

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

Dia daoibh gach duine agus tá súil agam go bhfuil sibshe go maith!

Hope ye are enjoying yourselves so far, this academic year.

Let me introduce myself to anyone who doesn't recognise me from the MSU TikTok.

I am Kyla Henry, and I am a final year Media and Sociology student. I have been an Academic Representative for the first two years and sat on senate as a ACSP Faculty Senator last year.

The term started in July, and it feels like it is flying. In this time, I have been aiding the FTO's in the various things that have been ongoing (where's my levy?) and also coming up with TikTok ideas whilst balancing a final year workload.

To the Full-Time Officers Niall, Alex, Lucas, and Kealan, and my fellow Faculty Convenors Gavin and Carrie you guys have been great to work with so far and we can only go up from here. To the newly elected Executive Craig, Sneha, and Giovanni. Congratulations and I look forward to working alongside you!

To my Academic Reps that have been elected, congrats and I can't wait to work with ye! Senate best of luck for the upcoming year! Beidh gach rud ceart go leor!!!

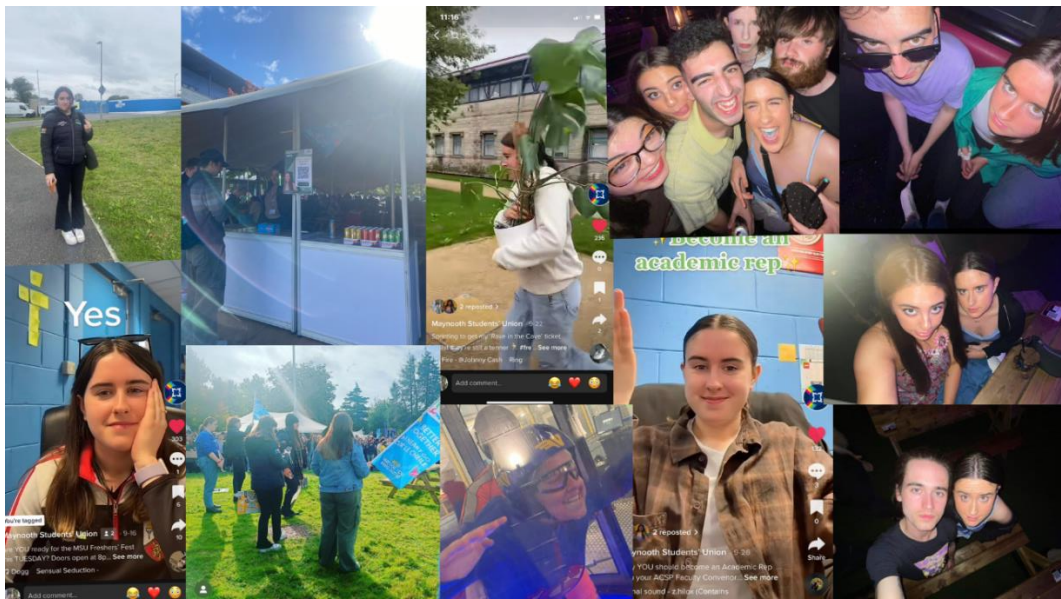
Any questions for me feel free to drop me an email artsrep@msu.ie. Hope you enjoy yourself for the year ahead and take care of yourselves!

Also, sorry I am not here in person I am in Paris at the moment but I'll bring back a magnet x

Best wishes,

Kyla :) x

(Some images from the MSU TikTok and other bits and bobs)



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 communications 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.

- The Academic Reps in my faculty were elected after the elections on the 18th of October.
- I have created a group chat for my faculty for an easier means of communication throughout the year.

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

- During recruitment I helped on campus recruiting reps at the stall in the tents outside the John Hume building.
- I shared posts via my personal Instagram with information on what positions are still available and linked the sign-up form.
- I had a wallpaper for nights out where I chatted to students and seen if they were interested in running and encouraged them to look into it, if they were interested, they scanned the QR code I had on the wallpaper.

- I kept in contact with the VP Education Alex Balfe and the Academic Representative Administrator Seán Masterson to see the progress of the recruitment.

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.

- The first Arts, Celtic Studies and Philosophy assembly took place on 21st of October during Academic Rep training.

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- I chaired the Arts, Celtic Studies, and Philosophy Faculty Assembly meeting on October 21st during Academic Rep Training in the MSU Venue.

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.

- Since my Academic Reps were elected, I have created a group chat where I will be letting them know about all that is 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.

- I was not able to communicate to reps prior to the Academic Rep training to encourage them to come. However, I plan to communicate with them whenever any other trainings are taking place.

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

- During the Academic Rep training I asked reps to gather information and asked at the rep assemblies if they had any issues.

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

- I have not yet done work on this as I hope to collaborate with the Oifigeach and VP Education on promotion of Gaeilge in the University and also the union.

