



Union of Students in Ireland
Aontas na Mac Léinn in Éirinn

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Coiste Gnó Reports

Meán Fomháir 2022 – Port Láirige

September 2022 – Waterford

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1. Uachtarán

President

Beth O'Reilly

a) Príomh-phointí ón Comhairle Náisiúnta deireanach

Key Points Since Last Comhairle Náisiúnta

HEA Bill

Thank you to all the SU's and students who worked to push for the amendment to the HEA Bill that would solidify the representation of students' unions on the governing bodies of HEIs. The HEA Bill has now been accepted by the Seanad and moves back to the Dáil for final approval on the week of the 3rd of October. I am working on resources to help SU's to lobby the governing bodies of their local institutions to ensure that trade union representation is not lost on our GBs and that multi-campus representation is included for TUs.

Pre-Budget Submission

We have completed and published the USI Pre-Budget Submission 2023. Our lobby day was held on the 5th of September and we received a commitment from opposition TDs that they would work with us on developing legislation to protect student renters in digs accommodation. I am currently in the process of drafting out the key points to be included in this and hoping to bring it to the opposition before the end of the month.

Cost of Living Coalition

USI will be taking part in the COLC protest on the 24th of September. I was given the opportunity to attend the press conference promoting the protest and spoke about the student cost of living as well as the low rate of pay for our postgraduate workers. I will also be speaking at the protest on the 24th.

Elections

There are a number of elections taking place at this Comhairle Náisiúnta and a huge amount of work was done to ensure that these elections would take place accessibly and smoothly. I met with the newly elected steering committee to ensure that an elections subcommittee was formed in time for the elections, assisted with the development of sample documentation for the committee and created graphics promoting the positions available. I met with CnaG to discuss them promoting the LUG position in their networks and updated the USI website with information on all of the positions available.

b) Cruinnithe/Imeachtaí

Meetings/Events

Dáta <i>Date</i>	Cruinniú/Imeacht <i>Meeting/Event</i>	Sonraí <i>Details</i>	Polasaí <i>Policy</i>
11 th August	Meeting with the CMLOÉG Team [Gaillimh]	Meeting with the CMLOÉG team to discuss USI reforms, Comhdháil structures and upcoming campaigns and events.	
12 th August	Annual Leave	Full day of annual leave	
15 th August	Monday Morning Meeting [Baile Átha Cliath]	Weekly meeting with the USI CG to discuss upcoming issues, schedules for the week and campaigning plans	

15 th August	JAM Card Training [Baile Átha Cliath]	Training for the USI Coiste Gnó on the JAM Card Scheme	20 WEL 12
15 th August	Virgin Media News Interview [Baile Átha Cliath]	Interview for Virgin Media News on the student accommodation crisis	20 NA (NC) 8B
16 th August	1:1 with the VP Dublin Region [Ar Líne]	Meeting to discuss upcoming plans in the role and assistance I could provide.	
16 th August	Presidents' Working Group [Ar Líne]	First meeting of the Presidents' Working Group where we discussed Comhairle Náisiúnta scheduling, upcoming accommodation actions and Presidents' and Deputies' Day	2022 UO 19
16 th August	Meeting with IFUT [Baile Átha Cliath]	Meeting with the VP Academic Affairs and representatives from IFUT to discuss a joint collaboration on best practice guidelines for recorded lectures as well as support for potential industrial action.	2021 AA (NC) 6 2021 AA 4
17 th August	SUT+ [Cúil Rathain]	Day 1 of SUT+ hosted by UUSU with sessions on academic integrity and social media	20 AA 6
18 th August	SUT+ [Cúil Rathain]	Day 2 of SUT+ with the officer simulation. I also attended the Equality and Citizenship and Gaeilge Working Groups	
19 th August	Comhairle Náisiúnta [Cúil Rathain]	First meeting of Comhairle Náisiúnta of the year. We passed motions on a student walkout, support for UCU and IFUT Strikes, joining the Trans Equality Together Coalition and supporting the DADA Campaign.	
22 nd August	Monday Morning Meeting [Ar Líne]	Weekly meeting with the USI CG to discuss upcoming issues, schedules for the week and campaigning plans	
22 nd August	ISSU Skills Academy [Baile Átha Cliath]	Attended the ISSU Skills Academy to be a speaker at the roundtable discussion on getting involved in activism.	
22 nd August	Call with Ireland Am	Pre-interview call ahead of my appearance on Ireland AM to discuss the student accommodation crisis.	
23 rd August	Ireland AM [Baile Átha Cliath]	Interview on Ireland AM to discuss the current student accommodation crisis and what changes we need to see implemented by the government	20 NA (NC) 8B
23 rd August	Sick Leave	Full day of sick leave	

24 th August	Call with Conradh na Gaeilge	Call from Conradh na Gaeilge to discuss the HEA funding for the Gníomhaí Gaeilge scheme	
24 th August	Pre-Ministerial Meeting with Coiste Gnó [Baile Átha Cliath]	Meeting with the Coiste Gnó ahead of our meeting with the Minister for Higher Education to discuss our key objectives	
24 th August	Meeting with Minister Simon Harris [Baile Átha Cliath]	Meeting between myself, the VP E&C, the VP Campaigns and the VP BMW Region. We lobbied for updated information for international students on the cost of living, legislation to protect students in digs, how to cement students' union representation in the HEA Bill, postgraduate stipend disparity and alcohol and drug use across third level and presented him with our USI Pre-Budget Submission.	17 AA 4 20 NA (NC) 8B 2022 WEL 7 2021 AA 3 2021 UO 10
25 th August	Meeting on Digital Badge for Student Engagement [Ar Líne]	Meeting with Dr. Anna Kelly on potential USI collaboration on the digital badge for student engagement project.	
26 th August	Meeting with Sara from SUAS [Ar Líne]	Meeting to discuss the STAND strategic plan, I brought up the need for collaboration with Students' Union to be balanced and not place the onus of work on the SU and the need for any internship positions offered going forward to pay the national living wage.	
26 th August	Call with Irish Mail on Sunday	Call with Fionn to discuss the current context of the student accommodation crisis.	20 NA (NC) 8B
26 th August	BBC NI Interview [Ar Líne]	Interview with BBC NI to discuss the student accommodation crisis and what has led the market to breaking point.	20 NA (NC) 8B
26 th August	Meeting with Outhouse [Baile Átha Cliath]	Meeting with Torny from Outhouse to discuss potential collaborative event with LGBTQ+ societies to advertise services of Outhouse and promote USI's Pink Training	
29 th August	Morning Ireland Interview	Interview with Morning Ireland on how the cost of living crisis is affecting students and what the USI would like to see in Budget 2023	09 ED 13

29 th August	Monday Morning Meeting [Baile Átha Cliath]	Weekly meeting with the USI CG to discuss upcoming issues, schedules for the week and campaigning plans	
29 th August	Meeting with Gaeilge Officer from CMLOÉG [Ar Líne]	Meeting to discuss additions to the PBS around the Irish language	2021 UO 10
29 th August	Call with The Farmers' Journal	Interview with The Farmers Journal on the current student accommodation crisis	20 NA (NC) 8B
29 th August	Funding the Future Working Group [Baile Átha Cliath]	Meeting of Working Group 2 of the Funding the Future Group. I discussed the need for better placement conditions for student nurses and midwives in the context of the attrition rate, the definition of a part-time student and how students' unions were often denied funding for part time students.	
30 th August	Meeting with NStEP [Ar Líne]	Meeting with NStEP Programme Manager, the USI VP Welfare and the USI Mental Health Manager to discuss potential funding for a student wellbeing and engagement project.	20 AA 2
30 th August	Meeting with Comhairle Náisiúnta Chair [Baile Átha Cliath]	Meeting with the newly elected Comhairle Náisiúnta Chair to discuss potential dates for Comhairle Náisiúnta	
30 th August	Meeting with Leas-Uachtarán don Ghaeilge [Ar Líne]	Meeting with the USI Leas-Uachtarán don Ghaeilge to discuss internal communication and hybrid engagement with the Coiste Gnó	
30 th August	Governance Committee Meeting [Baile Átha Cliath]	Meeting of the USI Governance Committee	
31 st August	Campaigns Strategy Information Meeting [Ar Líne]	Open to all meeting of the CSC to update on planned and upcoming campaigns, potential actions and upcoming CSC elections	
1 st September	Eduroam Everywhere Advisory Group [Ar Líne]	Final meeting of the Eduroam Everywhere Advisory group ahead of the launch of the Eduroam Everywhere paper in November.	EM (AA) 20 – 6

2 nd September	Meeting with IADTSU Team [Baile Átha Cliath]	Meeting with IADTSU to discuss constitution, contracts and officer pay issues.	
5 th September	USI Pre-Budget Lobby Day [Baile Átha Cliath]	Lobby day for the USI Pre-Budget Submission in Buswell's Hotel	2021 UO 10
6 th September	HEA Board Meeting [Ar Líne]	Board meeting of the HEA discussing race equality plan, Springboard Data	
6 th September	HEA Cyber-Security Training [Ar Líne]	Training for HEA Board members on cyber-security and data protection	
7 th September	Meeting with Far-Right Observatory [Ar Líne]	Meeting to discuss potential for students' union specific resources for dealing with far right threats on campuses and in local communities	2021 NA NC 3
7 th September	Funding the Future Plenary Meeting [Baile Átha Cliath]	Plenary meeting of the Funding the Future Working Group discussing the findings of the two working groups	
7 th September	Update meeting with the Coiste Gnó [Ar Líne]	Meeting with the Coiste Gnó to provide updates on projects throughout the week.	
8 th September	Consent Project Advisory Group meeting [Ar Líne]	Meeting with the Consent Project Advisory group on their upcoming national consent campaign	2022 WEL 1
8 th September	Meeting with Senator Higgins [Ar Líne]	Meeting to discuss reforms needed to the HEA Bill, structure of amendments in the report stage and the USI plan for highlighting the issue of SU representation.	
8 th September	Meeting with MTUKSU [Ar Líne]	Meeting with MTUKSU to discuss potential for national student sit in following the walkout.	
8 th September	Drive Time Interview	Interview with Drive Time on the need for Leaving Cert reform and a statement from THEA, the IUA and USI on the short turnaround between results and the beginning of the third level academic term.	

