

**The University of Dublin**

**Trinity College**

**Minutes of the Student Life Committee**

**9th April, 2014**

**Present:** Prof. Kevin O’Kelly (Dean of Students (Chair), Mr Graham Daniels (Director of Accommodation and Catering), Mr Declan Treanor, (Disability Service), Dr Erika Doyle (Global Officer Co-ordinator), Ms Deirdre Flynn (Director, Student Counselling Service), Dr Claire Laudet (Senior Tutor), Mr Trevor Peare (Keeper of Readers’ Services, Library), Ms Sarah Smith (GSU Vice President), Donal McKeating (Chair, CSC), Mrs Michelle Tanner (Head of Sports and Recreation), Mr Stephen Garry (SU Welfare Officer), Mr Tom Lenihan (President TCDSU), , Mr Seán Gannon (Director, Careers Advisory Service), Mr Ryan Kenny (GSU President), Ms Leona Coady (Academic Registry)

**Apologies**Mr Conor Traynor (Vice Chair DUCAC), Prof Emma Stokes (Registrar of Chambers), Mr Brendan Tangney (Warden, Trinity Hall), Dr. Claire Laudet (Senior Tutor), Mr. Paul Coote, (Financial Planning Manager)

**Absent:** Mr John Murphy (Director, Information Systems Services), Ms Aoife Cox (Manager, Day Nursery & Crèche), Fr Peter Sexton (Convenor, Chaplaincy), Dr David McGrath (Director, College Health Service), Mr PJ Moloney (Chair, Publications Committee)

**Present:** Ms Helen Richardson (Minutes Secretary)

**Section A**

**SLC/13-14/66 Minutes (A.1)**

Under SLC/13-14/61 a typo was corrected to read GSU instead of GSV. The minutes of this meeting were otherwise approved.

**SLC/13-14/67 Matters Arising(A.2)**

Matters arising from the minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 were discussed and are recorded below as items (SLC/13-14/68/69/70/71/72)

**SLC/13-14/68 Off-books students**

The Dean of Students met with the VP and there was a misunderstanding with language. Assessment by exam only is what was reviewed and considered, therefore there was no expectation that services would be provided. However, continuous assessment students are required to be on site, therefore they need access to services. This is an academic issue

and they will look at how many students there are that fall into this category and tidy up the policy. The expectations of the students should be aligned to the College Policies.

### **SLC/13-14/69 Alcohol Policy**

The comments and suggestions made by the Student Life Committee were accepted. The wording has been changed to reflect the issues raised. The Dean of Students will send the amended policy to the Committee and the document will go to Council next week.

### **SLC/13-14/70 Student Services Reports (A.5)**

The Dean of Students requested that the Student Services Reports (Item A.5 on Agenda) were presented before item A.3 Strategic Planning. This was agreed by the Committee.

Mr. Sean Gannon, Director of Careers Advisory Service, gave a summary of the Careers Advisory Service Reports. The full report can be viewed at [http://www.tcd.ie/Careers/downloads/Current\\_Annual\\_Report-Work.pdf](http://www.tcd.ie/Careers/downloads/Current_Annual_Report-Work.pdf) and the First Destination statistics at [http://www.tcd.ie/Careers/downloads/Current\\_Annual\\_Report-Stats.pdf](http://www.tcd.ie/Careers/downloads/Current_Annual_Report-Stats.pdf)

Mr. Declan Treanor, Director of Disability Services presented his summary on the Disability Services report. The full report can be viewed at <http://www.tcd.ie/disability/policies/annual-reports.php#1213>

Mrs. Michelle Tanner, Director of Sports and Recreation presented the report for the Sports and Recreation Department. The full report can be viewed at <http://www.tcd.ie/Sport/news/assets/annual%20report%202012%2013%20for%20web.pdf>

The Dean of Students suggested that the Committee looks at the common challenges faced.

All 3 services emphasised the main challenges were

1. Resources/funding
2. Technology, particularly SITS
3. Accessibility is a big issue for Disability
4. Capacity is a challenge for Sports and Recreation

### **SLC/13-14/71 Strategic Planning (A.3)**

Three reference documents were circulated to the Committee. The Committee focused on the Student Life Pillar Reference Document and made a number of changes to the document. The Dean of Students will make all the agreed changes and will circulate the amended document to the Committee for review.

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### **SLC/13-14/72 Irish Survey of Student Engagement 2014**

The closing date for replies to the survey was 7<sup>th</sup> March 2014. The response was not as successful as hoped. Overall the percentage of responses for Trinity was 12%. The Registrar wrote to the VP voicing his reservations of publication of results. The VP suggests that the results should be delivered locally only and that publication of the results should be at University level only.

#### **Section B**

### **SLC/13-14/73 AOB**

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014 at 11am in the Boardroom

#### **Section C**