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

- I have helped the VP Education in planning campaigns and events such as rep recruitment and the upcoming academic rep training.

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

- I helped the VP Welfare and Equality with their Sex Toy Quiz during SHAG week. I have recorded an episode of *Good Morning Maynooth* with the VP Student Life and the MSU President. I will also continue to support the Officers in their various campaigns that are upcoming. I have also been helping with the *Where's My Levy* campaign.
- I have been helping out with the current *Where's My Levy?* Campaign and will continue to do so as much as I can.

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

- Academic Reps have been elected but at the time of this report I have not yet got to work with them on 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 created a WhatsApp group chat and sent the link through an email to all the elected Academic Reps in my Faculty
- I have yet to make the ACSP Faculty Committee group chat

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

- I have emailed them since being elected, one to congratulate them and a follow up email following the Academic Rep training.

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.

- Academic Reps have been elected, I plan to update them on anything happening as it happens and provide information on how they can get involved.

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

- I hope to work with the VP Education and the St Patricks College senator on ensuring that all students of SPPU and Maynooth feel represented within the Students Union.

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

- I plan to begin work on this shortly so that I can share the information with them, and they will be able to pass it on to the students in their respective subjects.

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

- I plan to gather information on this in the upcoming weeks and provide it to students and academic reps (specifically 2nd year students).

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

- By using my personal Instagram, I have been sharing the information on the September/ October by-elections and will continue to do so during the year.

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

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.

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.

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

I have elected

At close of nominations the Arts, Celtic Studies, and Philosophy Faculty have 56.7% potential seats filled.

Category	Seats		Potential Seats Filled		Nominations	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
ACSP	90	29.8%	51	56.7%	63	23.8%

- The academic representative recruitment began on the 20th of September and closed on the 3rd of October. Throughout this time, I was actively trying to recruit reps.
- I used my personal Instagram to share posts and information about the academic rep recruitment
- I was helping out at our stand under the John Hume tent chatting to potential reps and encouraging them to sign up.
- I also had a wallpaper for my phone were people who were interested to scan and sign up.
- I used the MSU TikTok to promote becoming an Academic Rep:

<https://vm.tiktok.com/ZMFMkNVy3/>

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

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 will take place on October the 26th.

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 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 MSU Arts, Celtic Studies, and Philosophy Faculty Assembly met on the 21st of October during Academic Rep training.

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.

No MSU Student Academic Assembly met on the 21st of October during Academic Rep training.

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.

I attended first meeting of the academic year on September 5th and the second on October 17th.

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

I was appointed as the student representative on this committee, and we had our first meeting on the 11th of October.

Student Representative Council

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

This committee is 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:

1. Officer Training and Officer photoshoot
2. Orientation Week
3. Where's My Levy campaign
4. Good Morning Maynooth

Officer Training and Officer photoshoot

I attended essential officer training when they occurred. We also had an officer photoshoot on the 22nd of August. Some of the images were included in the Maynooth Student Unions handbook.

Orientation Week

During Orientation week I helped with handing out fresher's packs, encouraging new students to run for academic rep positions, Whilst the Full Time Officers gave their Orientation talks, I made brief appearances.

Where's My Levy campaign

The Where's My Levy campaign began at the end of September and in that time, I have helped the campaign by sharing information on social media and into group chats. I attended both protests (6th of October and 25th of October) and helped with the social media coverage of the protest "March to Riverstown" on the 25th of October.

Good Morning Maynooth

The first episode of Good Morning Maynooth has been recorded with the VP Student Life hosting it and myself co-hosting. This episode we discussed the Where's My Levy campaign and the background information on it with the MSU President.

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 03**

15th July – 2pm – MSU Executive

- **Week 04**

21st July – 2pm – Meeting with the MSU President and VP Education regarding plans for Seachtain na Gaeilge

- **Week 05**

29th July - 2pm - MSU Executive

- **Week 07**

10th August – 12pm – Plan of work

10th August – 2pm – Plan of work.

12th August - 2pm – MSU Executive

- **Week 09**

26th August – 2pm – MSU Executive

- **Week 10**

29th August – pm – Handbook review

- **Week 11**

5th September – 12pm – MU ACSP Faculty Meeting

7th September – 12pm – Meeting with head of the Media Department

9th September - 2pm - MSU Executive

- **Week 13**

26th September – 5pm – MSU Emergency Executive

30th September – 2pm – MSU Executive

- **Week 14**

6th October – 11.11 am – Levy Walkout

- **Week 15**

11th October – 2pm – MSU Executive

- **Week 16**

17th October – 10am – Meeting with VP Education

17th October – 12pm – MU ACSP Faculty Meeting

- **Week 17**

24th October – 5pm – MSU Executive

25th October- 11.11am – Where's My Levy March to Riverstown

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.