9 th September	Presidents' and Deputies' Day <i>[Corcaigh]</i>	Training sessions for Presidents and Deputies and Presidents' Working group discussion on CN dates and campaigns.	
9 th September	Steering Committee Meeting <i>[Ar Líne]</i>	Meeting with the Steering committee to discuss upcoming Comhairle Náisiúnta elections and the need for an elections subcommittee to be formed.	
12 th September	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	
13 th September	Podcasting Recording for Independent.ie	Podcast recording for the Independent.ie "Going to College" series	
14 th September	PCAU Protest at the Dáil <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	Attended the PCAU Protest at the Dáil calling for an increase to postgraduate stipends.	2021 AA 7
15 th September	Meeting with NUS-USI President <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	Meeting to discuss trilateral agreement, upcoming campaigns, communication strategies and showing solidarity with union campaigns.	
16 th September	Plan of Work Day <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	Meeting with the Coiste Gnó to discuss the structure of plan of works and compile information for team plan of work	
16 th September	Student Walkout Strategy Meeting <i>[Ar Líne]</i>	Meeting with MO Officers to discuss the upcoming student walkout, cement demands and timeline and collect feedback on what the strategy should contain	
19 th September	Meeting with CnaG and LÚdG <i>[Ar Líne]</i>	Meeting to discuss promotion of the LÚdG position to ensure it isn't left vacant	
20 th September	ANNUAL LEAVE	Full day of annual leave	
20 th September	COLC Press Conference <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	Attended and spoke at the Cost of Living Coalition Press Conference in the promotional lead up to the rally.	
20 th September	HEA Bill Seanad Debate <i>[Baile Átha Cliath]</i>	Attended the HEA Bill Seanad Debate with other members of the Coiste Gnó.	

21 st September	Meeting with IADTSU [Baile Átha Cliath]	Meeting to discuss structured communication strategies on sabbatical and executive teams	
21 st September	Call with Minister Harris	Call from the Minister to inform me that he accepted amendments to the HEA Bill to solidify students' union representation on the boards of governing bodies.	

c) Fógairt Bronntanais/Fáilteachais

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Iompar Féin <i>Own Transport</i>		-
Béilí <i>Meals</i>		-
Tréimhsí Thar Oíche <i>Overnight Stays</i>		-
Nach Iad <i>Other</i>		-
Iomlán <i>Total</i>		-

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

Mental Health Video

Took part in the Mental Health Video that Sarah organised. The link to the video is here -

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/CiUfoGHgzmG/?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

FOI Request

FOI'd every MO's institution (plus UCD & UL) looking for information over the last 6 years including how many students were registered, how many HEAR/DARE students were accepted, how many students were registered under DSS and more to make sure that numbers for these are going up as the student population increases. Hoping to get back the results and create a graph for MO's to be able to compare themselves to the national average for lobbying purposes.

HEI Name Change

Many institutions are merging/changing their names. This is what is being done in some institutions. It has been flagged that someone has been finding it difficult to get employed internationally due to the name change. If you are hearing this from previous students please send them my way.

This is what is happening in some institutions, so make sure that you are doing the same. If your institution is doing more than what is outlined in this document, let me know so we can improve what past students receive to prove the name change - https://usiirl-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/education_usi_ie/EUs9_zbwnwtJq-oLlxdLInMBfedbcIFBR_bdYD9yvyopPg?e=24Ummg

Academic Integrity Talk (20 AA 6)

Access to what I am talking about is here:

- Word doc: https://usiirl-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/education_usi_ie/EdbJwqQKY9tImfPANAYTVgsBGazmYhDWUUIkCbW7Y5wj6g?e=yMRdBh
- Slides: https://usiirl-my.sharepoint.com/:p:/g/personal/education_usi_ie/EUvQ7LsxTyxKpdXCM-LnawBmqSojtFb2F7N3KT5SPUC5w?e=z8Pu3l

If you have any ideas on things I should add for talks in the future, please feel free to email me.

IFUT (20 AA 9 / 2021 AA 4)

We have had to wait for IFUT to elect members to represent them in the discussions around lecture recording/hybrid learning. I've supplied them with documentation of every policy that does and does not exist in institutions around Ireland. We have a meeting with them the first week of October. If you could let me know what your institution is doing this year that would be great. If you could fill out the excel here - https://usiirl-my.sharepoint.com/:x:/g/personal/education_usi_ie/EbDky8ZobAVKmnBSmBSIQhcBW9w6HvbHKq4pFyyUIaN4Ng?e=Zundgl

QQI Conference (20 AA 3 / 20 AA 6)

- **Student Reporters for event:** NAIN are looking for 2-3 student reporters for Tuesday and Wednesday. They may be able to pay them a small honorarium for their work. They would have a twitter handle to send tweets about anything they found may be interesting to fellow students and they can interview people for short videos if they'd like, please tell them to get in touch with me or send me the details of someone you think may be interested and I'll reach out to them.
- **NAIN Panel Discussion:** The panel discussion will take place online at 10am on the 17th of October. It will be a chance for policy makers, academics and staff to sit down and hear about academic integrity from a student's perspective and open discussions on how we can help students from your point of view. If you're interested, please feel free to contact me - education@usi.ie

College Awareness Week (2022 EM (AA) 3)

We are hoping to have students or student reps from different minority backgrounds speak to students who are thinking about attending third level education. This would be a chance for them to speak about their college experience and the event will take place online.

If you know students who are:

- From an ethnic minority background (people of color/Irish traveler etc)
- A HEAR student or a student from a socially disadvantaged area
- A DARE student or a student with a disability
- A Student from the LGBTQ+ community
- Mature Student

Please send them my way (education@usi.ie) or give me their information and I will reach out to them.

Email Templates for Students

Email templates you can share with class reps or upload to your website i.e., template for getting an extension, requesting a meeting and so on.

https://usiirl-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/education_usi_ie/Ebc1ld-okllHspCbQ-r6rd4BqXT8v2q1YqeW0_U73HPvsw?e=F0nfUi

Class Rep Elections

Election Glossary (2022 UO 18)

- **Front Cover:** https://usiirl-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/g/personal/education_usi_ie/EcE-tOLIHZGfN_BHRuyC5ABWCWpHoJqd8HS90QzoqT80w?e=XfNAEm
- **Glossary:** https://usiirl-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/education_usi_ie/EXfr8dacVNxNrK_ieLXK9ZcBzWeK6ZwXEqTGXfZGDaTZBQ?e=t1cp4q
- **Combined file:** https://usiirl-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/education_usi_ie/EXfr8dacVNxNrK_ieLXK9ZcBzWeK6ZwXEqTGXfZGDaTZBQ?e=wfH3Xf
- Irish version of combined file: https://usiirl-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/education_usi_ie/EX7Snz4V01tKozIiKhC-850BNoPlwo56bN9uD2KwHgGH0A?e=Y44I5H

Also, if you'd like me to come down and help with electing class reps or to attend/give a talk at your class rep training please don't hesitate to reach out!

- **NstEP (20 AA 2)**

I also know that some of you are in the middle of planning class rep training now. NStEP provides training (<https://studentengagement.ie>). I understand some of you may not know what it involves or are unsure about bringing it onto your campus. I spoke to Oisín and we said we would coordinate a briefing with SU Officers to tell them about NstEP and go through the contents of the training if you'd like, if there is a few interested I can set up a doodle poll and get a time that suits you for the briefing session.

b) **Cruinnithe/Imeachtaí**

Meetings/Events

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22 nd Aug	QQI x USI	Introduction between QQI and I to discuss my role with QQI and students involvement in QQI	20 AA 3
22 nd Aug	Estrangement	Had a meeting with the Equality & Citizenship Officer and Welfare Officer about SUSI estrangement. We reached out to people to gather more information in relation to estrangement.	2022 EQ 2
23 rd Aug	Student	Had a call with a student and helped them with their SUSI application – Internal Review and information on appeals	
24 th Aug	NstEP	Met the student trainers who will be giving NstEP training to class reps this year. Looked and gave feedback on their presentations.	20 AA 2
25 th Aug	StudentSurvey.ie Steering Group Meeting	Discussed the launch of the StudentSurvey.ie results for the year 2021/22. USI and SU officers were able to contribute and give a piece in the launch documentation.	2022 AA 8
26 th Aug	IUA EDTL Steering Meeting	Meeting about enhancing digital capacity in teaching and learning in Irish universities They are wishing to get an extension on the project as it was initially funded for three years, Jan 2019-Dec 2021 They are delivering workshops in September around getting started with personal and professional digital capacity and planning for effective digital teaching	20 AA 9
26 th Aug	NCISU Campus Visit	Got to attend NCI Met with the SU there and got to look at the sensory room that is available in their institution for students	
29 th Aug	Funding the Future	Discussed pathways into universities into Ireland	AA (NC) 19 - 2

		Movement on Further Education and Higher Education co-delivered programmes and discussions around developing a draft paper on the development of this	
29th Aug	Advisory Panel	Meeting to discuss who to have on the academic affairs advisory panel	
30th Aug	NUIG Student	Call with an NUIG Student in relation to information around appealing exam results, the grounds for appeal	
30th Aug	TUDSU	Went to Grangegorman campus to meet the part time officers	
31st Aug	Campaigns Strategy Committee	Meeting in relation to USI's CSC	
31st Aug	Co-Sponsors Meeting	Meeting with the co-sponsors of student survey to discuss the survey, the launch and the workshops that are coming up	2022 AA 8
1st Sep	TUSSU Campus Visit	Visited Athlone Campus Helped packing freshers bags Helped develop a plan for electing class reps and training	
2nd Sep	Annual Leave		
5th Sep	Annual Leave		
7th Sep	Higher Education 4.0	Focus on career and learning pathways – focus of trying to get people into further education who may not have thought they'd be able to Focus on creating a number of work based learning programmes through micro credentials	AA (NC) 19 – 2
8th Sep	NAIN Plenary Meeting	Meeting about academic integrity Spoke about the QQI Conference taking place on the 17th of October Feedback session was given to members about what the SU sabbatical officers said at SUT+	20 AA 6
8th Sep	NAIN Debrief Session	Session to discuss topics that were brought up at the plenary meeting	20 AA 6
8th Sep	Dublin Learning Projects	Information about College Awareness Week, Creative Arts Summer Schools, 1916 Bursary Summary of points that were discussed at it are here - https://usiir-my.sharepoint.com/:w/g/personal/education_usi_ie/Edl-rT1MUQVOqHRLqoIPsEoB43mj02JdgtJ2MCL3NOK5kg?e=1SZBNM	
9th Sep	Academic Integrity – What everyone needs to know!	Gave information on the feedback that was given from SU officers in Coleraine Spoke about Academic Integrity from the Student Perspective	20 AA 2

