

# **Tuairiscí Coiste Gnó**

*Coiste Gnó Reports*

**Lúnasa 2022 - Cúil Rathain**

*August 2022 – Coleraine*

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## 1. Uachtarán

President

*Beth O'Reilly*

### a) Príomh-phointí ón Comhairle Náisiúnta deireanach

*Key Points Since Last Comhairle Náisiúnta*

#### **Crossover**

Since the last Comhairle Náisiúnta, I have both given and received crossover. For the VP Campaigns Crossover, I compiled a policy list of all USI Mandated Campaigns, a list of all trainings that USI Officers must run as well as a dedicated policy file containing all of the VP Campaigns mandated policies. I also provided a run down of the things to consider when planning a campaign and a list of all the boards and committees that the VP Campaigns sits on.

For my own crossover, I attended introductory meetings for departmental committees like Funding the Future and the HEA Board and an introductory meeting with Simon Harris, as well as other introductory meetings like our first Trilateral Meeting, and my first Governance Committee meeting.

As the only member of the previous executive who was staying on for the coming year, I updated our Policy File with all of the motions passed at Comhdháil 2022, and updated our policy tracker to match. As well as this, I colour coded all mandates so that we could map out exactly how many campaigns, events and actions we are mandated to achieve over the coming year.

I also coordinated a full day crossover between the outgoing and incoming executive team, so that we could discuss in detail team dynamics, collective responsibilities and what to expect in the first month of the role.

I will be organising 1:1 meetings with all members of the Coiste Gnó in the coming weeks to check in on how they are settling into the roles and work with them to make any changes that they feel would better the structures and output of the organisation.

#### **SUT and SUT+**

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and engaged at SUT (and by the time this is up for questions, SUT+). It was amazing to meet all of the incoming MO Officers and I hope that you found the training sessions to be both enjoyable and informative. I'd like to thank the other members of the Coiste Gnó for assisting me with co-ordinating the specialist sessions, and thank the NUS-USI and NUS UK teams for helping to make sure the event ran smoothly.

I ran two sessions at SUT; an explanatory look at the HEA Bill followed by a lobby action where all of our MOs emailed Senators with a list of amendments that we would like to see supported in the Bill, and a Pre-Budget Submission session where I ran through the main headings that we cover in our Pre-Budget Submission and sought feedback on what our MOs wanted to see included.

#### **1:1s and Campus Visits**

I'm currently working my way through 1:1 meetings with all Presidents and making an effort to attend campuses as much as I can. If anybody would like to schedule a 1:1 meeting or arrange a campus visit – send me an email or a text and I'll do my best to facilitate.

#### **Student Accommodation**

The biggest issue affecting the majority of students for the upcoming year is the lack of affordable accommodation available. There has been a huge amount of media coverage of the crisis and I have done my best to highlight the role that the government has consistently played by avoiding action on

the issue until it is too late. I co-ordinated a student accommodation crisis meeting with MO Officers so that we could come together to discuss our action plan and escalation strategy, and I am now working with the VP Campaigns to provide a detailed strategy of action.

## b) Cruinnithe/Imeachtaí

### Meetings/Events

Dáta Date	Cruinniú/Imeacht Meeting/Event	Sonraí Details	Polasaí Policy
9 <sup>th</sup> June	National Women's Council of Ireland AGM <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	<b>[CROSSOVER]</b> I attended the National Women's Council of Ireland AGM – seconding the ISSU motion on a specific youth focused subcommittee. I also voted against the two motions that focused on the Nordic Model of Sex Work in line with the USI Decriminalisation of Sex Work Policy, unfortunately both motions passed.	2018 WEL 12  20 NA (NC) 1
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Funding the Future Working Group 2 <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	<b>[CROSSOVER]</b> I attended the Funding the Future introductory working group which set out the terms of reference for the group. The working group is focused on how the Department for Higher Education prioritises the funding of higher education for the next three budgets.	AA (NC) 19 – 2  20 AA 7  2021 AA (NC) 4  09 ED 13  2021 AA (NC) 8
14 <sup>th</sup> June	HEA Board Meeting <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	<b>[CROSSOVER]</b> I attended the HEA Board meeting in an observer capacity ahead of being appointed to the board on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of July.	
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Meeting with the USI President <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	<b>[CROSSOVER]</b> Meeting between myself and the former USI President to discuss the role, different committees and the HR structures of the organisation.	
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Trilateral Introduction <i>[Online]</i>	<b>[CROSSOVER]</b> An introductory meeting with the outgoing and incoming presidents of NUS UK, NUS-USI and the USI.	2021 UO 4
15 <sup>th</sup> June	SUT Catch Up with NUS-USI Staff <i>[Online]</i>	<b>[CROSSOVER]</b> A meeting between myself, the General Manager of the USI, and the NUS-USI staff team to confirm SUT timetables, locations and tutors.	2022 UO 2

15 <sup>th</sup> June	Lá Coiste Gnó <i>[Gallimh]</i>	Final Lá Coiste Gnó with the outgoing executive team to discuss crossover, pre-budget submission and policy file updates.	2021 UO 10  2022 UO 25
16 <sup>th</sup> June – 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Comhairle Náisiúnta <i>[Gallimh]</i>	Crossover Comhairle Náisiúnta. I helped to facilitate the introduction to USI session, chaired my final Campaigns Working Group, and sat in on my first Presidents' Working Group.	2022 UO 19
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Incoming Coiste Gnó Briefing <i>[Gallimh]</i>	First meeting with the incoming Coiste Gnó to brief them on what to expect in the coming weeks when taking office.	
20 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>TOIL</b>	Full day of Time Off In Lieu (TOIL)	
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Gender Equality Stakeholder Review <i>[Online]</i>	Meeting with the team at the HEA who are conducting the Gender Equality Review of Higher Education. I raised how the issues around postgraduate precarity disproportionately affect women and the lack of maternity cover for postgraduate workers. As well as this, I raised the need for dedicated childcare facilities on campus for students who are parents and the need for EDI departments to engage in more work with students on the ground rather than just operating through SU Officers.	EQ 19 – 7  2018 EQ 4
21 <sup>st</sup> June	HEA Bill Meeting with MOs <i>[Online]</i>	Meeting with Member Organisations to discuss the Minister's amendment to the HEA Bill to bring student representatives up from 2 members to 3.	17 UO 1  2022 UO 1  17 AA 4
21 <sup>st</sup> June	RTÉ News Interview on SUSI <i>[Online]</i>	Interview with RTÉ Six One News around the changes to SUSI for student workers.	
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Call with former TUSSU Officer	Call with the former VP Clare St. and Ennis around how to improve the structure of Comhairle Náisiúntaí moving forward.	20 WEL 1
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	HeForShe Event at Arás an Uachtaráin <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	<b>[CROSSOVER]</b> Attended the HeForShe event with the incoming LÚ don Ghaeilge at Arás an Uachtaráin.	EQ 19 – 7

24 <sup>th</sup> June	Pre-Budget Submission Meeting	Meeting with the outgoing Coiste Gnó to discuss the status of the Pre-Budget Submission.	2021 UO 10
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Coiste Gnó Crossover Day <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	Meeting with the outgoing and incoming Coiste Gnó teams to discuss the work of the USI, what to expect in the first few weeks and the structures and partner organisations of the Union.	
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Meeting with Minister Simon Harris <i>[Online]</i>	<b>[CROSSOVER]</b> Introductory meeting with the Minister ahead of my taking office as President. I brought up the expected issues in student accommodation and the need for legislative protections for those in digs accommodation.	2021 UO 16
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Presidential Crossover Meeting <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	<b>[CROSSOVER]</b> Meeting with the former USI President to discuss policy work, team management and the campaigns process.	
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Future Funding Group <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	Plenary meeting of the Future Funding Group – mainly discussing the terms of reference of the specific working groups, and the key areas where funding needs to be allocated.	AA (NC) 19 – 2  20 AA 7  2021 AA (NC) 4  09 ED 13  2021 AA (NC) 8
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Governance Committee Meeting	<b>[CROSSOVER]</b> I attended my first Governance Committee meeting in an observer capacity.	20 AF 3
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Headshots <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	Arranged for headshots for the new members of the Coiste Gnó	
4 <sup>th</sup> June	USI Policy Brief <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	Co-ordinated an introductory meeting to the policy file and shared personalised policy trackers with each of the CG officers.	2022 UO 25
4 <sup>th</sup> June	SUT Briefing <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	Ran through the timetable and CG allocations for the different specialist sessions at SUT. Delegated out the final speakers to be co-ordinated by the CG.	2022 UO 2

5 <sup>th</sup> June – 6 <sup>th</sup> June	USI Coiste Gnó Bonding Trip <i>[An Lú]</i>	Organised a Coiste Gnó bonding trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre.	
7 <sup>th</sup> June	MO Communications and Engagement Meeting with the CG <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	Meeting with the CG to discuss our strategy for communicating with our Member Organisations, preferred platforms and the structure to follow for all-sabbatical communications.	
8 <sup>th</sup> June	SUT Meeting with Nora (NUS-USI) <i>[Online]</i>	Meeting with Nora from NUS-USI around tutor group allocations and timetabling of tutor groups at SUT.	2022 UO 2
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Trans Equality Together Coalition Introductory Meeting <i>[Online]</i>	Meeting between myself, the VP E+C and Matt from Trans Equality Together to discuss bringing forward a motion to Comhairle Náisiúnta to mandate USI as members of the coalition.	20 EQ 4
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Call with CATU Training Officer	Call with Aisling from CATU to discuss facilitating a specialist session at SUT and encouraging members of USI to sign up to CATU.	2022 UO 2 2022 WEL 11
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> June	SUT <i>[Dún Dealgan]</i>	Students' Union Training hosted by DKITSU. We held four full days of training sessions for incoming SU officers. I also co-ordinated a lobbying action around the HEA Bill where I broke down the cause and effects of the bill and circulated email templates to all SU Officers with amendments to propose to Senators ahead of the bill reaching Report Stage.	2022 UO 2
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Interview with Drive Time on Young Workers	Radio interview with Drive Time around young workers – I advocated for young workers to join a trade union and be aware of their rights as employees so as not to be taken advantage of.	12 CZN 2
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Trans and Intersex Pride Dublin <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	I attended Trans and Intersex Pride Dublin with the Coiste Gnó to stand in solidarity with our trans officers and student members.	20 EQ 4
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Monday Morning Meeting <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	Weekly meeting with the USI CG to discuss upcoming issues, schedules for the week and campaigning plans	
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Meeting with the IUA on Leaving Cert Reform	Meeting with Jim Miley from the IUA to discuss a joint approach from the ISSU, USI, the IUA and THEA to lobby the department	

	<i>[Online]</i>	for more time to be allocated between Leaving Cert. Results and the commencement of third level terms moving forward.	
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Funding the Future Working Group 2 <i>[Online]</i>	Meeting of the Funding the Future Working Group 2 to discuss how best to implement SUSI reform and strategies to help tackle the student cost of living crisis.	20 WEL 1  EM 20 (NA) 8
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Interview with Today FM on Student Accommodation	I was interviewed for The Last Word on the student accommodation crisis, potential solutions and the need for a move away from reliance on private sector renting.	20 NA (NC) 8B
19 <sup>th</sup> June	HEA Board Meeting <i>[Online]</i>	Attended my first HEA Board Meeting as an official member following my appointment to the board by the Minister.	
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Call with DKITSU President	Call with the DKITSU President around their constitution and outlined role as President.	
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Pre-Interview Research call with RTÉ	Pre-Interview call with the RTÉ Today with Claire Byrne production team ahead of an interview around the student accommodation crisis.	20 NA (NC) 8B
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Interview with RTÉ Radio 1 on Student Accommodation	Interview on Today with Claire Byrne around the student accommodation crisis and the coinciding student cost of living crisis.	20 NA (NC) 8B
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Calendar Planning Meeting with the Coiste Gnó <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	Meeting with the Coiste Gnó mapping out all of our mandated campaigns and events for the coming year. A digitised copy of the USI calendar will be circulated to all member organisations.	17 UO 14
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Meeting with It Stops Now Campaign <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	Meeting between myself, the VP E+C , VP Welfare and the Ending Sexual Harassment in Third Level team to establish USI's involvement in the upcoming It Stops Now campaign	2022 WEL 1
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	1:1 Meeting with DCUSU President <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	Meeting with the DCUSU President to discuss aims for the year and future USI involvement in campaigns	
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Monday Morning Meeting <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	Weekly meeting with the USI CG to discuss upcoming issues, schedules for the week and campaigning plans.	



