

National Council of the Union of Students in Ireland

Dublin Institute of Technology

8th-9th November 2013

Schedule

	Friday, 8th November 2013 (DIT Aungier Street)
5pm	Events & Marketing Working Group
6pm	Education Working Group
7pm	Equality & Citizenship Working Group
8pm	Presidents' Working Group/Welfare Working Group
	Saturday, 9th November 2013 (DIT Cathal Brugha Street)
9am	Campaigns Working Group
10am	National Council
11.30am	Lunch
12pm	Young People's Assembly
1pm	National Council

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Meeting/Cruinniú: National Council / Comhairle Náisiúnta

Date & Time/Dáta & Am: 09/11/13 - 10:00-11:30

Location/ Áit: Dublin Institute of Technology, Cathal Brugha Street

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. Items for Information / Le Eolas

- a) National Teaching Awards
- b) Bodywhys Survey
- c) More Talk, More Action
- d) Pink Training
- e) Update on Taskforce for Volunteering & Citizenship

6. Items for Agreement / Le Socrú

- a) Value of Education Campaign
- b) Grant Reform- Estranged Parents
- c) VAT Reform on Library Journals
- d) MOU with Conradh na Gaeilge
- e) Y=S Campaign
- f) Congress Director

7. Items for Discussion / Le Bheith Pléite

- a) Presentation from Stephen Murtagh, Deal Effect
- b) USI Member Services Ltd. Update
- c) SUSI Update
- d) Christmas Campaign- Toy Appeal & Community Events

8. A.O.B. / A.G.E.

Items for Agreement / Le Socrú

Item 6A – Value of Education Campaign

Following discussion at Campaigns Working Group, National Council are asked to approve a follow-up campaign to

A discussion document has been circulated in advance.

Submitted by: DIT Students' Union

For Agreement

Item 6B – Grant Reform: Estranged Parents

Following on from Policy Document 12/AA 7, the President and the Vice President for Academic Affairs are to arrange a meeting between HEA and a selection of Independent Students (one per MO) under the age of 23 to discuss the development of a fairer system for independent students under the age of 23 to receive SUSI funding and how it can be implemented.

Deadline January 2014

Submitted by: UCC Students' Union

For Agreement

Item 6C- VAT Reform on Library Journals

This motion mandates: 'That the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Quality Assurance of USI would work with the Library Association of Ireland and other interested parties to lobby the Minister for Education and other relevant bodies for reform of this tax code to better represent the benefits of online media over print journals to the education sector'.

The motion in full has been circulated in advance to National Council.

Submitted by: DIT Students' Union

For Agreement

Item 6D- MOU with Conradh na Gaeilge

National Council is asked to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between USI and Conradh na Gaeilge. This MOU has been circulated to National Council in advance.

It is to ensure that the position of the Leas-Uachtarán Gaeilge has a seat on the National Executive Committee of Conradh na Gaeilge.

This will result in an invaluable relationship between the two organisations, and an opportunity for the Léas Uachtarán Ghaeilge to discuss campaign ideas at the executive level of the Conradh.

Submitted by: Leas-Uachtarán Gaeilge

For Agreement

Item 6E- Y=S Campaign

This item is to ascertain if USI should lend its support to the Y=S campaign. It will feature a short presentation about the campaign to National Council. The campaign focuses on the issue of consent and would be supported by USI as part of a follow-up campaign to the Say Something study.

Submitted by: USI Vice-President for Equality & Citizenship

For Agreement

Item 6F- Congress Director

National Council is asked to approve Ben Archibald, USI General Manager, as the Director of Congress 2014.

Submitted by: USI President

For Agreement

Items for Discussion / Le Bheith Pléite

Item 7A – Presentation from Stephen Murtagh, Deal Effect

A presentation to be given by Deal Effect on the launch of the daily deals site and a new referral and reward scheme, with questions and answers to be facilitated on the student launch, specific student deals and student sign ups.

Submitted by: USI President

For Discussion

Item 7B – USI Member Services Ltd. Update

The USI President and General Manager are to present an update to National Council on activities pertaining to USI Member Services Ltd., USI's Income Diversification Strategy and the development of USI's commercial services.

Submitted by: USI President

For Discussion

Item 7C- SUSI Update

A progress report will be given on the centralised grant awarding authority, SUSI, with specific problematic areas to be highlighted and National Council and noted by the VP for AA & QA.

Submitted by: Vice-President for Academic Affairs & Quality Assurance

For Discussion

Item 7D- Christmas Campaign

The USI President and VP for Campaigns are to give an update on the Regional Christmas Community Engagement events being organised by USI, and USI's partner support of the St Vincent de Paul Toy Appeal campaign.

Submitted by: USI President

For Discussion

[Items for Information/ Le Eolas](#)

Item 5A – National Teaching Awards

USI VP Academic Affairs & Quality Assurance will give an update on the project, and the outcomes from the Student Officer meeting held on November 5th.

Submitted by: VP for Academic Affairs & Quality Assurance

For Information

Item 5B – Bodywhys Survey

USI VP Welfare will highlight the Bodywhys survey which looks at young adults' knowledge about the various categories of eating disorders and their impressions of individuals with eating disorders. The various aspects of the survey will be explained.

Submitted by: USI VP for Welfare

For Discussion

Item 5C – More Talk, More Action

USI VP Welfare will update National Council on USI's new mental health campaign 'More Talk More Action' which will launch at in NCI on the 11th of November.

Submitted by: USI VP for Welfare

For Discussion

Item 5D – Pink Training

This item will outline updates in relation to USI Pink Training (22nd-24th of November). It will also allow Officers the opportunity to question the VP for Equality and Citizenship if they have any queries in relation to the event.

Submitted by: USI VP for Equality & Citizenship

For Discussion

Item 5E – Update on Taskforce for Volunteering and Citizenship

This item will provide an update on the work of the USI Task Force on Volunteering and Citizenship to date and on its plans for the coming months. It will also allow Officers to ask questions in relation to the work of the Task Force.

Submitted by: USI VP for Equality & Citizenship

For Discussion
