

Officer Report
of the Arts, Celtic Studies, and Philosophy
Faculty Convenor of Maynooth Students'
Union (MSU)
to Student Senate



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Haigh gach duine! 😊 (Hello everyone! 😊)

I hope you are all in good spirits throughout the busy assignment season.

As you know I was abroad for the 1st Senate and was only able to join in briefly.

Congrats to all who got elected to all the positions and committees!

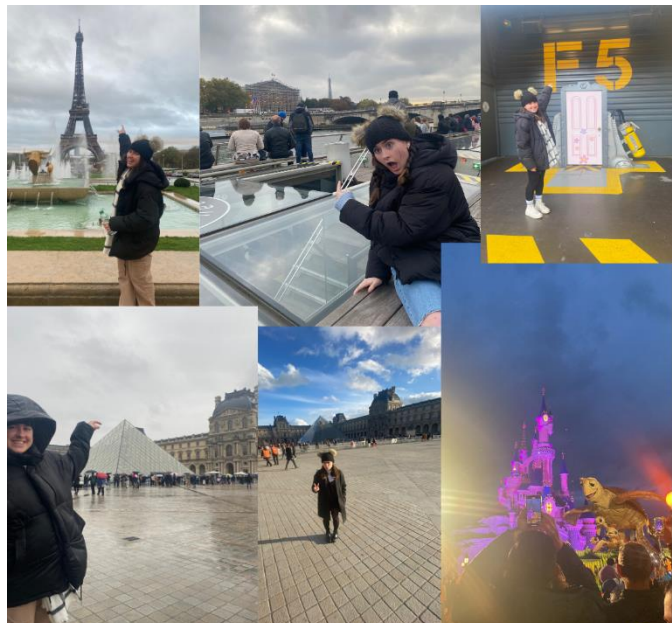
Due to being away I added some stress onto myself with assignments, to be fair I have had nearly one or two assignments due every week these past few weeks and as a result I have not been able to put much of my energy into this role. I am getting back on track and have been getting things organised well in advance.

Be mindful of yourself (I am telling myself this as well) and I hope you take the advice given during Head Space!

XOXO,

Kyla

Here are some photos of me in Paris:



CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 9. [insert relevant subsection to your office] of the MSU Constitution sets out the constitutional responsibilities of the MSU [insert position]. I have outlined my constitutional responsibilities below and have commented on my progress in fulfilling them.

List of Constitutional Responsibility:

1. The Faculty Convenors shall be the primary means of communication between the students and student academic representatives in their faculty and the Executive. In particular the Faculty Convenors shall be responsible for raising awareness of issues specific to their respective faculties in all appropriate fora including the Student Senate and Executive meetings.

- I have been using the ACSP WhatsApp group chat to communicate with Academic Reps and have also sent out emails.
- I have not been able to act on any academic issues. I plan to gather feedback on academic issues from the Academic Representatives during the Second ACSP Faculty Assembly and assist them in dealing with these issues.

2. They shall be responsible for the recruitment of Student Academic Representatives within their own faculty.

- Due to study week and being away myself, I have not been able to recruit many representatives during this term of work. I plan to reach out to any departments with no Academic Representatives and ask them to encourage students to sign up.

3. Each Faculty Convenor shall arrange for a Faculty Assembly meetings to occur in their respective faculties normally six times per academic year, normally with three meetings per semester.

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- I will be chairing the second Arts, Celtic Studies, and Philosophy Faculty Assembly on Thursday the 17th at 4pm.

5. They shall, where practicable, undergo training during the summer months as organised by the Union.

- I attended the crossover training prior to the term starting.

MANIFESTO INITIATIVES

While running for the Arts, Celtic Studies, and Philosophy Faculty Convenor, I outlined several manifesto pledges. Throughout my term I will make progress on each of these promises to the best of my ability.