25 <sup>th</sup> June	PR and Communications Meeting <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	Meeting with the USI PR & Comms Manager to discuss upcoming campaigns, media strategy and media prioritisation	
25 <sup>th</sup> June	NCADSU Campus Visit and Meeting <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	Campus visit to NCADSU to discuss campaigns, pre-budget submission and the Creatives Working group	
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Carlow College Campus Visit and Meeting <i>[Ceatharlach]</i>	Campus visit to Carlow College SU to discuss campaigns, Comhairle Náisiúnta	
28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>MEDICAL LEAVE</b>	Full day of leave for Medical Appointment	
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Meeting with the Psychological Society of Ireland <i>[Online]</i>	Meeting with the PSI and the VP Academic Affairs to discuss Pre-Budget Submission and future submission to the Joint Committee on mental health supports and how to include elements on the parity of funding between clinical and education/counselling psychological PHD students	2021 AA (NC) 5
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Call with CMLOÉG President	Call with the CMLOÉG President around Comhairle Náisiúnta Chair and steering committee elections	
29 <sup>th</sup> June	1:1 Meeting with the MTUKSU President <i>[Online]</i>	Meeting to discuss upcoming constitutional referendum and USI affiliation as well as issues in relation to student accommodation	
31 <sup>st</sup> July	UCCSU Pride Breakfast <i>[Corcaigh]</i>	Attended UCCSU's Pride Breakfast ahead of the Cork Pride Parade	20 EQ 4
31 <sup>st</sup> July	Cork Pride <i>[Corcaigh]</i>	Attended Cork Pride with the Coiste Gnó as well as representatives from TUSSU, MTUCSU, and UCCSU.	20 EQ 4
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Tuesday Morning Meeting <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	Meeting with the Coiste Gnó to discuss upcoming campaigns, MO updates and aims for the week	
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Lá Coiste Gnó <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	Full day of policy discussions with the Coiste Gnó to update our policy tracker ahead of Comhairle Náisiúnta	2022 UO 25

3 <sup>rd</sup> August	SETU SU Waterford Campus Visit and Meeting <i>[Port Láirge]</i>	Visit to SETU SU Waterford College Street and Cork Street Campus to discuss upcoming constitutional referendum and affiliation referendum. Attended with VP Campaigns and VP Academic Affairs and the SETU SU Carlow President.	
4 <sup>th</sup> August	Meeting with ESU Representatives around the HEA Bill <i>[Online]</i>	Meeting with ESU President and Executive Team to discuss the HEA Bill, expected effects of the bill and to request resources from them on similar governance legislation in the third level sector across Europe.	17 UO 1  2022 UO 1  17 AA 4
4 <sup>th</sup> August	Meeting with the Dublin Rape Crisis Centre <i>[Online]</i>	Meeting with Sarah from the Dublin Rape Crisis Centre and the USI VP Campaigns about an upcoming Consent Campaign and how USI can be involved in the development and rollout of the campaign.	2022 WEL 1
4 <sup>th</sup> August	1:1 Meeting with the TUDSU President <i>[Online]</i>	Meeting to discuss settling into the role, multi-campus dynamics and upcoming constitutional referendum.	
5 <sup>th</sup> August	Call with The Independent	Call with The Independent for a piece on the student accommodation crisis – I discussed the shortage of affordable accommodation, the need for legislation guaranteeing that PBSA would remain for students and the scope of the issue	20 NA (NC) 8B
5 <sup>th</sup> August	SUT+ Catch Up with UUSU President <i>[Online]</i>	Meeting between myself, the USI General Manager and the UUSU President to update on SUT+ plans	
8 <sup>th</sup> August	Interview with The Pat Kenny Show	Interview with The Pat Kenny Show on the student accommodation crisis. I spoke about the need for tenancy agreements for students in digs accommodation.	20 NA (NC) 8B
8 <sup>th</sup> August	Monday Morning Meeting <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	Weekly meeting with the Coiste Gnó to discuss upcoming campaigns and actions	
8 <sup>th</sup> August	News at 1 Interview	Interview with Brian Dobson around the student accommodation crisis. I spoke about the lack of government action and the difficulty with getting the Dept. For Housing and DFHERIS to collaborate.	20 NA (NC) 8B

8 <sup>th</sup> August	Call with The Independent	Follow up call with The Independent to highlight more cases of student accommodation converting to long term use	20 NA (NC) 8B
8 <sup>th</sup> August	RTÉ News Interview	Interview with RTÉ News on the student accommodation crisis and the lack of affordable options for student renters.	20 NA (NC) 8B
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Lá Coiste Gnó [Online]	Full day of updating the policy tracker and talking through our mandates for the year	2022 UO 25
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Pre-Show Call with The Last Word	Call with producers ahead of interview on student accommodation	20 NA (NC) 8B
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Interview with The Last Word	Interview on the student accommodation crisis and the governments failings to address the key issues.	20 NA (NC) 8B
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Accommodation Crisis Meeting [Online]	Meeting with MO Officers to discuss the current situation in their area, how they are directing students, potential protest actions and escalation strategies.	20 NA (NC) 8B

### c) Fógairt Bronntanais/Fáilteachais

#### Declaration of Gifts/Hospitality

Dáta Date	Tuairisc Description	Ceannaitheoir Purchaser
14 <sup>th</sup> July	DKITSU Mug and Chocolate Bar	DKITSU
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Energy Drink	SETU SU Waterford

### Éileamh Costais

#### Expenses Claimed

Mír Item	Tuairisc Description	Méid Amount
<b>Iompar Poiblí</b> Public Transport		
<b>Iompar Féin</b> Own Transport		
<b>Béilí</b> Meals	Breakfast (Carlingford – 5/7/22)	€7.50
	Breakfast (Carlingford - 6/7/22)	€7.15
<b>Tréimhsí Thar Oíche</b> Overnight Stays	Overnight (Carlingford – 5/7/22)	€20.00
	Overnight x4 (SUT 11/07 - 14/07)	€80.00
<b>Nach Iad</b> Other	Taxi (DCUSU Campus Visit – 22/07/22)	€22.40
	Taxi (DCUSU Campus Visit – 22/07/22)	€22.40
<b>Iomlán</b> Total		€159.45



## 2. Leas-Uachtarán do Chúrsaí Acadúla

Vice President for Academic Affairs

*Clodagh McGivern*

### a) Príomh-phointí ón Comhairle Náisiúnta deireanach

*Key Points Since Last Comhairle Náisiúnta*

#### Repeat Exams

Created graphics for Member Organisations to share with students who are sitting their deferrals or doing repeat exams. These slides included information on preparation for exams and assignments, self-care, study drugs and academic misconduct. If you haven't received them, drop me an email and I'll forward them to you.

#### Election Training

I'm trying to organise election training for member organisations as mandated by 2022 UO 18: Election Supports. Class rep training was organised at SUT and was covered by Oisín from NStEP. This training will be focused on sabbatical elections, how elections can be run and how to engage people to run. If you haven't done so already, can you please answer this survey -

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J8LFX9F>

I'm also creating a key terms glossary around elections as per the mandate which I hope to have out to you before you start electing your class representatives 😊

#### WhatsApp Group

If you haven't done so already and you wish to be part of the Academic Affairs Working Group, the WhatsApp link is here - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/CVPzhKWdjFVGZkPNeDopEH>

### b) Cruinnithe/Imeachtaí

*Meetings/Events*

Dáta <i>Date</i>	Cruinniú/Imeacht <i>Meeting/Event</i>	Sonraí <i>Details</i>	Polasaí <i>Policy</i>
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Crossover	Introduction to the role - Academic Affairs	
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Crossover	Introduction to USI and crossover day with incoming and outgoing officers	
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Crossover	Introduction meeting with members of QQI	
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Crossover	Introduction meeting with Student Survey	
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Crossover	NStEP – introduction and discussion on plans for the roll out of NStEP class representative training in higher education institutions	
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Crossover	QQI – NAIN – discussion around academic integrity and promoting it to students	
4 <sup>th</sup> July	USI Policy Brief	Went through policy USI are mandated to do	
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Policy Tracker/Lobbying	Creation of a policy tracker	

	Returns Information		
4 <sup>th</sup> July	SUT Briefing	Discussion around times/specialist sessions	
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Bonding Trip	Carlingford	
7 <sup>th</sup> July	StudentSurvey.ie	Section in student survey launch for 2022 to include the USI perspective of the student survey	
7 <sup>th</sup> July	MO Engagement and Communication	Meeting with the executive committee to discuss the most effective ways of engaging and communicating with our member organisations	
11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> July	SUT +	NStEP Class Rep Training – partially completed the election supports. This training focused on electing class reps in HEI's.  Student Survey Training - training session for officers to show them how to critically analyse the survey's findings to create and lobby for change in their institution	2022 UO 18: Election Supports  2022 AA 8 Student Survey.ie
14 <sup>th</sup> July	StudentSurvey.ie	Editorial group meeting to discuss the contents of the student survey launch	
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Trans and Intersex Pride	Attended Trans and Intersex Pride in Dublin with other members of the Coiste Gnó	
18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> July 8 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Monday Morning Meeting	Discussion on what happened the week before and plans for the week ahead	
19 <sup>th</sup> July	QQI - NAIN	Call with NAIN in relation to having a specialist session at SUT + and plans for academic integrity and promoting it to education officers in member organisations	20 AA 6: Academic Integrity
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Calendar	Went through the policy file and planned in the calendar when different campaigns would be run throughout the year	
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	1:1 with MO	Had a meeting with SU President (St. Angela's)	