12th Sep	Academic Integrity	Met with Mairead and Sue about the academic integrity campaign I am hoping to run on campuses across Ireland	20 AA 2
13th Sep	College Awareness Week	Meeting with Daire and the education officers from USI (me) and ISSU Spoke about having a panel discussion for students from minorities to hear other students from minorities speak about their experience in third level Spoke about having a session to raise awareness for the different funding and student support services that exist on campuses	2022 EM (AA) 3
14th Sep	NAIN Student Perspective	Gave a talk to members of NAIN about academic integrity from a student perspective	20 AA 2
14th Sep	USI Handover about National Forum	Handover session of information around what I need to know about the National Forum for Teaching and Learning	
14th Sep	National Forum for Teaching and Learning	Academic Integrity was brought up once again at this meeting NStEP and wellbeing in the curriculum will be something that is worked on in the future and will be expanded on Development of an Open Course around Universal Design of Learning for people to participate in to learn more about UDL and how to implement it	20 AA 2 2018 EQ 5
14th Sep	Academic Integrity Campaign	Met with education officers to discuss the plans for the academic integrity campaign I am hoping to run in October	20 AA 2
14th Sep	DKITSU	Met with the BMW Officer and the Engagement Officer in DKITSU	
14th Sep	NStEP	Discussion with NStEP around class rep trainings and plans in the future	20 AA 2
14th Sep	MSU Electoral Commission	Sat on MSU's Electoral Commission	
15th Sep	USI x NYCI	Meeting with Jean-Marie from NYCI about USI's engagement with the organisation	
16th Sep	Plan of Work Day	Day to discuss the plan of work document that we need to present to our member organisations	
19th Sep	NAIN Steering Committee	An event between NAIN and private independent colleges with a focus on academic integrity Spoke about academic integrity from a student perspective	20 AA 2

19 th Sep	StudentSurvey.i e	Had a meeting with a student about the future of the student survey and USI's involvement in it	2022 AA 8
20 th Sep	New Board Member Induction	Had my induction as I am a new member in QQI so it was training day around this	20 AA 3
20 th Sep	Student QA Reviewer Training	Quality Assurance training day for Students who are involved with it, it was organised by NStEP	20 AA 2 20 AA 3
20 th Sep	StudentSurvey.i e Analysis and Impact Group	Spoke about the launch that is coming up of the StudentSurvey Training Tuesday's will offer a day where sabbatical officers can understand how they can engage with the results and how they can use results to lobby for change on a local level	2022 AA 8
20 th Sep	HEA Bill Debate	Seanad debate in Leinster House	
21 st Sep	Estrangement	Another meeting with the Welfare Officer and the Equality & Citizenship Officer about our plan for tackling SUSI's estrangement issue	2022 EQ 2
22 nd Sep	SSG Meeting for the Review of the CLA Project	Consortia Led Apprenticeship Project – QQI published a request for tenders to review quality assurance, governance arrangements and processes for Consortia Led Apprenticeship Project. This is a review of the information that has been compiled The hope is to inform the evolution of consortia-led apprenticeships by identifying examples of effective practice and opportunities for enhancement. The planned transition of craft apprenticeships to the new single apprenticeship model. Lastly, the revision of QQI's statutory QA guidelines for apprenticeship, its external quality assurance procedures and its qualifications infrastructure for apprenticeship.	
22 nd Sep	NYCI Advisory Committee Meeting	This is a committee that advises and makes proposals to the board of the NYCI on international policies and facilities – we still haven't decided who is the USI member yet so I am attending until it has been confirmed	
23 rd Sep	QQI Board Meeting	Role of QQI Board:	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of all policy and approaches to policy • Strategic planning, corporate planning and approval of annual reports • Approval of financial accounts • Withdrawal of approval of quality assurance procedures • Withdrawal of programme validation • Delegation of authority to a provider to make awards • Withdrawal or variation of delegated authority to make awards 	
23rd Sep	StudentSurvey.ie	Meeting with Siobhan and Ross around USI communications strategy	
26th Sep	INHEF Symposium 2022 Submission	Disability supports in HEI's	2018 EQ 5
28th Sep	MSU	Campus visit to help out with class rep election shout outs etc	
30th Sep	Comhairle Naisiunta	September National Council	

c) Fógairt Bronntanais/Fáilteachais

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Iompar Féin <i>Own Transport</i>		
Béilí <i>Meals</i>	Waterford Carlow College Carlow	3.60 7.00 16.40
Tréimhsí Thar Oíche <i>Overnight Stays</i>	SUT +	70.00
Nach Iad <i>Other</i>		
Iomlán		1377.50

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

Harm Reduction Funding

Minister Harris reached out to the Coiste Gnó to meet and discuss issues that students are currently facing. Due to a limited number of people allowed to attend, I drafted a letter with my main concerns to be presented to him. This letter outlined my concerns about substance abuse in the college setting.

As a result of this, we have received confirmation of funding from the Department of Health. They are funding €100,000 each year to allocate significant resources to run an educational campaign on drug and alcohol prevention. I am working on organising a follow up meeting to discuss this further.

Sexual Violence Poster

Following a conversation with an MO, I was made aware of the fact that USI currently does not have any resources on what to do if somebody experiences sexual assault or rape. I have been working on creating a poster which outlines the best standard practise to follow if you have been subjected to sexual misconduct. The Dublin Rape Crisis Centre were an incredible source of information and support to ensure that we had the right information included. The poster will also outline the supports available to not only the victim, but to those who are supporting the victim. It also shows where the Sexual Assault Treatment Units (SATU) are across the island.

We're hoping to get these out to all MOs once they are approved by rape crisis centres.

HSE STI At Home Testing Kits Expansion

As of August 12th, the HSE has once again expanded the availability of the HSE STI At Home Testing Kits.

Now, those over the age of 17 with an address in the following counties can get an at home STI testing kit delivered to their home in discreet packaging: Carlow, Cavan, Clare, Cork, Donegal, Dublin, Galway, Kerry, Kildare, Kilkenny, Laois, Leitrim, Limerick, Longford, Louth, Mayo, Meath, Monaghan, Offaly, Roscommon, Sligo, Tipperary, Westmeath, Wicklow.

b) Cruinnithe/Imeachtaí

Meetings/Events

Dáta Date	Cruinniú/Imeacht Meeting/Event	Sonraí Details	Polasaí Policy
August 11th	DCU	Work from DCU due to office arrangements.	
August 11th	It Stops Now National Advisory Panel	I attended the It Stops Now NAC.	2022 WEL 1 2021 WEL 3
August 11th	Meeting with STAND	I attended a one-on-one meeting with STAND to discuss any possible and	2022 UO 10

		relevant welfare campaigns that were coming up.	
August 12 th	Meeting with Tobacco Free Campus	I had a meeting with Tobacco Free Campus to hear their plans on making all campuses a smoke and vape free zone.	20 WEL 6
August 12 th	Call with NCADSU	I had a call with NCADSU president to discuss a certain issue.	
August 12 th	STI Testing Kit	I received confirmation that the HSE free STI home testing kits would be further expanded.	2022 WEL(NC) 2
August 15 th	JAM Card Training	I attended JAM Card training, given by Vice President for Academic Affairs.	20 WEL 12
August 15 th	Welfare Working Group	I held my first Welfare Working Group online.	
August 17 th - August 19 th	SUT+	I attended SUT+.	
August 22 nd	SUSI Estrangement	I had a meeting with VP Academic Affairs and VP E&C to discuss the issues that SUSI faces with regard to proving estrangement.	2022 EQ2 20 WEL 1
August 22 nd	BodyWhys	I had a call with BodyWhys to discuss an upcoming campaign surrounding eating disorder awareness.	20 WEL 14
August 23 rd	Letter to Minister Harris	I wrote a letter to be presented to Minister Harris by members of the Coiste Gnó. This detailed the main concerns I have regarding student welfare for this academic year.	2022 WEL 7 20 WEL 3 20 WEL 7 20 WEL 9 WEL 19-3
August 24 th	Call with the HSE	I had a call to discuss sexual health with the HSE and to learn more about the National Condom Distribution Service, and to discuss the possibility of funding SHAG packs.	20 WEL 5
August 26 th	Confirmation from Minister Harris about funding	After detailing the need for more drug and alcohol harm reduction campaigns in third level education, Minister Harris confirmed that €100,000 funding would be given for this each year.	

August 26 th	Campus Visit to NCI	I attended NCISU. Here, I met with the VP for Welfare and Equality to discuss plans for the upcoming year. VP Dublin and I then met with IADTSU and TUDSU to have a tour of the NCI Sensory Room.	2021 WEL NC 2
August 29 th	Email to the Dublin Rape Crisis Centre	I emailed the Dublin Rape Crisis Centre to ask if they could have a meeting to discuss the best standard practice for dealing with sexual assault and rape to ensure that this would be reflected in the Sexual Violence Poster.	2021 WEL 3
August 29 th	STI Testing Drive Meeting	VP Dublin and I met with VP Wellbeing DCUSU, VP Welfare TCDSU and VP Welfare and Equality IADTSU to discuss the possibilities of running an STI Testing Drive.	
August 30 th	Student Engagement and Wellbeing	I attended a meeting with USI President, NStEP Programme Manager and USI Mental Health Programme Manager to discuss the overlap between student engagement and student wellbeing.	
August 31 st	International Overdose Awareness Day	For International Overdose Awareness Day, I attended a Webinar hosted by the HSE which outlined the current drug taking trends in Ireland, as well as providing information of drug overdoses in Ireland from the past couple of years.	2022 WEL 7 20 WEL 3 20 WEL 7
August 31 st	Student Walkout Campus Invitation	I received an invitation to attend the Student Walk Out on St. Patrick's campus in DCU due to the fact that I am a former student on this campus.	
August 31 st	Mental Health among Students	I wrote a piece regarding the strained mental health supports for students in third level education for The Irish Examiner.	
August 31 st	Campaign Strategy Meeting	I attended the Campaign Strategy Meeting that was hosted by VP Campaigns	
September 1 st	Green Ribbon Launch	I attended the launch of the Green Ribbon campaign with VP Campaigns.	
September 2 nd	Annual Leave	I was on annual leave for this day.	