List of Manifesto Initiatives:

1. Encourage

- Encourage academic reps and other students to get involved with their union and the events happening.
- Encourage reps to attend relevant trainings and events that will benefit them in their role as an academic rep. Women LEAD, NSTEP, EMPower, and academic rep training.
- Encourage reps to gather information and feedback from their class groups, and report back any problems at the academic rep assemblies.
- Encourage and promote the use of Gaeilge in Maynooth University and SPPU/ Déan úsáid as nathanna simplí I gcruithnithe.

2. Helping Hand

- Assist and aid the VP Education in campaigns and events based around education throughout the year.
- Assist and aid other Full Time Officers in their various campaigns and events that run throughout the academic year.
- Assist and aid my academic reps and fellow faculty members with any problems arising in their respective subjects.
- Assist and bring forth any ideas I have for potential events in the union.

3. Connect

- Connect and communicate with reps by creating a group chat with reps and also a group chat along with the ACSP Faculty committee.
- Connect with reps by staying in contact with them through emails updating them on my work in between assemblies.
- Connect with reps by using the group chat by informing them on events happening within the union and inform them on how they can get involved.
- Continue the connection between SPPU and Maynooth Students ensuring all students feel represented within the union.

4. Inform

- Inform students and academic reps of the services available to them on campus.
- Inform and guide students and academic reps when looking into Erasmus and placement opportunities.
- Inform and update students when elections are running and what positions are available – in by-elections and academic rep elections.
- Inform students who their reps are by sharing it on socials and having the list regularly updated on the MSU website.

Encourage academic reps and other students to get involved with their union and the events happening.

- I have used the group chat created to let Academic Reps that Head Space is happening from the 14th to the 18th of November. I sent in the graphics from Instagram so they would have all the information.

Encourage reps to attend relevant trainings and events that will benefit them in their role as an academic rep. Women LEAD, NSTEP, EMPOWER, and Academic Rep training.

- No trainings have taken place during this term of work.

Encourage reps to gather information and feedback from their class groups, and report back any problems at the academic rep assemblies.

- During this term of work, I asked reps to gather feedback and relay it to me during the 2nd Faculty Assembly.

Encourage and promote the use of Gaeilge in Maynooth University and SPPU/ Déan úsáid as nathanna simplí I gcruithnithe.

- I have not been able to promote Gaeilge during this term, but I am practising on Duolingo so will be doing more work on this in the upcoming weeks.

Assist and aid the VP Education in campaigns and events based around education throughout the year.

- In this term I have not been able to assist the VP Education in the baby distress campaign as I was away.

Assist and aid other Full Time Officers in their various campaigns and events that run throughout the academic year.

- During the term of work in this report I have not been able to aid and assist FTO in their campaigns

Assist and aid my academic reps and fellow faculty members with any problems arising in their respective subjects.

- Academic Reps have not come to me in this term of work with any problems arising in their respective subjects.

Assist and bring forth any ideas I have for potential events in the union.

- I have come up with a handful of ideas for events that could happen throughout the year.

Connect and communicate with reps by creating a group chat with reps and also a group chat along with the ACSP Faculty committee.

- I have been using the ACSP group chat to communicate with my reps by letting them know they can contact me whenever needs be and about events that are happening.
- I have created by ACSP Faculty committee group chat.

Connect with reps by staying in contact with the through emails updating them on my work in between assemblies.

- I have been mainly using the group chat during this term of work and have been emailing representative only in relation to the next Faculty Assembly.

Connect with reps by using the group chat by informing them on events happening within the union and inform them on how they can get involved.

- As mentioned, I let my reps know about Head Space and told them about the Speed Friending event that is happening 14th – 18th of November.

Continue the connection between SPPU and Maynooth Students ensuring all students feel represented within the union.

- I hope to work on this by having all Theology reps elected by making a lecture announcement to the year group with no elected reps. I also aim to meet with Theology reps to see what can be done to ensure they feel represented.

Inform students and academic reps of the services available to them on campus.

- I plan to curate a list of the services and send them to Academic Reps who will be able to pass it on to their classmates.

Inform and guide students and academic reps when looking into Erasmus and placement opportunities.