25 <sup>th</sup> July	USI x INMO	Introduction with the Student Liaison in INMO and discussions about future campaigns involving student nurses and midwives	20 AA (NC) 4 Student Nurses and Midwives Campaign
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Campus Visit	Maynooth Students' Union	
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Campus Visit	IADT Students' Union	
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Campus Visit	Trinity Students' Union	
29 <sup>th</sup> July	USI x PSI Meeting	Had an introduction meeting with the Psychological Society of Ireland to see the progress since the mandate was set and discuss how we can campaign for funding for Counselling and Psychology trainees in the future	2021 AA (NC) 5: Parity for Psychological Doctoral Students
29 <sup>th</sup> July	1:1 Meeting	Met with the Education Officer from SETUSU – Waterford	
31 <sup>st</sup> July	Cork Pride	Attended Cork pride and was joined from members of the Coiste Gnó, MTUSU and UCCSU.	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Policy File	Went through the Policy File with the Coiste Gnó to see updates with mandates	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Campus Visit	SETUSU Waterford	
5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Campus Visit	SETUSU Carlow – it was confirmed here that I will be taking up the role of Council Chair for SETUSU Carlow's Class Rep Council	
9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Policy File	Finished off running through the policy file and updates on where we are with certain mandates	
9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Failte	Had a call with Failte Ireland about potentially organising a European Students' Union Convention in Ireland	
10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Accommodations Crisis	Meeting about the accommodation situation in Ireland with the rest of the Coiste Gnó	
10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	SU Reflection Student Survey	Writing a reflection piece from SU's in participating institutions to be included in the launch of this year's results	
10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	1:1 Meeting	Had a 1:1 meeting with Aislin from STAND	
11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Campus Visit	Carlow College SU	

15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	JAM Card Training	The Coiste Gno are mandated to undergo JAM Card training. As I am a trained facilitator, I did the training session after our MMM.	20 WEL 12 JAM Card
15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Campus Visit	DCUSU	
15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Meeting with DCUSU	Some Higher Education Institutions accredit students for their involvement and participation in extracurricular activities (Clubs/Socs/SU/Volunteering), in order to facilitate, recognise and encourage their non-academic as well as academic development whilst in college. DCU is one of these institutions, so I had a meeting with them to discuss their process better.	20 AA (NC) 2 Accreditation for Participation
16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	NAIN Steering Committee	Sitting on the steering committee for the National Academic Integrity Network	20 AA 6: Academic Integrity
16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	IFUT Meeting	Met with the Irish Federation for University Teachers to discuss the topic of lecture recordings in HEI's	2021 AA 4: Lecture Recording
16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Academic Affairs WG	Academic Affairs Working Group took place online before SUT+ and CN.	

### c) Fógairt Bronntanais/Fáilteachais

#### Declaration of Gifts/Hospitality

Dáta Date	Tuairisc Description	Ceannaitheoir Purchaser
3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Energy Drink	SETUSU Waterford

### Éileamh Costais

#### Expenses Claimed

Mír Item	Tuairisc Description	Méid Amount
Iompar Poiblí Public Transport		
Iompar Féin Own Transport		
Béilí Meals	Breakfast to Carlingford Breakfast from Carlingford	€5.00 €7.50
Tréimhsí Thar Oíche Overnight Stays	Carlingford SUT+ (4 nights)	€20.00 €80.00
Nach Iad Other	Charger Head/Screen Protector and Case for new work phone	€99.97
Iomlán		€212.47



Total		
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### 3. Leas-Uachtarán do Leas

Vice President for Welfare

*Sarah Behan*

#### a) Príomh-phointí ón Comhairle Náisiúnta deireanach

*Key Points Since Last Comhairle Náisiúnta*

##### **Introduction to Officers**

My main goal from this month was to meet with as many welfare officers as possible on a one-to-one basis. While I am still yet to meet them all, I have reached out via email and am hoping to organise meetings again soon.

##### **Ending Sexual Violence and Harassment**

A huge concern of mine, as well as other officers who I have spoken to, have been around sexual violence and harassment on campus. A large portion of my work this month has been focused on sitting on Advisory Groups and voicing concerns of students on a national level. This work will be continued throughout the year by continuing to build strong relationships with those running campaigns and workshops that deal with this issue.

#### b) Cruinnithe/Imeachtaí

*Meetings/Events*

<b>Dáta</b> <i>Date</i>	<b>Cruinniú/Imeacht</b> <b>Meeting/Event</b>	<b>Sonraí</b> <b>Details</b>	<b>Polasaí</b> <i>Policy</i>
5th July	Call with Sexual Health West	I had a call with Sexual Health West to discuss SUT	
7th July	Meeting with DCUSU Wellebing Officer	I met with the DCUSU VP for Wellbeing to discuss plans for the year.	
7th July	Meeting SETUSU Carlow Welfare & Equality	I met with the SETUSU VP Welfare & Equality for SETUSU Carlow to discuss plans for the year.	
8th July	Meeting with drugs.ie	I met with Nicki from drugs.ie to discuss drug harm reduction. We discussed current trends in drug taking in Ireland, and briefly spoke about upcoming campaigns and projects.	2022 Wel 7  20 WEL 3  20 WEL 7
8th July	Meeting IADTSU Welfare & Equality	I met with IADTSU VP for Welfare & Equality to discuss plans for the year.	

8 <sup>th</sup> July	Disability Pride Month	I had a meeting with E&C and Campaigns about Disability Pride Month within USI.	
11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> July	SUT Dún Dealgan	I attended Student Union Training for three days, which was cut short due to annual leave.	
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting of HEA Advisory Group on ESVH in HEIs	I attended my first Ending Sexual Violence and Harassment in Higher Education Institutions. I was introduced to the implementation plan that has been put in place, statistical reporting by HEIs and mapping of training resources.	2022 WEL 1  2021 WEL 3
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Code of Conduct Update	I had a group meeting to update the code of conduct to make it more relevant to USI events.	
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with E&C	I met with E&C and Sarah Hughes to discuss mental health. We spoke through where our roles overlap and upcoming projects and campaigns.	
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Coiste Gnó Calendar Day	The Coiste Gnó and I began planning the calendar for the year.	
July 21 <sup>st</sup>	It Stops Now Campaign	The President, E&C and I met with Ending Sexual Violence and Harassment to discuss the possibility of working on a campaign together.	2022 WEL 1  2021 WEL 3
July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Student Distress and Death Protocol	Sarah Hughes, BWM, Dublin, South and I met to discuss how we can support students in distress and talk through the support systems available. We also spoke about the need for a death protocol	
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Check In	Sarah Hughes and I met with an MO to check in on how they were dealing with a particular issue.	
July 26 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with ISSU Welfare	I had a meeting with the VP Welfare to introduce ourselves, discuss our goals for this year and see where we can work and support each other.	
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with VP South	VP South and I had a meeting to discuss mental health in the South of Ireland.	
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with VP Welfare TCDSU	I met with the VP Welfare in TCDSU to discuss plans for the year.	

July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Call with The Dublin Rape Crisis	I had a call with the Dublin Rape Crisis Centre to talk to them about their upcoming project regarding reporting acts of sexual violence and harassment.	2018 WEL 12
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with Healthy Campus	I met with Healthy Campus to introduce myself. We discussed issues we felt were relevant to students, such as mental health concerns, smoking and suicide protocols, and are planning on having a follow up meeting,	
August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lá Coiste Gnó Day	The whole Coiste Gnó met to discuss the policy file, update the policy tracker and discuss where we were on individual projects	
August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Meeting with VP Welfare & Equality DKITSU	I met with the VP Welfare & Equality DKITSU to discuss welfare campaigns	
August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Annual Leave	I took annual leave due to a medical appointment	
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Green Ribbon Campaign Meeting	Sarah Hughes and I met with See Change to discuss the upcoming Green Ribbon Campaign.	20 WEL 4
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with VP Welfare MTU Kerry SU	I met with the VP Welfare MTU Kerry to discuss plans for the upcoming year.	
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with VP Welfare UCCSU	I met with the VP Welfare UCCSU to discuss upcoming plans for the year ahead.	
August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with VP Welfare MTU Cork	I met with the VP Welfare MTU Cork to discuss upcoming plans for the year ahead.	
August 5 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with Amnesty Ireland	I met with Amnesty Ireland to discuss their sex work workshop. We spoke about the possibility of offering this workshop to our MOs and are currently organising a follow up meeting.	<b>20 NA (NC) 1:</b>
August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with <b>Psychological Counsellors in Higher Education in Ireland (PCHEI)</b>	I met with PCHEI to get an overview of their work and campaigns that will be useful for students in supporting their mental health this academic year.	
August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting with VP Community and Citizenship DCUSU	I met with the VP Community and Citizenship DCUSU to discuss the housing crisis.	

August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Housing Crisis Meeting	I attended the Housing Crisis Meeting held by the President.	
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c) Fógairt Bronntanais/Fáilteachais

*Declaration of Gifts/Hospitality*

<b>Dáta</b> <i>Date</i>	<b>Tuairisc</b> <i>Description</i>	<b>Ceannaitheoir</b> <i>Purchaser</i>

Éileamh Costais

*Expenses Claimed*

<b>Mír</b> <i>Item</i>	<b>Tuairisc</b> <i>Description</i>	<b>Méid</b> <i>Amount</i>
<b>Iompar Poiblí</b> <i>Public Transport</i>		
<b>Iompar Féin</b> <i>Own Transport</i>	Taxi from DKIT to the train station Taxi from DCU to USIHQ	9.60 19.80
<b>Béilí</b> <i>Meals</i>		
<b>Tréimhsí Thar Oíche</b> <i>Overnight Stays</i>	SUT (two nights)	40
<b>Nach Iad</b> <i>Other</i>		
<b>Iomlán</b> <i>Total</i>		69.40

#### 4. Leas-Uachtarán um Feachtais

Vice President for Campaigns

*Ross Boyd*

##### a) Príomh-phointí ón Comhairle Náisiúnta deireanach

*Key Points Since Last Comhairle Náisiúnta*

##### **Pre-Budget Submission**

A lot of my work since starting my role has been working on the pre-budget submission. I want to give a special thanks to the VP Equality & Citizenship, who worked a ton in getting this pre-budget submission to include specific statistics to back up our key asks, while acknowledging the work of other officers throughout.

The pre-budget submission specifically tackles the cost-of-living crisis facing students, which is representative of the government calling it a cost-of-living budget. It includes repeating our call for publicly funded higher education, as well as specific asks for placement students, postgrads and ways we can have specific targeted asks to benefit the students most affected by inflation.

This will be used to lobby politicians at the USI Pre-Budget Lobby Day, which will be happening in early September, and we will be in contact on ensuring as many politicians can attend as possible to that day and they know the student voice will be one of the loudest.

##### **Student Accommodation Crisis**

As we have seen, the student accommodation crisis is the worst it has ever been and this been highlighted this week by the Daft report showing only 800 properties are available in the Republic of Ireland, and the situation in Northern Ireland facing a similar bleak pattern.

