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



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I would like to express heartfelt thanks to those people who have confidence in electing me. With your confidence in me, I am sure that we can achieve all the goals we set for ourselves. I will help voice your grievances when you cannot, and I assure you that in my position of power I will make sure that every postgraduate student is happy and content. Also, many of you spent hours contributing to the campaign, and I would like to say big thank you to each of you!

I believe I can represent postgraduate students when in need and take charge when necessary. I am passionate about serving the students. I look forward to working with all members of the Council & wider student body and to ensure open communication, transparency and accountability. I promise to deliver on my words and ensure that I uphold the sanctity of the title that you have bestowed upon me. I promise that your vote has been worth it. Thank you again for all the love and support you have bestowed upon me.

CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Article 10.11 of the MSU Constitution sets out the constitutional responsibilities of the MSU Postgraduate Representative. I have outlined my constitutional responsibilities below and have commented on my progress in fulfilling them.

List of Constitutional Responsibility:

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

It has not been long since I was elected as the postgraduate representative, so I do not have lot of progress to share in this matter at the moment. However I look forward to upcoming reports and assisting in every way possible.

Attend all meetings of committees of which they are a member, and to coordinate and maximise student representation on other appropriate academic structures.

Attended my first Maynooth Student Unions Executive meeting on 24th October'22. I look forward to make it to more of the committee meetings and take an active part in it to maximise the postgraduate student representation.

Assist the Vice President Welfare & Equality and Vice President Education with such duties of those officers as relate to postgraduate students.

I'm confident that I would be able to assist the student body with their duties pertaining to postgraduate students. Since, It has only been two weeks since I have been elected, I don't have specifics to share at the moment.

Responsible for informing and encouraging the career development of all members of the Union

As the time period since I have been elected hasn't been long, I do not have anything to share at this point.

Responsible for ensuring effective communication between the Union and postgraduate members of the Union.

I'm making sure that communication is maintained. I don't have specifics to share at the moment as it has only been two weeks since I have been elected.

Aim to ensure that postgraduate members of the Union are aware of their responsibilities in relation to University procedures.

Run at least two events for postgraduate students each semester

I'm actively brainstorming in-person events for the upcoming year for the postgraduate students, while ensuring student safety. I look forward to executing those in the upcoming year and sharing reports around that in the future meetings.

Take a leading role in all national campaigns with a particular relevance to postgraduate members of the Union

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Postgraduate Representative shall be ex officio members of the Governing Authority, Academic Council, and Postgraduate Feedback Council.

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MANIFESTO INITIATIVES

While running for the [insert position], 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. Increasing the Postgraduate Engagement & Visibility
- 2. Support postgraduate students in their academic development.
- 3. Improving Networking Prospects
- 4. More Orientation for International Postgraduate Students

Since, It has only been two weeks since I have been elected, I don't have specifics to share at the moment on any of the manifesto points I mentioned above. However, I'm excited for the upcoming months and the academic year. I want to ensure that postgraduate students are excited about their academic as well as their extracurricular life and I hope I

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. [insert Motion & Mandate]
- 2. [insert Motion & Mandate]
- 3. [insert Motion & Mandate]
- 4. [insert Motion & Mandate]
- 5. [insert Motion & Mandate]

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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 Postgraduate Representative is a member of:

- 1. Maynooth Students Academic Committee
- 2. Maynooth Students Feedback Committee
- 3. Maynooth Students Executive Committee
- 4. Maynooth Student Senate Committee

Maynooth Students Academic Committee

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Maynooth Students Feedback Committee

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Maynooth Students Executive Committee

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Maynooth Student Senate Committee

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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 02

[10th Month] – 17:00 – Maynooth Students Executive Meeting

EXPENSES CLAIMED

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

Since, It has only been two weeks since I have been elected. I haven't claimed any expenses at the moment.