- I hope to chat to anyone I know who are on Erasmus/ Placement or did these and get their information on the application process and their experiences.
- With the information I will relay it to 2nd year Academic Reps so they can give information back to their classmates.

Inform and update students when elections are running and what positions are available – in by-elections and academic rep elections.

- I have not done this since the September and October By-elections as no elections have taken place since.

Inform students who their reps are by sharing it on socials and having the list regularly updated on the MSU website.

- I have yet to work on this, and I will once I find available time.

MOTION & MANDATES

There are many motion & mandates that require participation from my role.

Throughout my term I will make progress on each of these motion & mandates to the best of my ability. Below is a list of all active motion & mandates that require my participation, with updates on my progress with each one.

List of Motion & Mandate:

1. Voter Registration
2. Accessible Documentation as MSU Regulations
3. The Organisation of a Trade & Tenant Union Fair and the Promotion of Trade & Tenant Union Membership
4. Motion to Lobby Relevant Parties AGAINST the Proposed Leaving Certificate Irish Curriculum
5. Separation of the Vice President Welfare & Equality into Vice President Welfare and Vice President Equality
6. Opposition to Industrial Relations Act 1990
7. Action on Decriminalisation of Drugs Referendum
8. Comprehensive Mental Healthcare Provision in Ireland
9. Continuation of Online Arrangements
10. MSU Officer Neutrality in other Student Union Elections
11. EOAC Implementation: Officer Report Circulation
12. Irish Language Campaign Visibility
13. Executive Officer Report Training
14. MSU Position on Publicly Funded Education
15. Active engagement in National Climate Justice Protest

Voter Registration

No work has been done on this yet.

Accessible Documentation as MSU Regulations

I have ensured my officer report is accessible.

The Organisation of a Trade & Tenant Union Fair and the Promotion of Trade & Tenant Union Membership

No work has been done on this yet.

Motion to Lobby Relevant Parties AGAINST the Proposed Leaving Certificate Irish Curriculum

No work has been done on this yet.

Separation of the Vice President Welfare & Equality into Vice President Welfare and Vice President Equality

No work has been done on this yet.

Opposition to Industrial Relations Act 1990

No work has been done on this yet.

Action on Decriminalisation of Drugs Referendum

No work has been done on this yet.

Comprehensive Mental Healthcare Provision in Ireland

No work has been done on this yet.

Continuation of Online Arrangements

No work has been done on this yet.

MSU Officer Neutrality in other Student Union Elections

I have remained neutral in all Student Union Elections.

EOAC Implementation: Officer Report Circulation

No work has been done on this yet.

Irish Language Campaign Visibility

No work has been done on this yet. I have been practising by cúpla focail and plan to work on this motion more in the upcoming weeks.

Executive Officer Report Training

I attended the Officer Report training on the 10th of October.

MSU Position on Publicly Funded Education

No work has been done on this yet.

Active Engagement in National Climate Justice Protest

There was a protest on the 11th of November. I was unable to attend as I was away home to Cavan.

ACADEMIC REPRESENTATIVES

As Arts, Celtic Studies, and Philosophy Faculty Convenor it is my duty to ensure that academic representatives are elected. Below you can find an update on my progress with this duty.

Academic Representatives Elected

During this term of work I have 65 seats filled out of a potential 90.

Figure: Table of overall reps elected and ACSP reps elected.

Category	Seats		Seats Filled		Nominations	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Overall	303	100	200	66	260	100
ACSP	90	29.7	65	72.2	74	28.5

- During this term of work, I have not been able to work on recruiting more representatives
- I plan to reach out to departments that have vacancies and ask if they would encourage students to sign up.

COMMITTEES

I have listed the committees that I am a member of and have tried to give a description of their remit and some of the activities they undertake. I have also listed my contribution to these committees below.