The USI President and I are currently planning a document of actions in September, which will be available at this Comhairle Náisiúnta. This will include specific radical actions as well as other actions who may be less comfortable in participating in main actions, for personal or institutional relations reasons.

I am also separately working on an accommodation rights campaign to let students know their tenancy rights, on top of other campaigns and the Cost of Living Coalition, including their protest happening on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September at 2:30pm in Dublin and the 17<sup>th</sup> in Cork, with other regional protests to be confirmed as soon as I hear.

##### **Visiting Member Organisations**

While a lot of my work has been on pre-budget and planning campaigns, which has forced me to stick to the office, I was delighted to meet with DCUSU, SETUSU Waterford and TUDSU respectively and talk about engagement and campaigns.

I was also delighted to march with NUS-USI, QSU and UUSU for Belfast Pride, as ensuring all campaigns where possible can include the North is a priority for the year and will continue to work with Chloe on how this can happen.

I want to also invite any MOs who wish to talk about campaigns to invite me onto their campus, especially given the challenges we face collectively and how we need a collective approach to tackle these issues. While the Dáil may not be brought back until the 14<sup>th</sup> of September, officers are tackling these issues already.

And to add on that, on a personal note, please take some leave sometime this month, at least before Freshers and casework gets too heavy. (That includes to my fellow Coiste Gnó too x)

## b) Cruinnithe/Imeachtaí

### Meetings/Events

Dáta Date	Cruinniú/Imeacht Meeting/Event	Sonraí Details	Polasaí Policy
16 <sup>th</sup> June- 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Comhairle Náisiúnta <i>[Gallimh]</i>	<b>[Crossover]</b> Crossover Comhairle Náisiúnta, met the incoming Coiste Gnó for the first time, attended returners workshops. Chaired my first Campaigns Working Group	
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Vote at 16 Debate	<b>[Crossover]</b> Attended the Dáil debate on Thomas Pringle TDs PMB on extending voter rights alongside NYCI & ISSU	
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Policy Brief & Tracker <i>(Baile Átha Cliath)</i>	Discussed how the policy brief would work and tracking policies as part of handover	
4 <sup>th</sup> July	SUT Briefing <i>(Baile Átha Cliath)</i>	Discussed SUT logistics and outstanding trainings to be organised in the timetable	
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Bonding Trip <i>(Cairlinn)</i>		
7 <sup>th</sup> July	MO Engagement & Communications <i>(Baile Átha Cliath)</i>	Discussed the best ways to talk to MO officers and engagement overall	
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Disability Pride Month meeting <i>(Baile Átha Cliath)</i>	Met with VP E&C and VP Welfare to discuss actions for Disability Pride Month	EQ 19-9,
11 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> July	SUT <i>(Dún Dealgan)</i>	Helped ensure SUT was a success, including talking to other officers and ensuring trainings were delivered with usefulness for MOs	
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Call with ICTU <i>(Baile Átha Cliath)</i>	Discussed potential campaign actions and plans for the year, including collaboration	
18 <sup>th</sup> July	NYCI Pre-Budget Call <i>(Baile Átha Cliath)</i>	Discussed aligning common asks in our pre-budget submissions to benefit students	
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Cost of Living Coalition Committee <i>(Baile Átha Cliath)</i>	Discussed protest dates and times and how to engage students in pre-protest actions	
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Call with Threshold <i>(Baile Átha Cliath)</i>	Discussed an accommodation rights campaign and ways to ensure students know their rights	NA (NC) 20-8
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Campaigns & Events Calendar <i>(Baile Átha Cliath)</i>	Had a full day in Ceann Áras nc Mac Léinn to discuss the timeline of events and campaigns to be run over the next 12 months	

22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Student Stress/Death Protocol ( <i>Baile Átha Cliath</i> )	Sat on a call with VP Welfare, VP Dublin, BMW and South and MH coordinator on student stress/death protocols for engaging with MOs	
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Meeting on Mental Health & Campaigns ( <i>Baile Átha Cliath</i> )	Meeting with VP Welfare and MH coordinator on the Open Up Campaign and MH campaigns throughout the year as planned	WEL 19-13
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Meeting with INMO ( <i>Baile Átha Cliath</i> )	Discussed a placement campaign and issues facing student healthcare workers	AA 22-2, AA 20-12
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Meeting with Amnesty Ireland ( <i>Baile Átha Cliath</i> )	Discussed a Sex Work campaign and how this could work to engage students and MO officers	NA (NC) 20-1
27 <sup>th</sup> July	2 <sup>nd</sup> National Climate Stakeholder Forum ( <i>Stáid Aviva</i> )	Attended on behalf of USI discussing climate literacy and how to ensure students are engaged and empowered in climate action	
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Cost of Living Coalition Committee Meeting	Discussed logistical issues with Abortion Rights Campaign protest on at same time	
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Campus Visit to AML OCBÁC re: Campaigns (Baile Munna)	Met with my old SU to talk about campaigns, engagement issues and other related work relating to their union	
30 <sup>th</sup> July	Belfast Pride (Béal Feirste)	Attended Belfast Pride joining the NUS-USI President and Student Bloc, alongside UUSU and QUBSU.	
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Lá Coiste Gnó	In-person office day to run through policies and track mandates	
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Campus visit to AML OTO (Port Láirge)	Visited SETUSU Waterford to talk about referendums including new constitution	
4 <sup>th</sup> August	Call with Dublin Rape Crisis Centre	Discussed a Consent Campaign being planned and USI collaboration on this	
8 <sup>th</sup> August	Campus Visit to AML OTBÁC (Gráinseach Ghormáin)	Gave a brief talk about USI and campaigns as part of their Comms Week with the full team, as well as chatting to individual officers	
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Policy File Run-Through	Continued and finished policy tracker run-through as per Lá CG	
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Cost of Living Coalition Meeting	Brief meeting to discuss engaging on local issues and regional protests	
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Accommodation Crisis Meeting	Hosted by USI President to talk about action planned by USI and other MOs	
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Interview with The Journal on Young Adult Card	Interview on the aim to have the Young Adult Card fares available on private operators, as	2022 WEL 6, 20 NA (NC) 5



		well as raising 24 hour bus services and overall aim of free travel for students	
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Expenses Claimed

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<b>Iompar Poiblí</b> <i>Public Transport</i>	Overnight (Galway – 16/06/22)	€16
<b>Iompar Féin</b> <i>Own Transport</i>		
<b>Béilí</b> <i>Meals</i>	Breakfast (Carlingford – 5/07)	€6.15
	Breakfast (SUT – 11/07)	€5.75
	Lunch (SETUSU WC – 03/08)	€5.00
<b>Tréimhsí Thar Oíche</b> <i>Overnight Stays</i>	Overnight incl. Dinner (Galway – 16/06)	€35
	Overnight (Carlingford – 05/07)	€20
	Overnight x4 (SUT Dundalk – 11/07 to 14/07)	€80
<b>Nach Iad</b> <i>Other</i>	Cable for work phone	€4.50
<b>Iomlán</b> <i>Total</i>		<b>€172.40</b>

## 5. Leas-Uachtarán do Chomhionannais agus Saoránacht

Vice President for Equality and Citizenship

*Maeve Richardson*

### a) Príomh-phointí ón Comhairle Náisiúnta deireanach

*Key Points Since Last Comhairle Náisiúnta*

#### **Sustainability Citizenship**

E&C is a massive portfolio but through the pandemic sustainability activism went to way side so this area has received a particularly large amount of attention.

#### **Campus Visits and Meetings**

I have completed some campus visits and am trying to do even more particularly in more isolated campuses. Getting an idea of what things are like on the ground for your SU and your students is the best to get a grasp of the issues being faced and the resourcing required. If you have any EMC or E&C issues you wish to discuss just give me a shout!

#### **Working Groups E&C / EMC**

If you haven't already please join the relevant WhatsApp Groups below:

Events, Marketing, Commerical: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/I0jCIm1akczDNPCZ3BB2Vs>

Equality & Citizenship: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LdZ0mwaB9JzBrAiJGaYq7C>

### b) Cruinnithe/Imeachtaí

*Meetings/Events*

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18 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>COLC Protest Corocagh</i>	Spoke at the Cost of Living Coalition Protest in Cork City on behalf of USI. Attended alongside UCCSU & MTU Cork SU	
21 <sup>st</sup> June	<i>MTU Cork Visit</i>	Visited MTU Cork SU to talk about comms, political landscape COLC. MTU Cork SU educated me on mergers and Tus.	
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Irish Council for International Students (ICOS) AGM [NCI]	<b>[Crossover]</b> Took over the Board of Directors' seat from my predecessor on ICOS	
24 <sup>th</sup> June	E&C Crossover Day	<b>[Crossover]</b> Crossover Doc run through	

24 <sup>th</sup> June	Vote at 16 Debate	<b>[Crossover]</b> Attended the Dáil debate on Thomas Pringle TDs PMB on extending voter rights alongside NYCI & ISSU	
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Dublin Pride	<b>[Crossover]</b> Attended Dublin Pride alongside two members of the outgoing Coiste Gnó	
28 <sup>th</sup> June	AHEAD Meeting	<b>[Crossover]</b> Met with AHEAD's CEO and Student & Graduate Engagement Officer	
29 <sup>th</sup> June	E&C Final Crossover  Women 4 Election Dinner	<b>[Crossover]</b> Final meeting with Bukky, ran through crossover doc  Attended the Countess Markievicz Circle Dinner in TCD. Spoke with MRCI, ISSU, Pavee Point	
4 <sup>th</sup> July	USI Policy Briefing	Discussion on how the policy brief would work and tracking policies as part of handover	
4 <sup>th</sup> July	SUT Briefing	Ran through the timetable and CG allocations for the different specialist sessions at SUT.	
5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> July	Coiste Gnó Bonding Trip	Went to Carlingford Adventure centre	
6 <sup>th</sup> July	NWCI 1:1	Spoke with Catherine Lane, rural engagement officer about setting up of the Youth Advisory Panel proposed and passed at the NWCI AGM	
7 <sup>th</sup> July	MO Engagement & Comms	Going through communicating with MOs and how engage in meetings and campus visits	
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Trans Equality Together meeting	Meeting between myself, Pres and Matt from Trans Equality Together to discuss bringing forward a motion to Comhairle Náisiúnta to mandate USI as members of the coalition.	
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Disability Pride Month meeting	Met with VP Campaigns and VP Welfare to discuss actions for Disability Pride Month	
11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> July	SUT	Students' Union Training hosted by DKITSU. We held four full days of training sessions for incoming SU officers. Delivered Events training alongside LÚ Gaeilge	
15 <sup>th</sup> July	ICOS Board of Directors & Members Bonding	ICOS Board of Directors and affiliated members went on a bonding trip our activity was tea and a tour of Áras an Uachtaráin. President Higgins was unable to meet the delegation.	
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Trans & Intersex Pride Dublin  BÁC	I attended Trans and Intersex Pride Dublin with the Coiste Gnó to stand in solidarity with our trans officers and student members.	

