

Officer Report
of the **Doctoral Postgraduate Representative**
of Maynooth Students' Union (MSU)
to Student Senate



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Executive Summary

Dear colleagues,

This report does not show any news from my last report, presented at the last Senate sitting, due to a strange cough disease that I suffered over the ten days. Last week I was supposed to have a meeting with the MSU Vice-President for Student Life, Lucas, but sadly I was forced to postpone it, very likely to this current week, due to personal health reasons. Therefore, I would like to share my apologies for not having had the chance to work with Lucas on the networking events for doctoral students.

Kind regards,

Giovanni

Constitutional Responsibilities

Article 10.12 of the MSU Constitution sets out the constitutional responsibilities of the MSU Doctoral Postgraduate Representative. I have outlined which of my constitutional responsibilities I have been working on below.

List of Constitutional Responsibility:

Dealing with issues relating to the education, welfare and student experience of doctoral postgraduate members of the Union

Nothing to highlight, so far.

Attend meetings of committees of which I am a member and to coordinate and maximise student representation on other appropriate academic structures

As the newly-elected Doctoral Postgraduate Representative in the SU, I have attended various meetings in my office and advocated for the positions of doctoral students where appropriate.

Assist Vice President of Welfare & Equality & Vice President of Education with their duties relating to doctoral postgraduate students

Nothing to highlight at the moment. Further discussions with both of the VPs will follow.

Informing and encouraging the career development of all members of the Union

I will be working on this matter with the relevant full-time officers of the MSU.

Run at least one event for doctoral postgraduate students each semester

I will be working on this matter with MSU VP for Student Life for launching the biweekly coffee and tea mornings. However, our meeting last week was postponed by me for health reasons. During this week starting on Monday 5th of December, I am positive that we will

have a chance to discuss the events for PhD students to take place in the second academic term.

Manifesto Initiatives

While running for the position of Doctoral Postgraduate Representative, I outlined several manifesto pledges. Below are all my initiatives and a brief explanation of the ones I have worked on since my last report.

List of Manifesto Initiatives:

1. Networking events with other PhD students at Maynooth, coffee and tea mornings and evenings, biweekly

Networking events

I had planned meeting with the MSU Vice-President for Student Life last week but I could not participate due to health reasons. Therefore, I was forced to postpone my meeting with Lucas to the current week very likely. I will be able to update you all during the next sitting of the Senate on this matter.

Motion & Mandates

I have not received any mandates, so far, and I look forward to contributing to any MSU Executive mandates, if related to PhD students.

Committees

Committee that the Doctoral Postgraduate Representative is a member of:

1. Academic Council (*ex officio*)
2. Postgraduate Feedback Council (*ex officio*)
3. MSU Executive
4. MSU Senate

5. Doctoral representative, Department of History
6. PhD representative in the Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies, and Philosophy's Athena Swan Implementation Group
7. Maynooth University's International Education Committee (proposed by MSU President on the 2nd of December, 2022)

MSU Executive

Anything regarding doctoral students of the Union has been brought up during the Executive meeting and the Student Senate I have attended in the past two weeks.

Meeting Schedule

You can find below the schedule of meetings that I have attended and, also, those two which did not take place.

Meeting Schedule:

16 November, 12:00, Student-Staff Committee, Department of History

21 November, 17:00, MSU Executive

23 November, 18:00, MSU Senate Sitting

1 December, 11:00, Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies, and Philosophy's Athena Swan Implementation Group Discussion

5 December, 17:00, MSU Executive

Expenses Claimed

Since taking office last October, I have not claimed any expenses.