September 5 th	Annual Leave	I was on annual leave for this day.	
September 6 th	National Condom Distribution Service	I reached out to the National Condom Distribution Service to see what the current landscape is for condom distribution within our member organisations.	
September 7 th	Sex Workers Rights Meeting	VP Dublin and I met with Amnesty Ireland to discuss the possibilities is having their Sex Workers Rights Workshop available for SU Officers as part of our training Tuesdays.	20 NA(NC) 1
September 7 th	Everything you want to know about Disability but were Afraid to Ask	I attended the 'Everything you want to know about Disability but were Afraid to Ask' webinar.	
September 8 th	MTU Cork	I was on a campus visit to MTU Cork.	
September 8 th	NextGen Study	I had a meeting with NextGen Study to discuss brain health in young people, specifically the student population, and the reasons for early onset dementia.	
September 8 th	Suicide Prevention Video	VP Campaigns, VP Academic Affairs, VP South and Lu don Ghaeilge, alongside the USI Mental Health Programme Manager began working on the USI Suicide Prevention Day video	20 WEL 9
September 9 th	Speak Out Steering Group	I attended the steering group for the Speak Out anonymous reporting tool.	
September 13 th	Green Ribbon Event	I attended a Green Ribbon event that was based on the feelings of shame that are associated with poor mental health.	
September 13 th	HOLD- Time Management	I attended a Time Management talk that was given by the USI Programme Manager as part of our Training Tuesdays.	

September 13 th	Meeting with TUDSU	VP Dublin and I had a meeting with VP Welfare & Equality of TUDSU to discuss an upcoming project.	2021 WEL 4
September 14 th	Meeting with TCDSU	I had a meeting with the VP Welfare & Equality in TCDSU to discuss an upcoming project.	
September 14 th	Meeting with TUDSU	I met with two of the VP Welfare & Equality and Deputy President to discuss the return to campus and how to support first year students.	
September 14 th	Safe Gigs Ireland	I reached out to Safe Gigs Ireland to arrange a meeting to strengthen the relationship between them and USI.	2022 WEL 6
September 14 th	TUSLA email	I email TUSLA in hopes of receiving more information on how estrangement can be granted as part of the SUSI Estrangement mandate with the VP Academic Affairs and VP E&C.	2022 EQ 2 20 WEL 14
September 15 th	DCU Campus Visit	I had a campus visit to St. Patrick's campus DCU to meet with the DCUSU VP Academic Life to discuss the Student Walk Out.	
September 15 th	Stalking Ireland	I reached out to Stalking Ireland to begin work on the stalker awareness mandate.	2022 WEL 5
September 15 th	Meeting with It Stops Now	I had a meeting with It Stops Now to discuss the upcoming online campaign.	2021 WEL 3
September 16 th	Plan of Work Day	I attended the Coiste Gnó Plan of Work Day ahead of Comhailre Náisiúnta.	
September 16 th	Student Walkout Meeting	I attended a meeting with MOs to discuss the upcoming student walkout.	
September 19 th	MTU Kerry Meeting	I had a meeting with MTU Kerry VP Welfare to discuss a particular issue.	

September 20 th	Drop-in Session	I attended a drop-in session for Welfare Officers that was held by USI Mental Health Programme Manager.	
September 21 st	SUSI Estrangement	VP Academic Affairs, VP E&C and I met to further discuss SUSI estrangement.	2022 EQ2 20 WEL 1
September 21 st	BeLonGTo Upcoming Campaign Meeting	I met with the USI Mental Health Programme Manager, VP E&C and VP Campaigns to discuss an upcoming campaign that is being held by BeLonGTo.	
September 21 st	Coiste Gnó Meeting	I attended a Coiste Gnó meeting to discuss upcoming actions on the accommodation crisis.	
August 22 nd	It Stops Now Online Campaign Meeting	I had a meeting with VP Campaigns to discuss the upcoming It Stops Now online campaign.	2021 WEL 3

c) Fógairt Bronntanais/Fáilteachais

Declaration of Gifts/Hospitality

Dáta Date	Tuairisc <i>Description</i>	Ceannaitheoir <i>Purchaser</i>
08/09/2022	Lunch	MTU Cork

Éileamh Costais

Expenses Claimed

Mír <i>Item</i>	Tuairisc <i>Description</i>	Méid <i>Amount</i>
Iompar Poiblí <i>Public Transport</i>		
Iompar Féin <i>Own Transport</i>	Taxi to and from MTU Cork	46.80
Béilí Meals		
Tréimhsí Thar Oíche Overnight Stays	SUT+ (2 nights)	70.00
Nach Iad Other		
Iomlán Total		116.80

Éileamh Costais
Expenses Claimed

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

Iompar Poiblí <i>Public Transport</i>		
Iompar Féin <i>Own Transport</i>		
Béilí Meals		
Tréimhsí Thar Oíche Overnight Stays		
Nach Iad Other		
Iomlán Total		

4. Leas-Uachtarán um Feachtais

Vice President for Campaigns

Ross Boyd

a) Príomh-phointí ón Comhairle Náisiúnta deireanach

Key Points Since Last Comhairle Náisiúnta

Student Walkout

Following the passing of the motion mandating a Student Walkout, the President, General Manager and I have worked on ensuring a full pack of information on emails, branding and what materials are needed will be available to MO officers.

These materials should be ready

USI Action Postponement

Following the Pre-Budget Lobby Day, which I wanted to give a special thanks to those who attended, my main hope and aim was the organisation of an action as planned. The initial date planned needed to be moved to allow more time to gather information on the logistics of the action, and as emailed yesterday (the 21st) needed to be postponed due to a significant increase of security. While as likely disappointing to yourselves as it is to me, we as a Coiste Gnó are still committed to carrying out this action, as an escalation of the Student Walkout.

Increased communications on this action and others are something we will prioritise as a Coiste Gnó and personally myself to ensure awareness of what we are doing as a Coiste and providing as much support, given the stressful times many officers are likely experiencing this month.

Other related work

Apart from the work on the Student Walkout and USI Action, I have been working with the ISSU in relation to public transport, and secured following the lobby day the confirmation that commercial public transport operators will accept the Young Adult Card.

b) Cruinnithe/Imeachtaí

Meetings/Events

Dáta <i>Date</i>	Cruinniú/Imeacht <i>Meeting/Event</i>	Sonraí <i>Details</i>	Polasaí <i>Policy</i>
11/08	Meeting with NUS-USI President	Discussed USI and NUS-USI campaigns and collaboration.	
11/08	1:1 meeting with STAND	Discussed potential campaign collaboration and brief introduction to STAND	
12/08	ANNUAL LEAVE		
15/08	JAM Card Training	Received JAM card training from the VP AA on how to use the JAM card and recognise it.	20 WEL 12
15/08	Postgraduate WG	Took minutes on behalf of VP PG for his WG.	
16/08	Call with ISSU on Public Transport	Discussed a potential collaboration on a public transport coalition.	
17/08- 19/08	SUT+	Held my first Campaigns WG, as well as Comhairle Náisiúnta as an officer.	

18/08	Interview with The Last Word	Spoke to the Last Word on Student Accommodation with the Trinity Provost.	
24/08	ISSU Skills Academy	Delivered a workshop to ISSU students on how to run effective campaigns.	
24/08	Meeting with Minister Harris	Met with Minister Harris to discuss the student accommodation crisis, international student issues as well as our pre-budget asks.	
25/08	Homes for Good Webinar	Attended this webinar to inform USI's submission on the Right to Housing.	
29/08	Interview with Virgin Media	Spoke to Virgin Media regarding the student accommodation crisis and student walkout.	
30/08	Cost of Living Coalition Meeting	Re-convened COLC meeting regarding plans for the protest on the 24 th .	
31/08	Interview on Jennifer Zamparelli show	Talked to Jennifer Zamparelli show about student accommodation and tips for students to find accommodation.	
31/08	RTÉ piece on rental fraud	Talked to RTÉ about the 30% increase in rental fraud	
31/08	Campaigns Strategy Committee	Held a meeting of Campaigns Strategy Committee to discuss plans for September and October regarding actions and campaigns	
31/08	Meeting with IFMSA	Met with Irish Federation of Medical Students Association to talk about GEM student access	
01/09	Green Ribbon Launch	Attended the Green Ribbon launch with VP Welfare on removing mental health stigma	
01/09	Meeting with Daryll Horan	Meeting to discuss the initially planned occupation and logistics needed to deliver this	
05/09	Pre-Budget Lobby Day	Held a pre-budget lobby day which had good attendance from both MOs and TDs	
07/09	NHHC Steering Committee	Briefly attended the National Housing and Homeless Coalition regarding the group's future	
08/09	Alliance for Insurance Reform Meeting	Attended this meeting to discuss the future actions of the group and introductions to the group as such	
09/09	ANNUAL LEAVE		
12/09	Meeting with VP AA on Academic Integrity Week	Discussed with VP AA and General Manager regarding the VP's proposal for the campaign week	
13/09	STAND & USI catch-up	Caught up with STAND regarding their campaign brief for the	

13/09	Cost of Living Coalition Meeting		
14/09	Cost of Living Coalition Press Launch	Launched the Cost of Living Coalition Protest for the 24 th of September with other groups.	
14/09	PCAU Protest	Attended the PCAU protest on Postgraduate stipends and working conditions.	
16/09	Plan of Work Day		
16/09	Student Walkout Strategy Meeting	Met with SU officers to discuss the student walkout and what they want to see from the demands and actions.	
19/09-20/09	Student Sleep-Out at SETUSU Waterford	Slept out with officers from SETUSU Waterford to highlight the student accommodation crisis, including an interview with	
20/09	HEA bill debate observing	Observed the HEA debate with VP AA, President and VP Gaeilge in the final stage before approval	

c) Fógairt Bronntanais/Fáilteachais

Declaration of Gifts/Hospitality

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

Éileamh Costais

Expenses Claimed

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

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

SIPTU PARTNERSHIP

Due to new staff in the Workers' Rights Centre in SIPTU there was a lack of awareness about the USI partnership. This has now been resolved, if anyone further gets affected please get in contact.