July 18th	Monday Morning Meeting	Weekly CG meeting	
July 18th	IUA Sustainability 1:1	Meet Louise Griffin from the Irish Universities Association prior to my first meeting with the IUA Sustainability Working Group	
July 18th	NYCI Pre-Budget Meeting	Met Paul Gordon from NYCI discussed aligning common asks in our pre-budget submissions to benefit students with NYCI	
July 19th	Campus Visit to DCUSU	<p>Visited DCUSU- meet a number of their sabbatical team. Had 1:1s with:</p> <p>VP Diversity &amp; Inclusion-</p> <p>discussed EMpower event, addressing on campus racism, election supports for candidates from minority background, EDI standards and implementation of disability support programmes.</p> <p>VP Community &amp; Citizenship:</p> <p>Discussed voter registration, encouraging political participation in students, green initiatives and preparation for any sudden changes in political climate.</p>	
July 19th	International Postgraduate Rights meeting	Met VP USI Postgraduate Affairs to specifically outline and create resources around the issues faced by int postgrad students from insurance to visas, ability to travel and barriers.	
July 20th	Belfast Pride Prep Meeting	Meeting had with NUS-USI President around the details ahead of Belfast Pride.	
July 20th	Mental Health Discussion	Meeting with USI VP Welfare and USI Mental Health Programme Manager around supports for SUs and their students for the upcoming year. These included eco-grief workshops, time management and workers rights trainings which will be rolled out.	
July 20th	IUA Sustainability WG	Attended the group alongside sustainability officers from IUA colleges. Discussed roll out of how to live sustainably, planned projects, issues on campuses, gap in sectoral funding and bike repair workshops. Brought up concern that IUA weren't engaging with student representatives on their campuses.	
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Calendar Planning	Meeting with the Coiste Gnó mapping out all of our mandated campaigns and events for the	

		coming year. A digitised copy of the USI calendar will be circulated to all member organisations.	
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Cork Pride Conference Prep	Preparation for Cork's Work With Pride Conference. Met the other panellists for the 'Talent of Tomorrow' talk.	
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Meeting It Stops Now campaign manager	Meeting between President , VP Welfare and I and the Ending Sexual Harassment in Third Level team to establish USI's involvement in the upcoming It Stops Now campaign . We particularly focused on rural MOs being included and supported in this campaign.	
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	RSE Working Group	Meeting to react to the Draft Junior cert SPHE curriculum. (laptop shut down 10 minutes into meeting, followed up on consultation via email)	
25 <sup>th</sup> July	1:1 IUA Sustainability Director	Met Louise Griffin IUA again in regards to concerns about student voice and supporting IUA colleges implement the Green Campus programme and SUs into decision making. Also discussed support for Eco Action Forum.	
25 <sup>th</sup> July	MMM	Weekly CG meeting	
26 <sup>th</sup> July	AHEAD meeting	Call with AHEAD Student Engagement Officer about supporting development of Sensory Spaces	
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Work With Pride	Panel prep for Cork Pride conference	
26 <sup>th</sup> July	IADTSU Campus Visit	Meet sabbat team in IADTSU about developing a sensory space, inclusion weeks, officer pay and rights.	
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Pre Budget Submission Form with Dept of Social Protection <i>BÁC</i>	Attended forum to discuss USI's proposals for the budget surrounding SP. Attended wage adequacy discussion. Linked with other civil society orgs on common asks.	
27 <sup>th</sup> July	ISSU Coiste Gnó Training <i>BÁC</i>	Presented campaigns training to the ISSU CG. Discussed common goals between USI & ISSU. Had brief 1:1 with president.	
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Work With Pride Conference <i>Corcaigh</i>	Spoke on Talent of Tomorrow Panel at Cork City Hall. Spoke about protecting LGBT employees, moving away from tokenism and engaging with external organisations. Met MTU Cork SU who were in attendance.	
28 <sup>th</sup> July	UCCSU Campus Visit	Discussed resoruces for equality casework, discussed commerical issues. Met the sabbatical team. Also meet part time Mature students rep	

	<i>Corcaigh</i>	and Postgrad rep discussed resources, event management and international student issues.	
29 <sup>th</sup> July	LGBT Asylum Speakers experiences Seminar <i>Corcaigh</i>	Received invite to attend seminar about the unique challenges faced by LGBT Asylum Seekers coming to Ireland. Hosted by Irish Refugee Council, LGBT Ireland & St Stephen's Green Trust	
29 <sup>th</sup> July	Medical Leave	Took half day to attend medical appointment	
31 <sup>th</sup> July	UCCSU Pride Breakfast	Attended with Coiste members, MTU Cork SU.	
31 <sup>th</sup> July	Cork Pride Parade	Student Bloc was attended by UCCSU, MTU Cork SU, TUSSU and CG. Rolled out new bilingual pronoun stickers.	
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Tuesday Morning Meeting	CG Weekly meeting	
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Lá Coiste Gnó	Updating policy tracker	
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Meeting National Centre for Circular Economy	Discussed development roll out of understanding circular economy and climate action workshop for youth workers and their members. Was called in to give ideas on activities to fit in the workshop and ensure it was inclusive.	
4 <sup>th</sup> August	Women for Election Meeting	Discussed getting women into politics and local elections coming down the line. Moved to Women for Election supporting workshops for SU elections, discussed development of mentor programme for getting young people in politics beyond just including women. Updates to follow.	
4 <sup>th</sup> August	Eco Action Forum	Met with Aoife Hynes, Maynooth Student Senator about implementing the Eco Action Forum and advisors. Named her one of my event advisors.	
5 <sup>th</sup> August	Men's Aid Meeting	Met Derek Byrne education officer at men's aid. Discussed LGBT domestic violence workshops, moving on from Ask for Angela, USI were invited to attend an interested parties meeting an anti-domestic violence LGBTQ coalition	
5 <sup>th</sup> august	AHEAD	Discussed Power of Disability Event, Advisory Group, resources development	
6 <sup>th</sup> August	Sligo Pride	Attended Sligo pride alongside MOs from the BMW	
8 <sup>th</sup> August	MMM	Weekly CG Meeting	

8 <sup>th</sup> August	UCCSU meeting about Community Relations	Met the UCCSU Comms officer about community, gardaí and media relations in the build up to freshers weeks	
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Lá CG	Part of the USI Policy run through	
10 <sup>th</sup> August	An Taisce Collab meeting	Meeting around Green Week dates, Eco Action support and the continuation of the €2 membership fee for students	
	Accommodation Crisis Meeting	Discussed direct actions and issues faced by Mos	
10 <sup>th</sup> August	1:1 with STAND	Met liaison from STAND- discussed their intern policy, agreed upon all campaign content reviews	
11 <sup>th</sup> August	1:1 CMLOÉG President	Met to discuss trade unions, Galway Pride, accommodation, media, planning a campus visit	
	Accommodation Action meeting UCCSU 1:1	UCCSU president giving advice on rent strikes, occupations and protests	
	NAC NWCI	National Advisory Committee meeting of the National Women's Council going over future frameworks	

### c) Fógairt Bronntanais/Fáilteachais

*Declaration of Gifts/Hospitality*

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### Éileamh Costais

Expenses Claimed no expensive claimed currently due to forgetting.

<b>Mír</b> <i>Item</i>	<b>Tuairisc</b> <i>Description</i>	<b>Méid</b> <i>Amount</i>
<b>Iompar Poiblí</b> <i>Public Transport</i>		
<b>Iompar Féin</b> <i>Own Transport</i>		
<b>Béilí</b> <i>Meals</i>		
<b>Tréimhsí Thar Oíche</b> <i>Overnight Stays</i>		
<b>Nach Iad</b>		

Other		
<b>lomlán</b>		
Total		



6. Leas- Uachtarán do Átha Cliath  
Vice President for the Dublin Region  
*Sierra Müller-Owens*

**a) Príomh-phointí ón Comhairle Náisiúnta deireanach**

*Key Points Since Last Comhairle Náisiúnta*

The first month of the role has consisted of getting used to the daily functioning of USI, getting to know all of the sabbatical officers and structures of the Dublin Region and visiting campuses. I have also been familiarising myself with the policy that is relevant to my role. I met with the other regional officers to discuss how our mandates will be split and how we will make sure all of us are meeting the regional mandates. I also attended SUT (and at the time of Comhairle Náisiúnta, SUT+) to facilitate the training of sabbatical officers.

**b) Cruinnithe/Imeachta**

*Meetings/Events*

<b>Dáta</b> <i>Date</i>	<b>Cruinniú/Imeacht</b> <i>Meeting/Event</i>	<b>Sonraí</b> <i>Details</i>	<b>Polasaí</b> <i>Policy</i>
27 June	Crossover Day	A meeting with the outgoing and incoming Coiste Gnó. Topics in the meeting included: the HEA, working groups, the IUA and THEA.	2022 UO 25
7 July	Policy Meeting	The regional VPs met to discuss regional specific policy and appointed leads to them.	All regional policy
7 July	Member Organisation Engagement	A meeting with the Coiste about reaching MOs by email and social media.	2022 UO 25
16 July	Trans and Intersex Pride	I marched with USI at Trans and Intersex Pride in Dublin.	20 EQ 4
18 July	Monday Morning Meeting (MMM)	This is the weekly meeting of the Coiste Gnó. We discussed SUT+ and the upcoming pride marches along with other relevant topics.	2022 UO 25
21 July	Calendar Meeting	Meeting with the Coiste Gnó mapping out all of our mandated campaigns and events for the coming year. A digitised copy of the USI calendar will be circulated to all member organisations.	2022 UO 25
21 July	Student Death Procedure	The mental health campaign manager, VP welfare and regional VPs met to discuss how best to support sabbatical officers while they deal with trauma and/or death.	2022 UO (NC) 1
25 July	MMM	This is the weekly meeting of the Coiste Gnó. We discussed campus visits and the pre-budget submissions.	2022 UO 25

26 July	Meeting with IADTSU executive	A relatively chill discussion with the VP E&C, VP Academic Affairs and IADTSU executive about their plans for the next few weeks.	2022 UO 15
26 July	Meeting with DCUSU executive	A meeting with the VP Dublin and the DCUSU executive about planning for the next few weeks.	2022 UO 15
27 July	Meeting with NCADSU executive	A meeting with the VP Dublin and the NCADSU executive about their plans in the first few weeks of the academic year.	2022 UO 15
27 July	Meeting with TUDSU executive	A meeting with the VP Dublin and the TUDSU executive about their plans in the first few weeks of the academic year.	2022 UO 15
28 July	Meeting with VP BMW	A short check in meeting with the VP BMW about regional developments.	
2 August	T (Tuesday) MM	This is the weekly meeting of the Coiste Gnó. SUT+ was the main topic of conversation.	
2 August	La Coiste Gnó	The first of several meetings to go through the policy file and policy tracker.	
3 August	Meeting with TCDSU	A meeting with the VP Dublin and the DCUSU executive about planning for the next few weeks.	2022 UO 15

### c) Fógairt Bronntanais/Fáilteachais

*Declaration of Gifts/Hospitality*

<b>Dáta</b> <i>Date</i>	<b>Tuairisc</b> <i>Description</i>	<b>Ceannaitheoir</b> <i>Purchaser</i>

### Éileamh Costais

#### Expenses Claimed

<b>Mír</b> <i>Item</i>	<b>Tuairisc</b> <i>Description</i>	<b>Méid</b> <i>Amount</i>
<b>Iompar Poiblí</b> <i>Public Transport</i>		
<b>Iompar Féin</b> <i>Own Transport</i>		
<b>Béilí</b> <i>Meals</i>	Breakfast on July 6	3.90
<b>Tréimhsí Thar Oíche</b> <i>Overnight Stays</i>	Overnight at Carlingford Adventure Centre and SUT	100
<b>Nach Iad</b> <i>Other</i>	Trans and Intersex Pride	20
<b>Iomlán</b> <i>Total</i>		123.9

7. Leas-Uachtarán don Iarthar, Lár-tíre agus Teorain  
Vice President for the Border, Midlands and Western Region  
*Hannah Brennan*

**a) Príomh-phointí ón Comhairle Náisiúnta deireanach**

*Key Points Since Last Comhairle Náisiúnta*

Since the last Comhairle Náisiúnta I have taken on my role.

