13:00-15:30

**Location/ Áit:** IT Carlow

1. **Minutes / Miontuairiscí**
2. **Matters Arising / Nithe ag Éirí Astu**
3. **Pre-nominated A.O.B. / A.G.E. réamh ainmnithe**
4. **Officer Reports / Tuairisc na nOifigeach**
5. **Presentation from Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI)**

Talk from a representative of Student Universal Support Ireland (SUSI) on issues with the application process for maintenance grants and how SUSI and Students’ Unions can work together to ensure that students are processed as quickly as possible. The presentation will be following by a Q&A session so that Students’ Union officers can ask any questions about the issues within SUSI in relation to grant application processing.

1. **Items for Agreement / Le Socrú**
   1. Pre-Budget Submission
2. **Items for Discussion / Le Bheith Pléite**
   1. Pre-Budget Campaign Strategy
3. **A.O.B. / A.G.E.**

Items for Agreement / Le Socrú

**Item 6A –** **Pre-Budget Submission**

Submitted by: Task Force on Higher Education Funding

For Agreement

The Task Force on Higher Education Funding is asking National Council to approve the Pre-Budget Submission for use in the lead up to Budget 2013.

Items for Discussion / Le Bheith Pléite

**Item 8A – USI Pre-Budget Strategy Update**

Submitted by: Officer Board

For Discussion

Updates from Students’ Unions, the President and the Deputy President on USI’s pre-Budget strategy. The purpose of this discussion is to facilitate best practice across the country, address any issues with the strategy and ensure the campaign is operating at maximum effectiveness in the lead up to the Budget.