Equality Events

Pink training has been moved around due to UG exams & winter conferring, EMpower and eco-action dates TBC and advisory event panel signs up will be out very soon.

International Students & On Campus racism

Commitments have been by DHFREIS to meet USI to discuss the marketing content of their marketing site for international students and HEI international offices. There is also clear frustration from recruitment offices having to relent on the fact there is no accommodation available.

b) Cruinnithe/Imeachtaí

Meetings/Events

Dáta <i>Date</i>	Cruinniú/Imeacht <i>Meeting/Event</i>	Sonraí <i>Details</i>	Polasaí <i>Policy</i>
August 11th	Meeting UGSU President	Discussed accommodation, engagement,	
	Meeting UCCSU	Direct action, campaigns	
	National Advisory Committee Meeting	It Stops Now Campaign, NAC structures	
	WAM Leadership Awards	AHEAD work programme awards, recruited potential mentors	
12th	Call with student	confidential	
15th	MMM		
16th	EMC	Commerical discussions, canva training to be organised	
	BMW	Took minutes	
	Half- medical leave		
17th-19th	SUT+	Delivered social media training	
22nd	MMM		
	SUSI Estrangement	Set out plan to acquire responses from all involved bodies and research estrangement practises abroad	

24th	ISSU Panel	Careers in activism panel	
	AN Tasice Meeting	Discussion on student engagement	
	Minister Harris meeting	Discussed false marketing to international students, accommodation crisis, fees and engagement going forward, SU autonomy, presented letter from USI Welfare	
25th	Visit to LSADSU // TUSU Clare Street & Ennis		
26 th August- September 4th	Medical Leave		
SEPTEMBER 5th	USI Pre-Budget lobby day		
6th	IUA EU 50 Event	Spoke to Minister Harris about his lack of attendance at the lobby day despite committing to attending, spoke to Minister Byrne about Erasmus students dropping out due to the housing crisis. Neither seemed enthusiastic about the conversations held.	
8th	NYCI Equality & Inclusion Network Meeting	Shared translation software instructions, gave insight to student accommodation crisis, received confirmation from Jigsaw they have provided trauma training to engage with refugees and can provide services to students	
12th	SICK LEAVE		
13th	Parliamentary Symposium on Enhancing Public Participation		
	INAR Network Meeting	Full disclosure: attended for 10 minutes before teams crashed, have requested a 1:1 meeting between USI and INAR due to this	
14th	DKITSU Visit	Discussed EMC matters	
15th	INHEF Strategic Plan Launch		
	USI & Threshold meeting	Discussed digs, potential partnership, discrimination in housing faced by students with disabilities and students facing racism.	

		Confirmation of commitment from Threshold to assist in these cases	
16th	Plan of Work Day // half day took Time in Lieu		
19th	CCSU visit	EMC visit, discussed clubs & socs and equality issues faced by mature students	
20th	University of Sanctuary Steering Committee	Noted less applicants due to impossible requirements and accomodation issues	
	Meeting w/ USI MH manager	Discussion around marking world traveller mental health day	
21st	Meeting w/ USI welfare & USI MH manager		
22nd	ICOS Board members meeting Liberation work meeting LGBT Domestic Violence Coalition meeting Equitable Education Launch NCBI		

c) Fógairt Bronntanais/Fáilteachais

Declaration of Gifts/Hospitality

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Éileamh Costais

Expenses Claimed

Mír <i>Item</i>	Tuairisc <i>Description</i>	Méid <i>Amount</i>
Iompar Poiblí <i>Public Transport</i>		
Iompar Féin <i>Own Transport</i>		
Béilí		

Meals		
Tréimhsí Thar Oíche Overnight Stays	Stayed in Tralee	20 euro
Nach Iad Other	Phone charger & cable	40 euro
Iomlán 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

Since last Comhairle Náisiúnta, I did a lot of thinking about my Plan of Work. As a regional, it's very dependent on what the policy officers and member organisations ask us to do but it's been a worthwhile exercise nonetheless. I really enjoyed Dublin bonding and am looking forward to more bonding and think-in events. Projects that have me super excited are the STI testing campaign, the constitutional review, and the voting campaign (see more in my Plan of Work). I'll be on leave for a week in October and working from home for two weeks so that I can visit my family. I'll be unavailable for campus visits during those weeks but shoot me an email if you'd like to meet over Zoom. Thank you for reading my report and asking questions!

b) Cruinnithe/Imeachtaí

Meetings/Events

Dáta <i>Date</i>	Cruinniú/Imeacht <i>Meeting/Event</i>	Sonraí <i>Details</i>	Polasaí <i>Policy</i>
8 August	Monday Morning Meeting (MMM)	Freshers' week planning, weekly updates and planning for CN elections.	
8 August	NUS UK Plenary and Discussion on Anti-Semitism	NUS UK staff gave an update on the claims of antisemitism and the independent investigation being conducted.	
9 August	Policy Tracking	A meeting to discuss mandated events and campaigns.	
10 August	Accommodation Crisis Meeting	A meeting with the Coiste and member organisations about the accommodation crisis and potential campaign actions.	
15 August	MMM	We talked about engaging activist students, the accommodation crisis and freshers' weeks.	
15 August	JAM Card Training	The Coiste Gnó received 'Just A Minute' card training. Some people with disabilities use this card to share that they need more time or assistance than would be expected.	
15 August	Dublin Region Working Group	See minutes.	
19 August	Comhairle Náisiúnta	See minutes.	
24 August	Dublin Region Bonding	We chatted and did bonding activities, went for dinner and did the gravediggers ghost bus tour.	
26 August	NCISU Visit	I joined the VP Academic Affairs, IADTSU and TUDSU to tour the sensory room and discuss various upcoming events.	

29 August	STI Campaign Meeting	Meeting with VP Welfare and the welfare officers from DCUSU, IADTSU and TCDSU.	
2 September	Visit to IADTSU.	Met with IADTSU, USI president and VP Equality and Citizenship to discuss their working conditions.	
5 September	Pre-Budget Lobby Day	Supported member organisations in their lobbying of TDs and senators.	
7 September	Generation Apprenticeship	Attending the Generation Apprenticeship board meeting with VP southern region.	
7 September	Wednesday Wafternoon Weeting (WWW)	Most of the discussion centred around the occupation plans.	
7 September	Sex Workers Rights Workshops	Met with VP Welfare and Amnesty to discuss a Training Tuesday series about sex work.	
9 September	Freedom of Information	I met with László Molnárfi to discuss FOI requests that he submitted.	2022 CZN 2
12 September	MMM	We discussed Research Matters, steering committee, comhairle náisiúnta and accommodation.	
12 September	Catch up	Met with the president of DCUSU to discuss year plans.	
14-20 September	Annual Leave		

c) Fógairt Bronntanais/Fáilteachais

Declaration of Gifts/Hospitality

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

Éileamh Costais

Expenses Claimed

Mír <i>Item</i>	Tuairisc <i>Description</i>	Méid <i>Amount</i>
Iompar Poiblí <i>Public Transport</i>		
Iompar Féin <i>Own Transport</i>		
Béilí Meals	Breakfast en route to Coleraine Lunch returning to Dublin from Coleraine	7.50 12.50
Tréimhsí Thar Oíche Overnight Stays	Two overnights in Coleraine	100
Nach Iad		

Other		
Iomlán		120
Total		

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

Meeting with Minister for Higher Education

In early September I, along with the President, VP Equality & Citizenship and VP Campaigns met with the Minister for Higher Education to discuss the USI's Pre-Budget Submission. I spoke about the importance of introducing legislation for digs and tenancy rights. VP Welfare also wrote the minister a letter and as a result of this letter we were informed that the Department of Health would allocate 100k per annum to run a Drug/Alcohol prevention campaign.

USI Lobby Day

We held the USI Pre-Budget Lobby Day on September 5th in Buswells Hotel in Dublin. This Lobby Day allowed both the Coiste Gnó and Member Organisations. Previous to this I had emailed every TD within the Border, Midlands and Western region to ask for their attendance.

During this day I spoke with TD's from my region including Bernard Durkan, Réada Cronin, Rose Conway-Walsh and Michael Fitzmaurice, as well as parliamentary assistants.

The Lobby Day allowed us to speak to TD's and present them the issues USI believes students are facing, while acknowledging that every college may have more specific issues that they find their students are facing. I also met Marian Harkin in Sligo after the lobby day as she could not attend in Dublin.

Comhairle Náisiúnta

Since my last Officer report was submitted, I attended the first Comhairle Náisiúnta of the year in Coleraine. I also held my first Working Group of the year which was online before Comhairle Náisiúnta. I feel my nerves definitely made me rush through the working group, so I am looking forward to my next one, where hopefully I will handle things a bit better.

I look forward to October as my calendar is full of campus visits, campouts, and protests!

b) Cruinnithe/Imeachtaí

Meetings/Events

Dáta <i>Date</i>	Cruinniú/Imeacht <i>Meeting/Event</i>	Sonraí <i>Details</i>	Polasaí <i>Policy</i>
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Every Week	Monday Morning Meeting	Weekly meeting with team where we discuss plans and meetings for the incoming week.	
15 th Aug	JAM Training	Attended JAM training facilitated by VP Academic Affairs.	
15 th Aug	Welfare meeting	Had a check in meeting with VP Welfare.	
15 th Aug	Welfare working group	Attended & helped facilitate online Welfare working group.	
15 th Aug	Dublin region working group	Attended & helped facilitate online Dublin region working group.	
16 th Aug	EMC working group	Attended & took minutes for Events, Marketing & Comms working group with VP E&C.	
16 th Aug	BMW working group	Held 1 st BMW Working group.	
16 th Aug	Check in with VP South		
16 th Aug	Academic Affairs working group	Attended & took minutes for Academic Affairs working group with VP Academic Affairs.	
17 th Aug	Social Media Training	Ran Social Media Training for sabbatical officers with VP for Equality & Citizenship, Maeve Richardson	
17 th & 18 th Aug	SUT+	Attended SUT+ with Coiste Gnó and MO Sabbats.	
19 th Aug	Comhairle Naisúnta	Attended the first Comhairle Naisunta of the year, voted in elections.	
23 rd Aug	Radio interview	Spoke on The Wider View about the housing crisis & digs protections.	
24 th Aug	Meeting with Minister Harris	Met with Minister for Higher Education with the USI President, VP Campaigns & VP Equality & Citizenship.	
30 th Aug	Meeting with VP South		
31 st Aug	Campaigns Strategy Committee	Attended Campaigns strategy committee meeting.	
1 st Sept	DKIT Campus Visit	Was asked to chair Class Rep Council.	