I have attended team bonding, SUT, trainings, and other events such as Pride.

We have weekly Coiste Gnó meetings every Monday morning (MMM) to catch up and regroup, discuss plans for the week and discuss any issues. As this happens weekly I have not included this in my meetings/events timetable.

During my campus visits I mostly got familiarised with the campuses and was introduced to staff. As this was pretty consistent throughout all the visits I didn't fill in the details on the meeting/events timetable.

On days I had no meetings I spent my time reading through policies, contracts and constitutions to get as up to date as possible!

*Meetings/Events*

<b>Dáta</b> <i>Date</i>	<b>Cruinniú/Imeacht</b> <i>Meeting/Event</i>	<b>Sonraí</b> <i>Details</i>	<b>Polasaí</b> <i>Policy</i>
27 <sup>th</sup> June	Crossover Day	A meeting with the outgoing and incoming Coiste Gnó. Topics in the meeting included: the HEA, working groups, the IUA and THEA.	
1 <sup>st</sup> July	First day!		
4 <sup>th</sup> July	USI Policy Brief	A brief on what policies we will work on for the year.	
7 <sup>th</sup> July	MO Engagement	Discussion & explanation on how to best engage with our Member Organisations	
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Policy Meeting	The regional VPs met to discuss regional specific policy and appointed leads to them.	All regional policy
11 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> July	SUT	Student Union Training in Dundalk	
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Calendar Day	Went through calendar and bookmarked important events for the year.	

21 <sup>st</sup> July	Student Death Procedure	The mental health campaign manager, VP Velfare and regional met to discuss how best to support sabbatical officers while they deal with trauma and/or death.	2022 UO (NC) 1
25 <sup>th</sup> July	MSU Campus visit		
26 <sup>th</sup> July	CMLOÉG Campus visit		
27 <sup>th</sup> July	ATUSU Galway Campus visit		
28 <sup>th</sup> July	STACSU Campus visit		
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Meeting with VP Dublin	A short check in meeting with the VP Dublin about regional developments.	
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Lá Coiste Gnó (1)	Policy tracker day, we went through policies we are mandated to do and discussed what updates we have on them.	
6 <sup>th</sup> August	Sligo Pride	Attended Sligo Pride with LU Don Gaeilge & VP E&C	
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Lá Coiste Gnó (2)	Continuation, finished up the policy tracker updates.	
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Accommodation Crisis meeting	Attended accommodation crisis meeting and discussed possible ways to tackle said crisis.	
11 <sup>th</sup> August	TUSSU Campus Visit		
12 <sup>th</sup> August	ATUSUD Campus Visit		

### c) Fógairt Bronntanais/Fáilteachais

#### *Declaration of Gifts/Hospitality*

<b>Dáta</b> <i>Date</i>	<b>Tuairisc</b> <i>Description</i>	<b>Ceannaitheoir</b> <i>Purchaser</i>

## Éileamh Costais

### Expenses Claimed

<b>Mír</b> <i>Item</i>	<b>Tuairisc</b> <i>Description</i>	<b>Méid</b> <i>Amount</i>
<b>Iompar Poiblí</b> <i>Public Transport</i>	Sligo-Dublin train	16.80 x2 + 8.40 x1 = 42
<b>Iompar Féin</b> <i>Own Transport</i>	Travel to Dundalk, Maynooth & Galway	94.63
<b>Béilí</b> Meals	2x meals included with overnight stays below	
<b>Tréimhsí Thar Oíche</b> Overnight Stays	4 at SUT + 1 in Maynooth & 1 in Galway	4x20 + 2x35= 150
<b>Nach Iad</b> Other		
<b>Iomlán</b> Total		286.63

8. Leas-Uachtarán don Deisceart  
Vice President for the Southern Region  
*Caoimhe Walsh*

Since I have started as VP for the Southern Region I have done campus visits, attended SUT, trainings, pride events and events that some MO's have held on campuses.

As well as this I have been engaging with MO's on their local issues and familiarising myself with campuses. I have been planning visits to different campuses for Freshers weeks and campaign weeks that they will be running this year.

I meet with the Coiste every Monday in the Monday morning meetings where we discuss our plans for the upcoming week.

I have met with the other regional officers to split up policies to make sure all regional mandates are!

Dáta <i>Date</i>	Cruinniú/Imeacht <i>Meeting/Event</i>	Sonraí <i>Details</i>	Polasaí <i>Policy</i>
24/6/22	Crossover	I met with the outgoing VP South and he gave me an in depth crossover on the new role.	
4/7/22	Policy briefing day	We met as a group and went through our policies and what we are mandated to do	
4/7/22	Policy tracking	Created a policy tracker	
4/7/22	SUT Briefing	We discussed the schedule/details for SUT.	
5/7/22	Bonding Trip	We went to Carlingford as part of our team bonding.	
7/7/22	MO engagement and communication	We met as a group and we discussed what we think are the most effective ways to boost MO engagement.	
11-14 July	SUT	Students' Union Training in Dundalk.	
18 July	MMM	Monday Morning Coiste Meeting – weekly meeting with the Coiste. At this meeting we discussed what each VP was doing for the week and upcoming events/pride and other topics that were relevant at the time.  SETUSU Carlow	
18 July	Campus visit		
20 July	Campus Visit	SETUSU Waterford	
21 July	Calendar Day	Coiste Gnó met and discussed all the mandated events and campaigns that we have to do this year.	

<b>21 July</b>	<b>UCC postgrad picnic</b>	<b>Picnic uccsu held for postgrad students</b>	
<b>22 July</b>	<b>Student distress/death protocol</b>	<b>Met with regionals, vp welfare and mental health co ordinator about student death policies in third level institutes.</b>	

<b>27 July</b>	<b>MTU Cork/freshers</b>	<b>Met with LU gaeilge and MTU Cork welfare officer about freshers week</b>	
<b>27 July</b>	<b>MTU Kerry/gaeilge</b>	<b>Meeting about gaeilge on campus</b>	
<b>31 July</b>	<b>Cork pride</b>	<b>Attended cork pride parade</b>	
<b>2 August</b>	<b>La coiste</b>	<b>Went through policies and mandates</b>	
<b>9 August</b>	<b>La coiste</b>	<b>Continued going through policies</b>	
<b>10 August</b>	<b>Pre budget submission</b>	<b>Met with vp dublin and vp welfare about the pre budget submission.</b>	
<b>11 August</b>	<b>Campus visit</b>	<b>Carlow college</b>	
<b>15 August</b>	<b>Campus visit</b>	<b>MTU Kerry</b>	

c) Fógairt Bronntanais/Fáilteachais  
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<b>Dáta</b> <i>Date</i>	<b>Tuairisc</b> <i>Description</i>	<b>Ceannaitheoir</b> <i>Purchaser</i>

Éileamh Costais  
Expenses Claimed

<b>Mír</b> <i>Item</i>	<b>Tuairisc</b> <i>Description</i>	<b>Méid</b> <i>Amount</i>
<b>Iompar Poiblí</b> <i>Public Transport</i>	Cork to Dublin train Return train to Carlow Return bus to Waterford	28.78 23.20 14.39 x2 15.00 x2= 110.76
<b>Iompar Féin</b> <i>Own Transport</i>		
<b>Béilí</b> <i>Meals</i>		
<b>Tréimhsí Thar Oíche</b> <i>Overnight Stays</i>	3 nights in Dundalk including dinner	20 x3 = 60
<b>Nach Iad</b> <i>Other</i>		
<b>Iomlán</b> <i>Total</i>		



**9. Leas-Uachtarán don Ghaeilge**  
Vice President for the Irish Language  
*Róisín Nic Lochlainn*

**a) Príomh-phointí ón Comhairle Náisiúnta deireanach**

*Key Points Since Last Comhairle Náisiúnta*

**Gníomhaí Gaeilge**

Since starting my new position I have tried to make contact with all MO's and Oifigigh Gaeilge to encourage participation in the Gníomhaí Gaeilge scheme, previously Bonn na Gaeilge. So far we have the highest number of officers and students ever signed up, standing at 50. On top of this, Conradh application for funding from the HEA was successful and therefore we were able to hire a full time staff member to work on the scheme.

**Shainorduithe Gaeilge**

I have been working through the policy file on the Irish language mandates and have either completed or all policies. I am currently trying to co-ordinate campus road shows as per my mandate to do so, so if you would like something like this and I have not yet reached out please get in touch!

**Coiste Cultúrtha**

Nominations for Coiste Cultúrtha are being taken at the moment via email to myself. The list of nominees will be put to Comhairle for approval on August 19<sup>th</sup> in Coleraine, and will be re-opened in September for incoming students in time for October Comhairle Náisiúnta.

**Gaeilge Working Group**

If you have not yet joined Gaeilge Working Group, you can do so at this link  
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HQuGAbN2BeUCJrXLHTpTwh>.

**NUS-USI Irish Language Taskforce**

I have met with the President of NUS-USI, Chloe, to determine the direction of the Taskforce this year. Following on from the meeting I am happy to start making contact with northern MO's and their respective students to make a start on the Taskforce and work on their specific needs, particularly with the Irish language act currently going through parliament.

