



Minutes of the Capitation Committee

20 September 2022

At 14.00 in the Elizabethan Room, House 6

Present: Chair – Prof Eoin O’Sullivan; Secretary – Aidan Marsh, FSD – Aine Mulcahy, Student Life – Catherine McCabe; CSC – Ronan Hodson, CSC – Tom Hegarty, CSC – Daniela Williams, CSC – Sam Carthy, TSU – Liam Bean, TSU – Anna Grace Ulses, TSU – Gwen McArdle, SU – Gabi Fulham, SU – Zöe Cummins, SU – Chloe Staunton, Publications – Ellen Kenny

Apologies: GSU – Marcos Imbilicieri, GSU – Nontyatyambo Manyisane, TSU – Andrew Syomushkin, TSU (In Attendance) – Aidan Kavanagh

In Attendance: CSC – Joseph O’Gorman; SU – Simon Evans; Publications – Shannon McGreevy

Chair opened the emergency meeting of the Capitation Committee

GSU Matters

The Chair summarised the previous discussions for the Committee at the previous meeting of 7th September, highlighting the lack of support services to postgraduate students, and that the GSU accounts had not been shown since those of year end 2020.

The Chair then informed the committee that it had been drawn to his attention that the previous GSU president still had access to the GSU bank accounts and was making payments to the current GSU president and vice-president, who did not have access, and that he had brought this to the attention of College.

The Chair informed the Committee that the Provost would like to meet with the heads of SU, CSC, TSU and Publications at 9.00am on Thursday 22nd September.

Prof Alyn-Stacey spoke on behalf of the GSU representatives who had absented themselves from the discussion, noting that she had taken up the position of Chair of the GSU Board in good faith, and that she had not expected the level of disorganization of the GSU Executive. She expressed concerns over an article in Trinity News containing multiple factual errors, and which was damaging to the new president, the GSU, College, and College Officers. She requested that, as this fault was not of their making, the Committee keep in mind the protection of the new president and vice-president, along with the reputation of College, and of college officers.

SU representatives noted that there will be a need for continued representation for postgraduate students at higher levels, and that since the previous meeting of the Committee, 20 postgraduate students had approached the SU for advice on being a class representative. It is hoped that a town hall meeting with postgraduate students can be run at the start of October. It is the understanding of the SU that in the meantime, under the SU’s own constitution and the College Calendar, the SU can fill the gap provided by the absence of the GSU.



Motion:

It is proposed that the Committee put into force the motion from 7 September 2022 that GSU funding be provided to the SU monthly for the strict purpose of providing support to postgraduate students. *Additional* – It is proposed that these funds come from the full GSU moiety, as against that portion normally used for salary payments as recommended in the motion from 7 September 2022.

Proposed by Gabi Fullam (SU)

Seconded by Liam Bean (TSU)

Motion passed by General Consensus

With regard to concerns raised about payment to GSU Officers the Committee felt that, in light of the unaddressed concerns about the elections, and the continuing freeze on the moiety, it would not be suitable for the Committee to provide payment.