5 th Sept	Pre-Budget Lobby Day	Attended Pre-Budget Lobby day in Buswells Hotel.	
7 th Sept	Weekly updates meeting	MMM was on Wednesday to accommodate Lobby Day	
9 th Sept	Meeting with Marian Harkin	Met with Sligo/Leitrim TD Marian Harkin to discuss USI's Pre-Budget Submission.	
12 th Sept	Inputting Lobbying Returns brief	President talked us through how to input lobbying returns.	
14 th Sept	Meeting with VP AA & DKITSU VP Engagement	Discussed education in DKITSU, campaigns and class reps	
16 th Sept	Plan of Work day	Coiste Gnó had a meeting to discuss their Plans of Work, which were vital for me to be able to complete mine, as it allowed me to see where I needed to support my colleagues in the upcoming term.	
16 th Sept	Walkout planning meeting with MOs	Attended a meeting about the walkout on Oct 13 th .	
21 st Sept	Sick Day		

c) Fógairt Bronntanais/Fáilteachais

Declaration of Gifts/Hospitality

Dáta <i>Date</i>	Tuairisc <i>Description</i>	Ceannaitheoir <i>Purchaser</i>
19 th August	Coffee & cookie	Kimberly Austin, President, St Angela's College SU
1 st Sept	Lunch	DKITSU
1 st Sept	Merchandise	Niamh Fallon, President, Dundalk Institute of Technology SU
27 th July	Merchandise	Colin Kearney, President, ATU Galway SU (should have been logged in last report, apologies)

Éileamh Costais

Expenses Claimed

Mír <i>Item</i>	Tuairisc <i>Description</i>	Méid <i>Amount</i>
Iompar Poiblí <i>Public Transport</i>	2x Dublin Sligo return – 16.80	33.60
Iompar Féin <i>Own Transport</i> (This is just Mileage as I have not figured out how to calculate the fuel yet)	Mileage to Athlone 17.29 x2 – 34.58 Mileage to Coleraine 19.57 x2 – 39.14 Mileage to Dundalk 18.34 x2 – 36.86	110.58
Béilí Meals		
Tréimhsí Thar Oíche Overnight Stays	2 x Coleraine with dinner supplied - 40 1 x Dublin with no dinner supplied - 35	75
Nach Iad Other		
Iomlán Total		219.18

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

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

Key Points Since Last Comhairle Náisiúnta

USI Pre Budget Submission Lobby Day

On the 5th of September in the Buswell's Hotel in Dublin. I emailed all TD's and senators in the Southern Region area before this, and I invited and encouraged them to come to the event. At this event I met with government TD's and Senators with other members of the Coiste and MO's.

This day was very beneficial as it allowed us to have direct contact with government officials and let them know what we want to see in the next Budget.

Key Point 2

I am really enjoying the campus visits and meeting you all and your students! I am always willing to visit so just let me know when you want me down. I am going to be on leave from 10-14 of October.

b) **Cruinnithe/Imeachtaí**

Meetings/Events

Dáta <i>Date</i>	Cruinniú/Imeacht <i>Meeting/Event</i>	Sonraí <i>Details</i>	Polasaí <i>Policy</i>
15 August	MTUKSU	Campus visit alongside VP Equality and Citizenship.	
15 August	MMM	Monday morning meeting.	
16 August	Southern Region Working Group	I held my first regional working group online.	
17 August	E and C Working Group	I attended equality and citizenship working group.	
17 August	Gaeilge Working group	I attended and took minutes for the Gaeilge working group.	
18 August	Comhairle Náisiúnta	I attended my first CN of the year.	
22 August	Monday Morning Meeting	Discussed what each officer is up to for the week, gave updates on policy work.	
23 August	MTU Cork	Campus visit	
23 August	Sexual Violence Centre Cork	Attended a meeting with MTU Cork Welfare Officer, discussed safety around freshers and night-time events.	
26 August	UCC	I met with UCCSU Commercial and Fundraising Officer to discuss a campaign week they are planning.	

29 August	Monday Morning Meeting	Discussing updates on campaigns, policy work and plans for the week.	
29 August	VP BMW	I met with the VP for the BMW and we discussed our cross regional responsibilities.	
31 August	Campaigns Strategy Committee	I attended the campaigns strategy committee which was ran by the VP Campaigns. The upcoming campaigns and events for the year were discussed.	
1 September	96 fm	I done a radio interview on the accommodation crisis and barriers to education.	
4 September	USI Pre Budget Lobby Day	I attended the pre budget lobby day in Buswells hotel Dublin. At the event we lobbied with TDs and Senators on our asks for the budget 2023.	
7 September	NAO Generation Apprenticeship Roundtable	I attended this alongside with VP Dublin. It was a very interesting discussion on apprentices' rights, gender balance within apprenticeships. Myself and VP Dublin are currently looking up plans to make colleges more aware of the apprentices they have on campus.	
7 September	Monday morning meeting	Discussed upcoming campaigns, housing crisis.	
8 September	MTUKSU	I met with MTUKSU President, former education officer and USI President to discuss the student walk out 13 th October.	
12 September	UCCSU	Campus visit – attended their consent picnic on campus.	
12 September	Monday morning meeting	Discussed plans for the week and campaigns.	
12 September	MTUKSU	Went to night time event alongside MTUKSU	
12 September	Inputting Lobbying Returns	The president talked us through how to input lobbying returns.	
13 September	MTUKSU	Campus Visit	
14 September	MTUCSU	Campus Visit	
16 September	MTUKSU	Campus Visit	

16 September	Plan of Work Day	Discussed our plans for the year ahead with a timeline of how long it should take. This was important for me as a regional as it helps me know how I can support my MOs in the year ahead.	
19 September	SETUSU WD	I attended Waterford campus and spoke at their first year orientations	
19 September	Sleep out	I attended the sleep out held by SETUSU Waterford in response to the accommodation crisis.	
20 September	SETUSU WD	Campus visit and I spoke to first years at orientations.	
21 September	Tuesday Morning Meeting	The Coiste met and we discussed upcoming campaigns and plans for the week ahead.	

c) Fógairt Bronntanais/Fáilteachais

Declaration of Gifts/Hospitality

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

Éileamh Costais

Expenses Claimed

Mír <i>Item</i>	Tuairisc <i>Description</i>	Méid <i>Amount</i>
Iompar Poiblí <i>Public Transport</i>	Return train to MTU Kerry Train home from Coleraine	9.20 x 2 = 18.40 23.20 = 41.60
Iompar Féin <i>Own Transport</i>		
Béilí <i>Meals</i>		
Tréimhsí Thar Oíche <i>Overnight Stays</i>	SUT+ Coleraine overnight	50 x 2 = 100
Nach Iad <i>Other</i>		
Iomlán <i>Total</i>		141.60

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 the last Comhairle Náisiúnta, Conradh na Gaeilge have employed a full time co-ordinator of the Gníomhaí Gaeilge scheme who those of you signed up will have heard from by now. At this point, everyone signed up should have been paired with a mentor who has been carefully selected based on relevance and previous experience with your institution/area, and Chloe will have made contact with the students who are signed up to encourage you to set up a meeting with your mentor. If anybody has any questions feel free to pop me an email! (I got paired with TUSU so I'm afraid you're stuck with me even after I'm gone xxx) **(2021 GAE 2)**

Seachtain na Gaeilge Starter-pack

As I won't be here in March for Seachtain na Gaeilge, I have prepared a word document with a list of Gaeilge Event Ideas and a step by step guide of how to organise them, including an excel sheet of Irish language guest speakers. I have also included guide bullet points on how to develop an Irish Language Strategy for your union. **(2021 GAE 3)**

Stráitéis na Gaeilge/Irish Language Strategy

As mandated, I have began working on an Irish Language Strategy for the USI and will be bringing this to Comhairle for discussion for feedback. With the feedback given, I intend to finish the strategy up before my departure and the Coiste Gnó can bring it to approval for the next Comhairle Náisiúnta in October. **(2022 GAE 4)**

Tascfhórsa Ghaeilge NUS-USI/NUS-USI Irish Language Taskforce

The form to register interest in being involved with the NUS-USI taskforce is now live – nasc anseo (link here). You do not need to be fluent in Irish to join and the taskforce is open to all officers and registered students from the north and in the NUS region.

Saoire Bhliantiúil/Annual Leave

Bhí me ar mo shaoire bhliantiúil ar an 26ú Lúnasa. I took annual leave on the 26th August.

Plan of Work

I have not submitted a plan of work due to the length of time left in my role but the incoming Leas Uachtarán don Ghaeilge will be submitting their POW to the next Comhairle Náisiúnta.