**b) Cruinnithe/Imeachtaí**

*Meetings/Events*

<b>Dáta</b> <i>Date</i>	<b>Cruinniú/Imeachtaí</b> <i>Meeting/Event</i>	<b>Sonraí</b> <i>Details</i>	<b>Polasaí</b> <i>Policy</i>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Seisiún bpolasaithe</b>	Bhuel mé leis an gCoiste Gnó chun dul tríd an leabhair polasaithe	<b>All</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Seisiún faoin SUT</b>	Seisiún eolais don choiste gnó nua ar SUT i nDún Dealgan	

7 <sup>th</sup> July	Bord na nIontaobhaith e OÉ Gaillimh	D'fhreastal mé mo cruinniú deireanach mar iontaobhaí SUCS i CMLOÉG	
7 <sup>th</sup> July	MO Engagement & Comms	Seisiún traenáil don choiste gnó ag teagmháil a dhéanamh le Aontais na mic léinn agus caidreamh poiblí	
8 <sup>th</sup> July	BBC Gaeilge	Comhrá faoin taifeadadh ar stalcaireacht agus IBSA	2022 GAE 4
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Agallamh dar leo féin	Agallamh Gaeilge le haghaidh meain shóisialta	2022 GAE 4
11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Traenáil Aontas na Mac Léinn (SUT)	D'fhreastal mé ar SUT i Dún Dealgan	
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Gaeilge i d'aontas	Rinne me cur i láthair ar úsáid Gaeilge i d'Aontas mar chuid den 'SUT'	
12 <sup>th</sup> July	An Foclóir Aiteach 2.0	Táim ag obair leis an taighde PHD, Tadhg McKeown, ar an Foclóir Aiteach nua/2.0 a seoladh. Táim ag fanacht ar an freagra ón TENI faoi láthair	2018 IL 1
18 <sup>th</sup> July	MMM	Monday Morning Meeting with the Coiste Gnó	
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Cruinniú le hEmma (TUD)	Bhuel mé leis an Oifigeach Gaeilge in Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta BÁC agus leis an Comhordaitheoir Triú Leibhéail CNAG, Eímear, chun pleananna don bhFreisears a phlé maidir leis an nGaeilge i TUD	
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Cruinniú Seachtainiúil le Conradh na Gaeilge	Tá cruinniú seachtainiúil agam le gConradh na Gaeilge (an comhordaitheoir 3ú leibheal) chun nuashonrúcháin a phlé srl	
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Calendar Pt.1	Ag pleanáil don bhliain. Planning the year with the Coiste Gnó	
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Calendar Pt.2	Ag pleanáil don bhliain. Planning the year with the Coiste Gnó	
21 <sup>st</sup> July	An tÚAO (Gníomhaí Gaeilge)	We (myself and Conradh na Gaeilge) met with the HEA to confirm funding for the Gníomhaí Gaeilge scheme	

<b>25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>MMM</b>	Monday Morning Meeting	
<b>25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Cruinniú Seachtainiúil le hÉimear CNAG</b>	Tá cruinniú seachtainiúil agam le gConradh na Gaeilge (an comhordaitheoir 3ú leibheal) chun nuashonrúcháin a phlé srl	
<b>26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Gaeilge in UCCSU</b>	Bhuel mé leis an oifigeach imeachtaí chun smaointe agus pleananna a dhéanamh chun Gaeilge a úsáid san imeachtaí UCC	
<b>27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>MTU Cork 1:1</b>	Bhuel mé leis an Oifigeach Leasa chun pleananna don bhFreisears a eagrú	
<b>27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Gaeilge in MTU Kerry</b>	Bhuel mé leis an Aontas chun pleananna don bhFreisears a eagrú	
<b>28<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>TUSSU Midlands Visit</b>	Chuaigh me go dtí Báile Átha Luain chun bualadh l'Aontas na Mac Léinn. Bhí cruinniú an-fíúntach againn faoin cumann gaelach a bhunú, gníomhaí gaeilge, ranganna agus imeachtaí ar champas a eagrú	
<b>29<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Gaeilge in TUDSU</b>	Bhuel mé leis an ngrúpa ón Aontas na Mac Léinn Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta BÁC chun freshers a eagrú	
<b>29<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>CMLOÉG Visit (LUDG x2)</b>	Comhrá fiúntach le Barry	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>Lá Coiste Gnó</b>	All-exec day	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	<b>Follow Up: An tÚAO agus GG</b>	Follow up meeting on Gníomhaí Gaeilge progress with the HEA	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Aontas Daltaí Iar-bhunscoile na hÉireann</b>	Cruinniú leis an Oifigeach Gaeilge ISSU	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>UUSU Visit (DerryCampus)</b>	Cruinniú l'Aontas na Mac Léinn Ollscoil Uladh faoin ár bpleananna don bhliain (cumann a bhunú, comharthaíocht, stratéis srl)	
<b>6<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Bród na Shligigh</b>	D'fhreastal mé ar Sligo Pride	
<b>8<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>MMM</b>	Monday Morning Meeting	

8 <sup>th</sup> August	Ardú na Brataí Bród na Gaillimhe	Galway Pride Flag Raising	
8 <sup>th</sup> August	Taifeadh le TG4	Recording with TG4 on the importance of pride	<b>2022GAE4</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Bord Agallaimh – Comhordaithe oir Gníomhaí Gaeilge	Conducted 3 interviews for the new full time Conradh position of Gníomhaí Gaeilge coordinator	
9 <sup>th</sup> August	Cruinniú Seachtainiúil le CNAG (Éimear)	Weekly meeting with Conradh's 3 <sup>rd</sup> level coordinator	
9 <sup>th</sup> August	NUS-USI Irish Language Plans	Met with an tUachtarán NUS USI , Chloe, chun spriocanna agus aidhm don tascfhórsa a phlé	
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Ardú na Brataí OÉ Gaillimh	NUIG Flag Raising	
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Gearchéim Lóistín	USI Accommodation Crisis Meeting	
10 <sup>th</sup> August	Agallamh Ráidió na Life	Faoin ngearchéim tithíochta	<b>2022 GAE 4</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> August	Bród na Gaillimhe	Galway Pride	
15 <sup>th</sup> August	MMM	Monday morning meeting	
15 <sup>th</sup> August	St Angela's Students' Union	Met with STACSSU Oifigeach na Gaeilge	
16 <sup>th</sup> August	NCADSU	Met with the President of NCADSU + Conradh na Gaeilge to discuss options for Gaeilge on campus	
16 <sup>th</sup> August	Coiste Comhairleach um Polasáí Oideachas Gaeltachta	USI representative on the DoE committee for Gaeltacht education policies	
16 <sup>th</sup> August	Cruinniú Seachtainiúil	Weekly meeting with Conradh's 3 <sup>rd</sup> level coordinator	
18 <sup>th</sup> August	Grúpa Oibre na Gaeilge	Gaeilge Working Group ag Comhairle Náisiúnta	<b>20 GAE 4</b>

c) Fógairt Bronntanais/Fáilteachais

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Éileamh Costais

*Expenses Claimed*

<b>Mír</b> <i>Item</i>	<b>Tuairisc</b> <i>Description</i>	<b>Méid</b> <i>Amount</i>
<b>Iompar Poiblí</b> <i>Public Transport</i>	Galway - Athlone Return	€8.00
<b>Iompar Féin</b> <i>Own Transport</i>		
<b>Béilí</b> <i>Meals</i>		
<b>Tréimhsí Thar Oíche</b> <i>Overnight Stays</i>	Overnight x4 (SUT 11/07-15/07) Overnight Derry	€80.00 £84.00
<b>Nach Iad</b> <i>Other</i>		
<b>Iomlán</b> <i>Total</i>		172.00

10. Leas-Uachtarán do Chúrsaí Iarchéime  
Vice President for Postgraduate Affairs  
*Waqar Ahmed*

**a) Príomh-phointí ón Comhairle Náisiúnta deireanach**

*Key Points Since Last Comhairle Náisiúnta*

**Crossover**

Met with my predecessor during the crossover period. Meetings were arranged to introduce me to various committees and working groups relevant to my role.

**Coiste Gnó Induction**

Meeting with the outgoing and incoming Coiste Gnó teams to discuss the work of the USI, USI structures, engaging with member organizations, what to expect in the first month, and current landscape of higher education. We had Introductions, Overview of the First Week, Induction, Breathe HR, Terms of Officership, Expenses Schedule, Return to Office, Office 365, TOIL, Team Exercises and website updates. Team building with the Coiste Gnó team. We had several meetings to go through all policies and mandates and calendar.

**SUT – Students' Union Training**

I took part in SUT (Students' Union Training) hosted by DKITSU. We held four full days of specialist training sessions and tutor sessions for incoming SU officers. I delivered the specialist training session on Postgraduate Affairs (2022 UO 2). Took part in first NUS-USI Region Meeting and facilitated Tutor group sessions. Participated in specialist training sessions on Student Survey, Active\* Consent; NStEP Class Rep Elections Training, Training Representing International Students [Education], and Media Engagement. Attended session to support Coiste Gnó team.

**Postgraduate Workers Charter**

*The policy 2021 AA 8: Clarification to the USI Postgraduate Workers Rights Charter* mandates me to coordinate between the different campaigns currently carried out by USI and postgraduate workers and to further develop the Postgraduate Workers Rights Charter in a democratic fashion. I had meeting with National Postgraduate Working Alliance to discuss amending the Postgrad Charter. The meeting with SIPTU to be organised in September. I have brought this in 1:1 meetings with postgrad officers at the member organisation. The consultation period will end with a new draft of charter that does not work at cross-purposes to the campaigns of several grassroots groups of postgraduate workers.

**Postgraduate Student Engagement**

As chair of Postgraduate Student Engagement Working Group, I worked with QQI, NStEP and other stakeholders to finalise questions for mapping current PGR student engagement practice in Irish HEIs. This pilot survey is intended to assist the Postgraduate Student Engagement (PGSE) Working Group in developing resources to map current PGR student engagement practice in Irish HEIs and analyse and report on current PGR student engagement practice in HEIs highlighting examples of good practice.

**Pre-Budget Submission**

I submitted the PBS relevant to Postgrad funding and rights. I proposed to introduce a national minimum research stipend of €28,000 for all PGRs, which is adjusted annually in line with inflation and

reviewed systematically. A strategic review of the work Postgraduate Research students engaged in across all HEI's is needed in order to ensure Postgraduates are paid fairly for work completed outside of their research. I also asked the allocation of €100K under the HEA Gender Equality Enhancement Fund specifically to pursuing gender equality which will directly impact postgraduate research students.

### **USI/IRC Why Research Matter Video Competition 2022**

USI will run the Why Research Matters video competition 2022 in cooperation with the Irish Research Council from 4<sup>th</sup> week of August with winners to be announced by September 30<sup>th</sup>. This competition aims to showcase the varied and high-quality work being undertaken by postgraduate researchers across the island. We ask the creative minds of the island's postgraduate research community to produce a short video presentation about their research, and why it matters. I had meetings with IRC Communication Manager and USI Comm &PR to discuss the timeline, call document, campaign graphics, judging criteria and final in-person event for winners.

