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

**Date & Time/Dáta & Am:** 18/01/14 - 13:30-15:30

**Location/ Áit:** Letterkenny Institute of Technology

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 TEEU on USI-TEEU Apprenticeships Campaign**
6. **Items for Information / Le Eolas**

a) ISSE (Irish Survey of Student Engagement)

b) National Teaching Awards

c) USI Student Finance Survey

d) Students for Marriage Equality Campaign

e) Collaborative Training Event

f) Meeting on Independent Students & Estrangement

1. **Items for Agreement / Le Socrú**

a) Campaign 2014: Value of Education- Phase 1

b) USI Calendar & Plan for Semester 2

c) USI Engagement with Online & Distance Learning

d) Non-Affiliates at Gender Conference

e) Student Assistance Fund Allocation

1. **Items for Discussion / Le Bheith Pléite**

a) Trilateral Committee Report

b) Nurses Campaign Presentation

c) Affiliation Referendums

d) Student Achievement Awards Ireland

e) Jobs, Enterprise & Employability Campaign

(i) Website & Roadshow

(ii) Student Summit

1. **A.O.B. / A.G.E.**

Items for Information/ Le Eolas

**Item 6A –** **ISSE (Irish Survey of Student Engagement)**

VP for Academic Affairs and Quality Assurance will deliver a presentation about the ISSE roll out and promotional materials.

Submitted by: VP for Academic Affairs & Quality Assurance

For Information

**Item 6B –** **National Teaching Awards**

VP for Academic Affairs and Quality Assurance will briefly explain the progress of the awards and the launch event scheduled for January 23rd.

Submitted by: VP for Academic Affairs & Quality Assurance

For Information

**Item 6C- USI Student Finance Survey**

VP for Academic Affairs and Quality Assurance will give a progress report on the survey fieldwork and outline the next steps.

Submitted by: VP for Academic Affairs & Quality Assurance

For Information

**Item 6D- Students for Marriage Equality Campaign**

Update on consultation process on USI's 'Students for Marriage Equality' campaign.

Submitted by: VP for Equality & Citizenship

For Information

**Item 6E- Collaborative Training Event**

The President and NUS-USI President will inform National Council on developments of a collaborative summer training programme between USI, NUS-USI, and NUS.

Submitted by: President/ NUS-USI President

For Information

**Item 6F- Meeting on Independent Students & Estrangement**

The President will notify National Council of arrangements for the meeting on independent students and estrangement.

The HEA, the Department and SUSI will be able to facilitate this meeting on January 30th at 11am.

Submitted by: President

For Information

Items for Agreement/ Le Socrú

**Item 7A – Campaign 2014: Value of Education- Phase 1**

Following the planning group meeting before Christmas, and discussion at Campaigns Working Group, National Council is asked to approve Phase 1 of the 2014 USI National Campaign, to bring us to Congress 2014.

Submitted by: President

For Agreement

**Item 7B –** **USI Calendar & Plan for Semester 2**

National Council is asked to approve the circulated calendar of USI events & campaigns.

Submitted by: Officer Board

For Agreement

**Item 7C- USI Engagement with Online & Distance Learning**

**National Council anticipates**

That online and distance learning will form a significant part of the considerations of Higher Education Institutions as learning technologies develop.

**National Council asserts**

That early engagement with online and distance learning is important to ensure sufficient quality assurance processes and student support considerations form part of the development of online learning.

**National Council therefore mandates**

The VP AAQA to develop USI policy on engagement with the development of online and distance learning and to present the policy to the final meeting of National Council of the academic year. The policy should consider how USI would assist MOs in supporting online learners enrolled in their institution, quality assurance and online/distance student experience, and the possibility that online education would create a two-tier system.

Submitted by: Trinity College Dublin Students’ Union

For Agreement

**Item 7D- Gender Conference**

National Council are asked to approve the invitation of non-affiliates to the Gender Conference being organised by USI, in order to secure funding for the event.

Submitted by: VP for Equality & Citizenship

For Agreement

**Item 7E- Student Assistance Fund Allocation**

National Council is asked to approve a recommendation from USI that additional monies secured for the SAF from accrued interest be dispersed on an equitable basis, in line with the normal principles applied to HEI’s in respect of this Fund by the HEA.

Submitted by: President

For Agreement

Items for Discussion/ Le Bleith Pléite

**Item 8A- Trilateral Committee Report**

The President will deliver an update to National Council for discussion on outcomes from the Trilateral Committee meeting held in London.

Submitted by: President/ NUS-USI President

For Discussion

**Item 8B- Nurses Campaign Presentation**

The Vice-President for Campaigns and NUIGSU President will present plans for the USI Nurses Campaign.

Submitted by: VP for Campaigns/ NUIGSU

For Discussion

**Item 8C- Affiliation Referendums**

The dates for upcoming referenda on affiliation to USI will be given to National Council, and a discussion around USI referendum strategy and messaging will take place.

Submitted by: President

For Discussion

**Item 8D- Student Achievement Awards Ireland**

USI Officer Report will request feedback and ideas on this year’s SAAI Awards.

Submitted by: Officer Board

For Discussion

**Item 8E- Jobs, Enterprise and Employability Campaign**

The President will present a mock-up of the Jobs.USI.ie website, and the ongoing work on a student employability roadshow with HAYS Recruitment.

The VP for Campaigns and the DITSU VP for Events will present on a USI Student Summit on Enterprise and Innovation in April.

Submitted by: President/ VP for Campaigns/ DITSU

For Discussion