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## MANDATE

### **Demand for Action on Student Funded Levy Projects**

Submitted by: Liam Cosgrove (Community Senator) on behalf of Levy Projects Committee  
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Levy Projects Committee

#### **Student Senate notes:**

Maynooth Students have been paying a student levy since 2015, which currently stands at €150, on top of their student contribution fee. This levy was agreed to by the students of Maynooth and the University with the understanding that 3 capital projects would be built: A new Student Centre, a Sports centre including a new gym and swimming pool, and an Arts and Cultural quarters.

#### **Student Senate further notes with concern:**

It is now 2020, not one of these projects has been completed. Building has not begun on the Student Centre which was expected to have begun in March. The University has said it expects the building to be completed by September 2021. There has also been no planning on the other two projects. There are now thousands of students who paid their student levy during their time here and have seen no return on investment.

#### **Student Senate believes:**

That the building of the levy projects, especially the Student Centre, would help combat the rise in student numbers and the lack of space and services for students. However, it is clear from the most recent delay that this building is not a priority of the University.

#### **Student Senate also believes:**

That it is incumbent upon Maynooth Students' Union, who agreed to this levy, to ensure that the students of Maynooth are always a priority and to demand the building of these projects partly funded out of the pockets of students.

#### **Student Senate therefore mandates:**

MSU President to lobby the University on behalf of students to make these buildings a priority.

#### **Student Senate further mandates:**

MSU President to take collective action should all else fail.