### **b) Cruinnithe/Imeachtaí**

#### *Meetings/Events*

<b>Dáta</b> <i>Date</i>	<b>Cruinniú/Imeacht</b> <i>Meeting/Event</i>	<b>Sonraí</b> <i>Details</i>	<b>Polasaí</b> <i>Policy</i>
16 <sup>th</sup> June – 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Comhairle Náisiúnta [Gallimh]	Crossover Comhairle Náisiúnta.	
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Incoming Coiste Gnó Briefing [Gallimh]	First meeting with the incoming President and Coiste Gnó to get a brief on what to expect in the coming weeks when taking office.	
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Comhairle Náisiúnta [Gallimh]	Introduction to PGWG - the former VPPGA introduced me to the PGWG.	
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Postgraduate Student Engagement Working Group [Online]	First handover meeting of the PGSE WG. We finalised the indicative timeline, mapping Questions and plan for meeting schedule handover of the role of the Chair	20 AA 3 17 AA4
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Meeting with studentSurvey.ie [Online]	Introduction meeting with Siobhan (studentSurvey.ie) and outgoing VPPGA to discuss the survey for postgraduate research students to open in February 2023.	2022 AA 8
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Meeting with outgoing VPPGA [Online]	Crossover meeting with outgoing VP PGA to discuss the crossover documents, stakeholders, and current state of affairs.	

27 <sup>th</sup> June	Coiste Gnó Crossover Day [Baile Átha Cliath]	Meeting with the outgoing and incoming Coiste Gnó teams to discuss the work of the USI, USI structures, assumptions and myth busting, engaging with member organizations, what to expect in the first month, current landscape of higher education.	
29 <sup>th</sup> June	National Framework for Doctoral Education (NFDE) Advisory Forum [Online]	Attended my first meeting of the NFDE Advisory Forum. Discussed the outcomes of the EUA-CDE Doctoral Education in Europe Survey and Impact 2030: Ireland's Research and Innovation Strategy. VPPGA raised the concerns for a wider representation of students in NFDE.	
1 <sup>st</sup> July	USI HQ Dublin [Baile Átha Cliath]	Introductions, Overview of the First Week, Setting up devices, Cóiste Gnó & Training - USI Induction, Breathe HR, Terms of Officership, Expenses Schedule, Return to Office, Office 365, TOIL, Team Exercises and Headshots	
4 <sup>th</sup> July	USI Policy Brief [Baile Átha Cliath]	Had the introductory meeting with CG to discuss the policy file, and policy trackers.	2022 UO 25
4 <sup>th</sup> July	SUT Briefing [Baile Átha Cliath]	Worked with CG to go through the timetable CG allocations for the different specialist sessions at SUT. Finalised postgrad training session plan.	2022 UO 2
5 <sup>th</sup> July– 6 <sup>th</sup> July	USI Coiste Gnó Bonding Trip [An Lú]	Participated in Coiste Gnó bonding trip to Carlingford Adventure Centre.	
7 <sup>th</sup> July	MO Communications & Engagement Meeting with CG [Baile Átha Cliath]	Meeting with CG to go through Communications and Engagement with MOs.	
7 <sup>th</sup> July	USI Website [Online]	Writing Bios for website.	
7 <sup>th</sup> July	SUT Presentation [Online]	Prepared presentation for SUT Session on Postgraduate Training	2022 UO 2
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> July	SUT [Dún Dealgan]	Students' Union Training hosted by DKITSU. We held four full days of specialist training sessions and tutor sessions for incoming SU officers.	2022 UO 2
11 <sup>th</sup> July	SUT	NUS-USI Region Meeting	



	[Dún Dealgan]		
12 <sup>th</sup> July	SUT [Dún Dealgan]	Facilitated Tutor group. Delivered the specialist training session on Postgraduate Affairs.  Participated in specialist training sessions on Student Survey	2022 UO 2
13 <sup>th</sup> July	SUT [Dún Dealgan]	Facilitated Tutor group. Participated in specialist training sessions:  Active* Consent; NStEP Class Rep Elections Training	2022 UO 2
14 <sup>th</sup> July	SUT [Dún Dealgan]	Facilitated Tutor group. Participated in specialist training sessions: Training Representing International Students [Education]; Media Engagement	2022 UO 2
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday Morning Meeting (MMM) [Baile Átha Cliath]	MMM is the weekly meeting with Coiste Gnó to go through weekly schedule, plans, and updates on matter arising.	2022 UO 25
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Meeting with USI PR & Communication Manager [Baile Átha Cliath]	Had a 1:1 meeting with USI Comms & PR Manager to discuss current and previous communication strategies and process in place with respect to postgrad events and campaigns.	
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Meeting with USI Administrator [Baile Átha Cliath]	Had a meeting with USI Administrator to discuss Breathe HR and PAYE related tax issues.	
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Meeting with USI General Manager [Baile Átha Cliath]	Had a meeting with USI GM to discuss Email access issues, and website content management about PG affairs.	
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Meeting with Secretary RGE and NFDE AG [Online]	Had introductory meeting with HEA Policy Analyst to discuss the scope of RGE Committee and NFDE Advisory Forum.	
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Meeting with VP E&C [Baile Átha Cliath]	Had a catch-up meeting with VP E&C at DCUSU to brief financial, social and legal challenges for non-EU postgraduate students.	2021 EQ 1
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Meeting with stakeholders of PGSE WG [Online]	In the meeting with QQI, NStEP, we finalised questions for mapping current PGR student engagement practice in Irish HEIs. This pilot survey is intended to assist the Postgraduate Student Engagement (PGSE) Working Group in developing resources to map current PGR student engagement	20 AA 2 20 AA 3 17 AA4

		practice in Irish HEIs and analyse and report on current PGR student engagement practice in HEIs highlighting examples of good practice.	
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Yearly Event and Campaign Calendar Planning with the CG  [Online]	Meeting with CG to outline Calendar for mandated campaigns, events, and important days to be disseminated to MOs.	2022 UO 9 17 UO 14
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday Morning Meeting (MMM)  [Baile Átha Cliath]	MMM is the weekly meeting with Coiste Gnó to go through weekly schedule, plans, and updates on matter arising.	2022 UO 25
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Emails to PG Officers  [Baile Átha Cliath]	Touch based emails to PG officers in MOs	
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Meeting with IRC Communication Manager on USI/IRC Video Competition  [Baile Átha Cliath]	Introductory Meeting with IRC Communication Manager to discuss and plan USI/IRC Why Research Matter Video Competition 2022.	
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Meeting with HEA IT  [Online]	Meeting with HEA IT department to set up accounts to access RGE files and upcoming meetings.	
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Meeting with TUDSU Postgrad Officer  [Online]	1:1 Meeting with TUDSU Postgraduate Officer to discuss stipend issues at TUDSU and nationally, postgrad social events, postgrad societies, Worker rights charter and other local issues.	20 AA 7
27 <sup>th</sup> July	Meeting with PhDs Collective Action Union  [Online]	1:1 Meeting with Acting president and members of PhDs Collective Action Union on the open letter for low PhD stipend. Signed and supported the letter on behalf of USI after consultation with USI President.	2022 UO 21 AA 19 – 6
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Press Release on PhD Funding  [Online]	Finalised and published the press release on PhD stipend issue.	2022 UO 21 AA 19 – 6
2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Tuesday Morning Meeting (MMM)  [Baile Átha Cliath]	Weekly meeting with Coiste Gnó to go through weekly schedule, plans, and updates on matter arising.	2022 UO 25

2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Coiste Gnó Policy Day (1) [Baile Átha Cliath]	CG had the first full day of discussing current mandates and policies. Provided available updates regarding the mandates on the policy tracker for CN.	2022 UO 25
2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Meeting with PGWA [Online]	Had 1:1 meeting with National Postgraduate Working Alliance President to discuss the potentials of working together on amending the Postgrad Charter. Meeting with SIPTU to be organised in Sept.	2022 UO 21 2021 AA 8 AA 19 – 6
3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Meeting with NSTEP [Online]	Introductory Meeting with National Student Engagement Programme Manager to discuss NStEP how we can work together on supporting Postgraduate Student Engagement. We discussed opportunities around engagement and online resources for best practices.	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	1:1 Meeting with UCCSU Postgrad [Online]	1:1 Meeting with UCCSU Postgraduate Officer to discuss upcoming bye-election, stipend issues, international postgrad students' issues. postgrad social events, Worker rights charter and other local issues.	20 AA 7
3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Why Research Matters Competition [Online]	Prepared the call document draft for USI/IRC Why Research Matter Video Competition 2022.	
4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	PBS on Postgraduate funding and working rights [Online]	Pre-Budget Submission on national minimum research stipend of €28,000, payment for Postgraduates work outside research, postgraduate research students Gender Equality Enhancement Fund	2022 UO 21 2021 UO 10
4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Draft PGWG Agenda [Online]	Drafted the agenda for the PGWG meeting	
4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Call with DCUSU Postgrad Officer [Online]	Touch base with DCUSU PGO to discuss local issues and schedule meeting	20 AA 7
8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Monday Morning Meeting (MMM) [Baile Átha Cliath]	MMM is the weekly meeting with Coiste Gnó to go through weekly schedule, plans, and updates on matter arising.	2022 UO 25

8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Meeting with USI President [Baile Átha Cliath]	1:1 meeting with USI president on the plans and schedule for the coming month.	
8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Meeting with USI Comms &PR Manager [Baile Átha Cliath]	Meeting with USI Comms &PR Manager to discuss the timeline, graphics and social media plan for the USI/IRC Why Research Matter Video Competition 2022 to be held from 4 <sup>th</sup> week of August.	
8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Meeting with USI GM [Baile Átha Cliath]	1:1 Meeting with USI General Manager to update content related to PG Affairs at USI Website.	
9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Coiste Gnó Policy Day (2) [Baile Átha Cliath]	CG had the second full day of discussing current mandates and policies. Provided available updates regarding the mandates on the policy tracker for CN.	2022 UO 25
9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Meeting with President NUIGSU [Online]	Introductory meeting to discuss postgrad working rights charter, USI plans for PG affairs.	20 AA 7
11 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Officer report [Online]	Finalised officer report for CN.	2022 UO 25

### c) Fógairt Bronntanais/Fáilteachais

#### Declaration of Gifts/Hospitality

Dáta Date	Tuairisc Description	Ceannaitheoir Purchaser
NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA

### Éileamh Costais

#### Expenses Claimed

Mír Item	Tuairisc Description	Méid Amount
<b>Iompar Poiblí</b> Public Transport	NA	NA
<b>Iompar Féin</b> Own Transport	NA	NA
<b>Béilí</b> Meals	5 <sup>th</sup> July (Team Bonding Day Trip): Breakfast 11 <sup>th</sup> July (SUT Dundalk): Breakfast 11 <sup>th</sup> July (SUT Dundalk): Lunch	5.50 7.50 12.50
<b>Tréimhsí Thar Oíche</b> Overnight Stays	Overnight x4 (SUT 11/07-15/07)	20*4=80
<b>Nach Iad</b>	NA	NA

Other		
<b>lomlán</b>		<b>€105.5</b>
Total		

**11. Uachtarán ANML-AMLÉ**

NUS-USI President

*Chloe Ferguson*

### *Policy Tracker*

The USI Policy Tracker is a way for the Coiste Gnó to update Member Organisations on the status of policies and mandates that were ratified by Comhdháil. If a policy is deemed “Completed” by Comhairle Náisiúnta, it can be taken off of the policy file.

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