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b) Cruinnithe/Imeachtaí

Meetings/Events

Dáta <i>Date</i>	Cruinniú/Imeachtaí <i>Meeting/Event</i>	Sonraí <i>Details</i>	Polasáí <i>Policy</i>
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22/08/22	Monday Morning Meeting	Monday Morning Meeting with the Coiste Gnó	
24/08/22	Zoom I'ADT	Cruinniú I'ADT chun plé a dhéanamh faoi Gníomhaí Gaeilge, Cumann Gaelach, Imeachtaí agus Seirbhísí Aistriúcháin [Meeting with IADTSU to discuss Gníomhaí Gaeilge, Irish Society, Events & Translation Services]	2022 GAE 4 /
26/08/22	Cuairt ar MSU	Cuairt ar MSU chun plé a dhéanamh ar Seachtain na Gaeilge, toghcháin, gníomhaí gaeilge agus níos mó [Visit to MSU to discuss SnaG, elections of an Oifigeach na Gaeilge, and a potential LUDG referendum]	2022 GAE 4
29/08/22	MMM	Monday Morning Meeting with the Coiste Gnó	
30/08/22	Cruinniú leis an tUachtarán	Meeting with the USI President to discuss internal communications and a hybrid approach to team meetings	
31/08/22	Campaigns Strategy Committee	D'fhreastal mé an Choiste Stráitéiseach um Feachtais [I attended the VP campaigns' CSC]	
01/09/22	Cruinniú Seachtainiúil le Conradh na Gaeilge	Weekly meeting with Conradh na Gaeilge's third level coordinator	
05/09/22	Pre-Budget Lobby Day (Baile Átha Cliath)	D'fhreastal mé an Lá Stócaireachta I mBaile Átha Cliath – luaigh mé na pointe faoin táillí gaeltachta agus oideachas trí Ghaeilge leis teachta dálaí <i>[I attended the lobby day in Dublin and highlighted points around Gaeltacht placement fees and education through the medium of Irish with TDs]</i>	20 GAE 5
06/09/22	SEAS - Mairéad Farrell TD	Lá stocaireacht mar chuid de SEAS le Mairéad Farrell TD - luaigh mé na pointe faoin táillí gaeltachta agus oideachas trí Ghaeilge	20 GAE 5 & 6
06/09/22	SEAS – Johnny Guirke TD	Lá stocaireacht mar chuid de SEAS le Johnny Guirke TD - luaigh mé na pointe	20 GAE 5 & 6

		<p>faoin táillí gaeltachta agus oideachas trí Ghaeilge</p> <p><i>[I attended the Conradh na Gaeilge lobby day and highlighted points around Gaeltacht placement fees and education through the medium of Irish amongst other points]</i></p>	
06/09/22	SEAS – Rose Conway Walsh TD	<p>Lá stocaireacht mar chuid de SEAS le Rose Conway Walsh TD - luaigh mé na pointe faoin táillí gaeltachta agus oideachas trí Ghaeilge</p> <p>Lá stocaireacht mar chuid de SEAS le Johnny Guirke TD - luaigh mé na pointe faoin táillí gaeltachta agus oideachas trí Ghaeilge</p> <p><i>[I attended the Conradh na Gaeilge lobby day and highlighted points around Gaeltacht placement fees and education through the medium of Irish amongst other points]</i></p>	20 GAE 5 & 6
07/09/22	SEAS – Seanadóir Malcolm Byrne	<p>Lá stocaireacht mar chuid de SEAS leis an seanadóir Malcolm Byrne - luaigh mé na pointe faoin táillí gaeltachta agus oideachas trí Ghaeilge</p> <p>Lá stocaireacht mar chuid de SEAS le Johnny Guirke TD - luaigh mé na pointe faoin táillí gaeltachta agus oideachas trí Ghaeilge</p> <p><i>[I attended the Conradh na Gaeilge lobby day and highlighted points around Gaeltacht placement fees and education through the medium of Irish amongst other points]</i></p>	20 GAE 5 & 6
07/09/22	SEAS - Cían O'Callaghan TD	<p>Lá stocaireacht mar chuid de SEAS le Cían Ó Callaghan - luaigh mé na pointe faoin táillí gaeltachta agus oideachas trí Ghaeilge</p> <p>Lá stocaireacht mar chuid de SEAS le Johnny Guirke TD - luaigh mé na pointe faoin táillí gaeltachta agus oideachas trí Ghaeilge</p> <p><i>[I attended the Conradh na Gaeilge lobby day and highlighted points around Gaeltacht placement fees and education through the medium of Irish amongst other points]</i></p>	20 GAE 5 & 6

		<i>through the medium of Irish amongst other points]</i>	
07/09/22	SEAS - Bríd Smyth TD	Lá stocaireacht mar chuid de SEAS le Bríd Smyth - luaigh mé na pointe faoin táillí gaeltachta agus oideachas trí Ghaeilge Lá stocaireacht mar chuid de SEAS le Johnny Guirke TD - luaigh mé na pointe faoin táillí gaeltachta agus oideachas trí Ghaeilge <i>[I attended the Conradh na Gaeilge lobby day and highlighted points around Gaeltacht placement fees and education through the medium of Irish amongst other points]</i>	20 GAE 5 & 6
07/09/22	Gníomhaí Gaeilge - Uasdátú	Bhuail mé le Aodhán, Éimear agus Chloe ó CnaG le chur rudaí le chéile don Gníomhaí Gaeilge <i>I met with Aodhán, Éimear and Chloe from Conradh na Gaeilge to put the final bits together for the Gníomhaí Gaeilge scheme</i>	2021 GAE 2
07/09/22	Weekly Update CG	Monday Morning Meeting with the Coiste Gnó but on a Wednesday 😊	
08/09/22	Cruinniú Seachtainiúil Conradh na Gaeilge	Weekly meeting with Conradh na Gaeilge's third level coordinator	
08/09/22	Físean ar meabhairshláinte	Ghlac mé páirt sa fhíseán meabhairshláinte don Lá <i>I took part in Sarah's mental health video for world suicide prevention day</i>	
09/09/22	AMLCOC (UCCSU) Gaeilge	Bhuail mé leis na hoifigh AMLCOC faoin stráitéis na gaeilge a chur le chéile agus faoi gníomhaí gaeilge <i>I met with officers from UCCSU about putting an Irish Language Strategy together and about Gníomhaí Gaeilge</i>	2022 GAE 4
10/09/22	Cruinniú den Choiste Gnó (CnaG)	D'fhreastal mé cruinniú den choiste gnó conradh na gaeilge i nGaillimh <i>I attended Conradh na Gaeilge's coiste gnó meeting in Galway</i>	

12/09/22	Monday Morning Meeting	Monday Morning Meeting with the Coiste Gnó	
12/09/22	Cruinniú eolais GG leis na meantóirí	Information session for Gníomhaí Gaeilge mentors	2021 GAE 2
12/09/22	Cruinniú Poiblí - Cost of Living Coalition (Gaillimh)	D'fhreastal mé an cruinniú seo I nGaillimh leis na hoifigigh Comhaltas na Mac Léinn Ollscoil na Gaillimhe <i>I attended this meeting in Galway with the officers from UGSU</i>	
16/09/22	Plan of Work Day	Chuaigh mé go mBÁC don lá plean oibre leis an gCoiste <i>I went to Dublin for the team plan of work day</i>	
16/09/22	Coiste Oideachas	D'fhreastal mé cruinniú oideachas conradh na gaeilge – bhí na pointe is mó ceangailte leis an ardteiste sa scoil <i>I attended the education committee of Conradh na Gaeilge, the main points raised were related to policies around the Leaving Cert & Irish exemptions</i>	2021 GAE 6
19/09/22	Monday Morning Meeting	Weekly Monday Morning Meeting with the Coiste Gnó	
19/09/22	Pleanáil cuairteanna	Cruinniú le hÉimear ó CnaG chun cuairteanna champas a eagrú agus a roinnt don bhFreisears <i>Meeting with Éimear from CnaG to organise and split campus visits for freshers</i>	
20/09/22	Cuairt ar QUBSU (Béal Feirste)	Bhuail mé leis an Oifigeach na Gaeilge ó QSU chun stráitéis na gaeilge a chur le chéile agus rudaí eile don Ghaeilge I QSU <i>I met with the Irish Officer from QSU to put an Irish Strategy together and other things for Gaeilge in the Union</i>	2022 GAE 4
20/09/22	Bille an HEA (Seanad Éireann)	Bhí mé ag an díospóireacht faoin mbille an tÚAO <i>I was at the HEA bill debate in the Seanad.</i>	NA 19 – 8
21/09/22	Student 1-1	Bhuail mé le mac léinn ó CMLOnG chun caint faoin ról LUdG	

		<i>I met with a student from UGSU to talk about the role of LUdG</i>	
21/09/22	Cruinniú Seachtainiúl le Conradh na Gaeilge	Weekly meeting with Conradh na Gaeilge's third level co-ordinator to finalise plans for freshers	
22/09/22	Student 1-1	Bhuail mé le mac léinn ó CMLOnG chun caint faoin ról LUdG <i>I met with a student from UGSU to talk about the role of LUdG</i>	
22/09/22	Cuairt ar CMLOnG	Bhuail mé le Barry chun rudaí difriúil a phlé mar shampla stráitéis na gaeilge, an foclóir aiteach agus níos mó <i>I met with Barry to discuss things such as the USI Irish Language Strategy, the Queer Dictionary and others</i>	2022 GAE 4 /
23/09/22	Global Climate Strike (Gaillimh)	Bhí mé ag an stailc ar son na hAeráide I nGaillimh <i>I was at the Climate Strike in Galway</i>	
26/09/22	Monday Morning Meeting (Baile Átha Cliath)	Weekly meeting with the Coiste Gnó	
26/09/22	Foclóir Aiteach 2.0	Bhuail mé le Tadhg agus Barry chun dáta láinseáil a eagrú don bhFoclóir Aiteach 2.0.	2018 IL 1
27/09/22	Cuairt ar MTU Kerry	Chuaigh mé go dTrá Lí le haghaidh Pop Up Gaeltacht mar chuid de Freshers <i>I went to Tralee for their Pop Up Gaeltacht as part of freshers</i>	2021 GAE NC 3
29/09/22	Accommodation Campout (Gaillimh)	Thacaigh mé leis an agóid lóistín I nGaillimh <i>I supported the accommodation protest/sleepout in Galway</i>	
30/09/22	Comhairle Náisiúnta (Port Láirge)	D'fhreastal mé ar Comhairle Náisiúnta I bPort Láirge leis an choiste gnó <i>I attended National Council in Waterford with the executive team</i>	
01/10/22	Grúpa Oibre na Gaeilge	Bhí mé I mo chathaoirleach ar an gcruinniú den ghrúpa oibre na gaeilge ag CN	2020 GAE 4

		<i>I chaired my final meeting of Gaeilge Working Group at National Council</i>	
03/10/22	Monday Morning Meeting	Weekly meeting with the Coiste Gnó	
03/10/22	Cuairt ar TUSU (Baile Átha Luain)	Chuaigh mé go mBaile Átha Luain don pop-up Gaeilge stall mar chuid de 'Freshers' <i>I went to Athlone for a popup Gaeilge stall as part of their freshers</i>	2021 GAE NC 3, 2022 GAE 4
04/10/22	Cuairt ar MTU Corcaigh	Chuaigh mé go gCorcaigh don pop-up Gaeilge stall mar chuid de 'Freshers' <i>I went to Cork for a popup Gaeilge stall as part of their freshers</i>	2021 GAE NC 3, 2022 GAE 4
05/10/22	Cuairt ar TUDSU (Baile Átha Cliath)	I attended TUDSU's freshers	2021 GAE NC 3, 2022 GAE 4

c) Fógairt Bronntanais/Fáilteachais

Declaration of Gifts/Hospitality

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

Éileamh Costais
Expenses Claimed

Mír <i>Item</i>	Tuairisc <i>Description</i>	Méid <i>Amount</i>
Iompar Poiblí <i>Public Transport</i>	Gaillimh - Mhá Nuad (Return)	€17
Iompar Féin <i>Own Transport</i>		
Béilí <i>Meals</i>		
Tréimhsí Thar Oíche <i>Overnight Stays</i>		
Nach Iad <i>Other</i>		
Iomlán <i>Total</i>		€17

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

Postgraduate Workers Charter

I've been coordinating with the different campaigns currently carried out by USI and postgraduate workers to further develop the Postgraduate Workers Rights Charter in a democratic fashion. I held meetings with PGWAI, PCAU, SIPTU and other groups to draft a new Workers' Rights Charter.

