



Minutes of the Capitation Committee

31 March 2022

At 11.00am via Zoom

Present: Chair – Prof Eoin O’Sullivan; Secretary – Aidan Marsh, FSD – Elaine Sharkey, Student Life – Catherine McCabe; CSC – Ronan Hodson; CSC – Vince Casey; CSC – Claire Stafford; CSC – Ben McConkey; SU – Leah Keogh; SU – Bev Genockey; SU – Sierra Mueller Owens

Apologies: GSU – Gisele Scanlon; GSU – Prof Sarah Alyn-Stacey; CSC – Alice Lennon; DUCAC – Aidan Kavanagh; Publications – Laura Galvin

In Attendance: Trinity Ability Co-op – Rachel Murphy; CSC – Joseph O’Gorman; CSC – Lucy; SU – Simon Evans; SU Ents – Greg Arrowsmith; Publications – Grace Gageby

Professor Eoin O’Sullivan as Chair of the Capitation Committee opened the meeting.

Minutes of the Meetings of 18th January 2022, 15th February 2022 and 14th March 2022

Minutes accepted

Matters arising

No Matters Arising

Presentation from Trinity Ability Co-op

Rachel Murphy presented to the committee regarding the ongoing work of the Trinity Ability Co-op. They noted that the co-op had a desire for increased engagement with Clubs and Societies, and that the majority of clubs and societies had not yet engaged with the project. Concerns were also noted that that engagement will drop further with committee handovers.

It is hoped that in the future the co-op will be able to do further work with the other Capitated Bodies.

Discussion of Recognition of the GSU

It was summarised that the GSU is currently in a position where the new constitution is not recognised by the Committee until the irregularities regarding its institution are resolved, and thus it was queried as to whether the Committee could recognise the executives that had been elected, and those that are to be elected in the coming GSU election period.

It was proposed that, while the committee recognises the previous constitution of the GSU, it will honour the electoral process and recognise representatives elected by the postgraduate body assuming that the representative is viable under the constitution recognised by the Capitation Committee.

A query was raised as what body in College is ultimately responsible for the recognition of the Capitated Bodies. *Secretary to contact College Secretary for information.*

Trinity Ball Update

Joseph O’Gorman presented an update on the Trinity Ball on behalf of the Ball Committee.

Greg Arrowsmith, SU Ents Officer had concerns with how the process of bookings had been handled, and noted that there was significant student disappointment which Ents has borne the brunt of. He requested that there be more transparency from the Trinity Ball Committee.

Secretary to circulate Trinity Ball Committee Terms of Reference. Minutes of the Trinity Ball Committee to be regularly circulated to the Capitation Committee.

Presentation of Accounts:

GRADUATE STUDENTS’ UNION

No GSU Representative was present, however they had contacted the Secretary prior to the meeting to say that upon advice they were awaiting the results of the GSU appeal to furnish it to the auditor and will present accounts once opinion is received.

STUDENTS’ UNION

The SU had hoped to have the accounts ready for presentation at this meeting, but illness on the part of the auditor has led to delays. It is expected that they will be ready next week.

TRINITY PUBLICATIONS

Difficulties with the previous treasurer of Publications has led to difficulties in piecing together information necessary for the audit, however most documentation has now been acquired and submitted to the auditors. Publications are awaiting Credit Card Statements as the last item to be submitted. A Treasurer’s Report has been drafted and can be circulated to the Committee.

It was noted that DUCAC had difficulties submitting their finances on time in 20-21, and that the committee had briefly suspended their funding for that.

Annual Reports

GRADUATE STUDENTS’ UNION

STUDENTS’ UNION

No reports were presented

Terms of Reference Update

Leah Keogh updated on the ongoing work of the Terms of Reference Working Group, the minutes of which are being circulated to the Capitation Committee.

Allocations for 2021-22

No update on Allocations. Elaine Sharkey advised that the process of Capitation Allocation has changed slightly due to controls around Bank Transfers and that drawdowns may take longer in future.

Any Other Business

Student Space Levy Funds

Following a request for additional controls on the Student Space Levy Funds due to the amount being held, it was proposed that either the Committee FSD representative be added to the current accounts that the funds are being held in, or that a Capital Project be established that the funds might be transferred into.

The CSC noted that they would be happy for a solution to be provided to the issue of the funds being held by the CSC, and that they will bring the matter before the Student Spaces working group