

Kieran Minto President officer report: August

August was spent trying to get projects from the previous year completed, attending conference and project work.

Meetings:

- I and the officers attended the first **commercial services** forum of the year, where we agreed on bar prices after a 3-year freeze in exchange for commitments around events, uses of space and Mandela Hall utilisation.
- I alongside the campaigns & engagement officer meet with the new **RAG** chair to plan for the year, especially around the RAG y2k night during freshers.
- I attended the usual **recuring committees** and meetings with senior staff that is expected of the role.

Internal events:

- I attended the first **senate social** of the year.
- The officers and SU staff took part in an **Insights workshop**, a program designed to identify our personalities and how to work better together.

External events:

- **Limerick SU** officers visited Queens SU and we attended a joint planning day, where we discussed possible learnings each union could gain from each other, especially around their soon to open building and clubs/societies.
- The officer team attended **SUT+** hosted by USI which was hosted at Ulster university (Coleraine campus). Similar to SUT this weeklong training focused on workshops, a simulation and the first national council of the year.
- I alongside the campaigns and engagement officer attended the **Russel group** student's union conference hosted at Durham SU. We successfully lobbied the organisation to adopt goals of: research around WP students in Russel group universities, lobby for action around "equality of experience" for minority student groups across the sector (international, WP, care experienced, state educated), the lobby of government to issue guidelines to universities around an ethical investment policy, talking inspiration from the work of Queens.

Project focus/Planning:

- I, alongside the C&E officer worked with SU operations and marketing to develop a business plan for the **SU swap shop**.
- I continued my work, alongside the education officers on the VLE policy and **lecture recording** more specifically, which begins in pilot phases this year.
- I took part in the **academic year** task and finish group, which is a group that will make a recommendation of a new academic year model.
- My work on the **welcome project** continued, ahead of September.

Other:

- I was part of the universities **panel** to choose a chief external examiner.
- I completed and submitted my **plan of work** for the year.