

The National Council of the Union of Students in Ireland

Minutes

**National Council USI,
National College of Ireland
19th December, 2017**

Chairperson: Richard Hammond
Deputy Chairperson: Colm Murphy

NAMES APPEARING ON THE ATTENDANCE LIST:

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AITSU

Katie O’Riordan Donna Mulkernins

DITSU

Boni Odoemene Pierre Yimbog

DCUSU

Siobhán ni Thaidhg

GMITSU

Mark O’Brien

IADTSU

Helen Moynihan

ITBSU

Hayley Keogh

ITCSU

Lorna Fitzpatrick

ITSSU

Barry Clohessy

ITTDSU

Jason Kavanagh

ITTSU

Shaun Walsh

LITSU

Philip Desmond

NCADSU

Ross Kelly

NCISU

Seán McMahon

Stephen Cleary

NUIGSU

Lorcán Ó Maoileannaigh

Andrew Forde

Megan Reilly

QUBSU

Jessica Elder

STACS

Aoife Deasy

TCDSU

Kevin Keane

Damien McClean

UCCSU

Anna Heverin

Kelly Coyle

Bord na nOifigeach, AMLÉ

Michael Kerrigan, President

Síona Cahill, Vice President for Equality and Citizenship

Oisín Hassan, Deputy President and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Amy Kelly, Vice President for Campaigns

Jimmy McGovern, Vice President for the Border, Midlands and Western Region

Michelle Byrne, Vice President for the Southern Region

NAMES FOR WHOM APOLOGIES WERE OFFERED TO THE MEETING:

AITSU: Oisín Moloughney.

UCCSU: Martin Scally, Barry O'Shea, Ben Dunlea, Tadhg Casey, Seán Ó Riabhaigh.

GMITSU: Emma-Louise Duffy, Aaron Burke.

ITBSU: Conor Dempsey.

Preliminary Notes

- It was agreed to accept the attendance of USI General Manager and the NUIG General Manager to the meeting.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting which occurred at TCD, on 3rd of November were deferred to the next meeting.

2. Matters Arising

None.

3. Pre-Nominated Any Other Business

- None

4. Media Report

To be taken at the next meeting of National Council.

5. Officer Reports

Do to the specific nature for which this National Council was called, Officer Reports were not taken.

6. Items for Agreement

6(a) Resolution 1 ~ Confidentiality

Proposed by the USI President
Seconded by I.T. Sligo Students' Union

That with respect for the confidential nature of the information to be disclosed and with appreciation for the commercial and political sensitivity of the information to be divulged, National Council, the member organisations of the Union of Students in Ireland, and all persons present at the meeting of the USI National Council occurring on 19th December, 2017, HEREBY RESOLVE to preserve the confidentiality of all matters placed before and discussed at the said meeting.

This resolution has the support of the USI Finance Committee.

After a debate and a question and answer session the Chairperson brought the resolution to a vote. The resolution was passed unanimously.

6(b) Resolution 2 ~ Purchase of Ground Floor, 13A, Grattan Crescent, Inchicore, Dublin 8

Proposed by the USI President
Seconded by Carlow College Students' Union

Pursuant to Articles 4.2.3, 4.2.8, 9.1.1, 9.1.2.5, and 9.2.2. respectively of the Constitution of the Union of Students in Ireland, National Council as the executive body of the Union

of Students in Ireland HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

- A. That the Union of Students in Ireland shall purchase the premises currently offered for sale by Lambert Smith Hampton Auctioneers known as Ground Floor, 13A, Grattan Crescent, Inchicore, Dublin 8 (hereinafter “the Property”) at the sale agreed price of €320,000 subject to VAT @13.5% and Stamp Duty @ 6%.**
- B. That Finance Committee is authorised and directed to take all steps necessary, with the assistance of appropriate professional advisors, to agree the terms of a Contract for Sale and Deed of Assignment to conclude the purchase of the Property.**
- C. That the Trustees are authorised and directed to execute such legal documents as may be apposite in order to secure ownership of the Property in trust for the Union of Students in Ireland.**
- D. That should it be considered by Finance Committee more advantageous so to do, ownership of the Property may instead be achieved through the purchase of the Property by an incorporated company in respect of which the Trustees are the shareholders.**
- E. That Finance Committee acting through the General Manager is authorised and directed to take all steps necessary, whilst maintaining prudent financial management, to refurbish and equip the Property following the completion of the purchase, to enable the headquarters of the Union of Students in Ireland to be located from the Property as soon as possible following the completion of the purchase.**

This resolution has the support of the USI Finance Committee.

After a debate and a question and answer session the Chairperson brought the resolution to a vote. The resolution was passed unanimously.

6(c) Resolution 3 ~ Securing Finance to progress a property purchase

Proposed by the USI President

Seconded by I.T. Carlow Students' Union

Pursuant to Articles 4.2.3, 4.2.8, 9.1.1, 9.1.2.5, and 9.3.2. respectively of the Constitution of the Union of Students in Ireland, National Council as the executive body of the Union of Students in Ireland HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

- A. That the Union of Students Ireland shall enter into a loan agreement with SCML Teoranta (“the Lender”) to borrow €500,000 in order to facilitate the purchase, refurbishment, and equipping for occupation of the premises currently offered for sale by Lambert Smith Hampton Auctioneers known as Ground Floor, 13A, Grattan Crescent, Inchicore, Dublin 8 (hereinafter “the Property”).**

- B. That the loan together with an agreed appropriate interest rate thereon shall be repaid over twelve years in quarterly instalments commencing 1st March, 2018 and concluding on 1st December, 2029 on a fixed-term fixed-rate basis.**
- C. That the loan shall be secured by a first legal charge over the Property in favour of the Lender which may enforce its security in the event of any failure to make the requisite repayments.**
- D. That the Trustees, on behalf of the Union of Students in Ireland, are authorised and directed to execute the loan agreement together with such document(s) as may be necessary to create the first legal charge for the Lender.**
- E. That both to honour its commitments and avoid foreclosure resulting in the loss of the Property, repayment of the loan shall be the priority payment from the finances of the Union of Students Ireland.**

This resolution has the support of the USI Finance Committee.

After a debate and a question and answer session the Chairperson brought the resolution to a vote. The resolution was passed unanimously.

The Chairperson, in his capacity as a member of Finance Committee expressed his congratulations to National Council.

The General Manager of NUIGSU, in his capacity as a member of Finance Committee expressed his congratulations to National Council.

9. Any Other Business

The Vice President for Equality and Citizenship gave details of an event happening in Dublin in relation to highlighting the substandard nature of accommodation being offered by some providers. She urged MOs to attend and support the event.

The President expressed thanks to everyone for their participation and continued by thanking NCISU for their hospitality. He also wished National Council and Happy Christmas.

The Chairperson thanked NCISU for hosting this meeting and wished everyone a safe and Happy Christmas before closing the meeting.