Committee that the Arts, Celtic Studies, and Philosophy Faculty Convenor is a member of:

1. Maynooth Students Union Student Senate
2. Maynooth Students Union Executive
3. Maynooth Students Union Arts, Celtic Studies, and Philosophy Faculty Assembly
4. Maynooth Students Union Student Academic Assembly
5. Constitutional & Representative Review Committee (CRRC)
6. Maynooth University Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies, and Philosophy
7. Maynooth University Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies, and Philosophy Teaching and Learning Sub Committee
8. Student Representatives Council
9. MSU Student Charter Committee
10. MSU Student Academic Representation Committee
11. MSU Student Engagement and Feedback Committee

MSU Student Senate

The governing body of the Union is the Student Senate. The three core functions of the Senate are to formulate Union policy, mandate members of the Executive, and hold the Executive accountable.

The first sitting of the Seventh Session of the Student Senate took place on the 9th of November. Due to being out of the country I was only able to attend briefly.

MSU Executive

The Union Executive act as a collective authority and are responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Union. The Executive has the power to take necessary decisions in between meetings of the Student Senate.

I have attended all but one MSU Executive meetings to date.

MSU Arts, Celtic Studies & Philosophy Faculty Assembly

The Arts, Celtic Studies & Philosophy Faculty Assembly provides a forum for discussion on all issues relevant to the education, welfare, and student experience for students in the Arts, Celtic Studies & Philosophy Faculty.

The next meeting of the MSU Arts, Celtic Studies, and Philosophy Faculty Assembly will be on the 17th of November.

MSU Student Academic Assembly

The Student Academic Assembly provides a forum for all academic representatives to provide feedback and advice on academic related issues to the VP Education and the Faculty Convenors.

The next MSU Academic Assembly has yet to take place.

Constitutional & Representative Review Committee (CRRC)

The Constitutional & Representative Review Committee is established by the Constitution and the Student Senate to examine the Constitution to be in a position

to advise the Student Senate of the need for any changes it deems necessary, and to review and develop the representative structures of the Union.

No meetings of the Constitutional & Representative Review Committee have taken place yet to date.

MU Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies & Philosophy

The Maynooth University Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies & Philosophy deals with all business relating to the departments of the faculty. The faculty makes decisions and recommendations on a range of internal and academic issues.

The next meeting of the MU Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies and Philosophy will take place 28th of November.

MU Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies and Philosophy Teaching and Learning Sub Committee

The next meeting of the MU Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies, and Philosophy Teaching and Learning Sub Committee will be on the 15th of November.

Student Representative Council

The Student Representative Council is a monthly meeting of all Saint Patricks Pontifical University Representatives.

This committee had its first meeting on the 11th of November.

MSU Student Charter Committee

The Student Charter Committee reviews and develops the Student Charter between MSU and Maynooth University.

The Student Charter Committee has yet to meet.

MSU Student Academic Representation Committee

The Academic Representation Committee advises the VP Education on the effectiveness and development needs of student academic representation.

The Academic Representation Committee has yet to meet.

MSU Student Engagement and Feedback Committee

The Student Engagement and Feedback Committee reviews the mechanisms for students to provide feedback on the quality of their educational experience.

The MSU Student Engagement and Feedback have yet to meet.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

The work of Arts, Celtic Studies and Philosophy Faculty Convenor is not just confined to constitutional roles and manifesto initiatives. There is a wide variety of activities undertaken by me in the execution of my role. I have given a comprehensive list of these activities below.

List of some of the main other general activities undertaken:

Due to this term of work being short and one week being study week and the following week, I was abroad. Therefore, I have not been able to take part in any General Activities Apologies x

MEETING SCHEDULE

Below is an indicative schedule of meetings that I have attended. This is shown to portray how often I have meetings and the level of consistency with which these committees meet at. There are also many meetings needed outside of those committees.

Meeting Schedule:

- **Week 19**

9th of November – 6.00pm – MSU Student Senate

11th of November – 2.00pm – Student Representative Council

- **Week 20**

14th of November – 11.00 – Meeting with VP Ed, A.A.R and SS F.C. and S&E
F.C.

EXPENSES CLAIMED

To ensure that I am transparent and accountable for my expenditure below is a list of all expenses that I have claimed.

List expenses claimed:

No expenses have been claimed to date.