USI/IRC Why Research Matter Video Competition 2022

To highlight the varied work being undertaken by postgraduate students across Ireland, I ran Why Research Matters video competition 2022 in cooperation with the Irish Research Council. The final winner announcement ceremony will be held in Early Career Researchers Welcome and Networking Event at Ashling Hotel Dublin. I will also run an informational session on Postgraduate related support during IRC Award event to all new IRC awardee.

Plan of Work

My plan of work for the first semester will be brought forward for approval at this CN. I want to ensure the work of USI is driven by its members and the grassroots postgrad rights groups. The plan of work for 1st Semester includes the Postgraduate Workers rights Charter, Postgraduate Funding, Postgraduate Research Matters Video Competition, Postgraduate Representation and Engagement, Postgraduate-specific training and support and Equality of access to non-EU Postgraduates.

Advisory Group

I've been working on updating the USI Postgrad advisory panel over the last number of weeks which has been brought forward for approval at this Comhairle Náisiúnta. The advisory panels are there to offer advice and support to the VPPGA when needed.

b) Cruinnithe/Imeachtaí

Meetings/Events

Dáta <i>Date</i>	Cruinniú/Imeacht <i>Meeting/Event</i>	Sonraí <i>Details</i>	Polasaí <i>Policy</i>
15 th Aug	Monday Morning Meeting (MMM) [Online]	MMM is the weekly meeting with Coiste Gnó to go through weekly schedule of SUT+ and Comhairle Náisiúnta , plans, and updates on matter arising.	2022 UO 25
15 th Aug	Postgrad Working Group Meeting [Online]	Chaired the first meeting of USI Postgraduate Working Group. We discussed the group working plan, postgraduate stipend, clarification of the USI postgraduate workers'	20 AA 7

		rights charter, postgraduate representation at MOs. Amended the 9D Motion on International and Postgraduate Fees. Updated on postgraduate engagement working group pilot survey, Why Research matters video competition and local issues	
15 th Aug	Meeting with NUIGSU Postgrad Taught Officer [Online]	1:1 Meeting with NUIGSU Postgraduate Taught Officer to discuss postgrad issues at NUIGSU and nationally, postgrad fee and funding issues, International Postgrad students' accommodation, postgrad engagement in class rep council and social events and other local issues.	20 AA 7
15 th Aug	Meeting with Non-EEA PhD Society [Online]	1:1 Meeting with Non-EEA PhD Society on Worker rights charter, non-EEA spouse issue, The cost and criteria of Irish citizenship , and equality of access to Postgraduate education and research for non-EU residents.	2021 AA 7 2021 AA 8 AA 19 – 6 20 CZN 1
16 th Aug	TOIL	Time off in lieu	
19th Aug	Comhairle Náisiúnta [Online]	Attended August Comhairle Náisiúnta	
22 nd Aug	Monday Morning Meeting (MMM) [Online]	MMM is the weekly meeting with Coiste Gnó to go through the weekly schedule, plans, and updates on matters arising including the CG meeting with the minister for Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science. Postgrad Stipend increase issues, payment of work outside research and non-EU PGs issues will also be brought up.	2022 UO 25
22 nd Aug	Meeting with DCUSU Postgrad Officer [Online]	1:1 Meeting with DCUSU Postgraduate Officer to discuss stipend issues at DCUSU and nationally, postgrad social events, postgrad societies, Worker rights charter and other local issues.	20 AA 7
23 rd Aug	TOIL	Time off in lieu	
29th Aug	Monday Morning Meeting (MMM) [Online]	MMM is the weekly meeting with Coiste Gnó to go through the weekly schedule, plans, and updates on matters arising including	2022 UO 25

		Accommodation crisis/campaign, Fresher's Materials etc.	
30 th Aug	Annual Leave	Annual Leave	
5 th Sep	Postgrad Video Competition	Check-in with MOs PG officers to promote the PG video competition. Talked to USI PR & Comm manager on extension deadline and graphics	
6 th Sep	Annual Leave	Annual Leave	
7 th Sep	Wednesday Morning Meeting (MMM) [Online]	Had the weekly meeting with Coiste Gnó to go through the weekly schedule, plans, and updates on matters arising including MO Updates Occupation Plans, CAO offers, President's Day Freshers' Weeks, Plan of Work and Accommodation etc.	2022 UO 25
12 th Sep	Monday Morning Meeting (MMM) [Baile Átha Cliath]	MMM is the weekly meeting with Coiste Gnó to go through the weekly schedule, plans, and updates on matters arising including Freshers' Week Planner, Accommodation Open Letter/Statement, Steering Committee Election, Gaeilge24, Research Matters Final, and Comhairle Náisiúnta etc.	2022 UO 25
12 th Sep	Meeting with QUBSU Postgrad Officer [Baile Átha Cliath]	1:1 Meeting with QUBSU Postgraduate Officer to discuss postgraduate issues in Northern Ireland. We discussed and exchanged ideas on postgrad community building in QUB, increasing PG representation and funding, Desk spaces for PhDs, support for international students, worker rights charter and other local issues.	20 AA 7 2021 UO 4 AA 19 – 5
12 th Sep	Meeting with USI GM [Baile Átha Cliath]	1:1 Meeting with USI General Manager to discuss Research Matters badges and trophies.	
13 th Sep	Meeting with SIPTU and PGWAI [Baile Átha Cliath]	Meeting with Postgrad Worker Alliance and SIPTU to discuss a new unified postgrad worker charter and campaign. Agreed on developing new charter and position/ policy paper on the status of PhD researchers in Ireland.	2021 AA 8
14 th Sep	Meeting with DCU Dean of GSO and DCUSU Postgrad Officer [Baile Átha Cliath]	Meeting with DCUSU Postgrad Officer and DCU Graduate Studies Office on postgrad funding on a local and national level, accommodation for postgrads and postgrad orientation programme.	20 AA 7

14th Sep	Protest for PhD Stipends with PCAU [Baile Átha Cliath]	Attended the protest outside Dáil Éireann to demand a fair pay of € 28,000 for all new and current PhDs in Ireland.	2022 UO 21
14th Sep	PR & Comms Manager [Baile Átha Cliath]	Had a phone call with the USI PR & Comms Manager about putting out a statement on the article on PhD Stipend.	2022 UO 21
14th Sep	Meeting with IRC for Research Matters Video Review [Online]	Meeting with IRC to review all submissions for postgraduate research video competitions. Finalise the criteria and judging panel.	
14th Sep	Why Research Matters Competition Video Shortlisting Review [Baile Átha Cliath]	Review all entries to check the validity for shortlisting.	
15th Sep	Why Research Matters Competition Video Shortlisting [Online]	Finalise the shortlist entries and submit to the judging panel.	
16th Sep	Plan of Work Day	Meeting with Coiste Gnó to discuss plans of work of each officer for semester 1 and how to progress in them.	2022 UO 11
16th Sep	Student Walkout Branding Meeting	Branding meeting with MOs to discuss the student walkout branding, and what will help them advertise the walkout in their local MO. A brief handbook of what they will need for the student walkout, which will be updated following tomorrow's meeting, can be found below.	
19th Sep	Plan of Work [Baile Átha Cliath]	Finalized my plan of work for July-December 2022.	2022 UO 11
19th Sep	Draft PGWG Agenda [Online]	Drafted the agenda for the PGWG meeting	
19th Sep	Advisory Panel [Baile Átha Cliath]	Finalised Advisory panel on Postgraduate Affairs for CN.	

19 th Sep	Research Matters Digital Badge [Baile Átha Cliath]	Prepared content for the research matters shortlisted and participation.	
20 th Sep	Tuesday Morning Meeting [Baile Átha Cliath]	Weekly meeting with Coiste Gnó to go through the weekly schedule, plans, and updates on matters arising including campaigns updates, postering, HEA Bill Debate etc.	2022 UO 25
20 th Sep	USI Worker charter update draft	Started working on the draft to update USI PG Worker rights charter.	2021 AA 8
21 st Sep	Policy update [Online]	Provided available updates regarding the mandates on the policy tracker for CN.	2022 UO 25
22 nd Sep	Officer report [Online]	Finalised officer report for September Comhairle Náisiúnta.	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
Iompar Poiblí <i>Public Transport</i>	NA	NA
Iompar Féin <i>Own Transport</i>	NA	NA
Béilí Meals	NA	NA
Tréimhsí Thar Oíche Overnight Stays	NA	NA
Nach Iad Other	NA	NA
Iomlán Total		0.0

11. Uachtarán ANML-AMLÉ

NUS-USI President

Chloe Ferguson

a) Príomh-phointí ón Comhairle Náisiúnta deireanach

Key Points Since Last Comhairle Náisiúnta

Key Point 1

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Key Point 2

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Key Point 3

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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.

The full USI Policy File for 2022-2023 is available [here](#).

The USI Policy Tracker is available [here](#).

Plan of Work Tracker

The USI Plan of Work Tracker is a way to keep up to date with how the Coiste Gnó Plans of Work are progressing. A Team Plan of Work will be provided at the September Comhairle Náisiúnta for approval by Member Organisations. Once this has been approved, a tracker document will be attached to all Tuairiscí Coiste Gnó.