

NSE Meeting

26/9/20

Online

Present:

- Reuben Murray - President
- Beth Doherty - Sustainability Officer
- Matthew Colgan - Secretary
- Yvonne Farrell - International Officer
- Saoirse Exton - Equality Officer
- Emer Neville - Communications Officer
- Katie Halpin-Hill - Oifigeach na Gaeilge

Absent:

Apologies:

- Alicia O'Sullivan - Education Officer
- Luke Casserly - Deputy President

● Arrival and Welcome

- The President welcomed everyone and began the meeting by outlining how he would like the online meeting to run and how he would like the officers to communicate during the meeting.

● ISSU Bonding

- Agreed that an overnight would be beneficial.
 - Carlingford - Overnight
 - Lilliput - Westmeath
 - Aran Island - Glamping, really cheap.
 - Woodstown - High covid rate in Waterford

● Student Councils / Lead Student Representative(LSR).

- Agreed that should be started ASAP
- Important to have concrete data and cases to pull on when talking to the DES
- Needs to be pushed on social media, simple wording so its easier to understand and translate to Irish

- This is not to attack teachers or principals, our message is that we want to work with them as best as possible
- LSR Document needs review and simplification as to not add more work to the already heavy workload that is on B.O.M's and Principals.
- Have a dedicated call to review the LSR Proposal. - Doodle to be put in group chat to decide.
- Highlight our empathy towards both students and teachers.
- Graphics to be sent to schools as part of a resource pack.
- Suggested that the LSR be the Chairperson on the Student Council.
- LSR Team - Chairperson in charge?
- **ACTION POINTS: Poll - President // Call for review - NSE**

- **Irish Language Scheme / Translations**

- Irish Social Media Translations need to be sent to Oifig for review.
- Advised any incoming Officer to read the Irish Language scheme.
- Translation of Official ISSU Documents need to be done professionally but may be costly - Constitution etc,
- Each Officer to be given individual responsibility to incorporate Irish into the day to day running of the Union and to collaborate with the Oifigeach to ensure this.
- New email proposed for queries made through Irish.
- Aspects of Campaigns need to have an Irish equivalent (i.e. Campaign name, Logo, Slogan, Branding + Promo Materials)
- Proposed name change for President's, Secretary/ Oifigeach.
- Gaeilge to be given a greater role in AA and other large ISSU events.
- Proposed that Oifigach has a Certain level of competency in Irish - Should be put into an advisory statement instead of a clause.
- Oifigeach elections should include bi-lingual hustings, to be proposed for a new constitution.
- Vote: Manifesto/Hustings for Oifigeach - Unanimous Vote in Agreement.

- **Time Frame for graphics in Media Strategy.**

- Suggested to give 3 days for videos and 2 days for graphics notice to the Comms officer for Graphic - To allow for advanced notice and Translation.
- **Vote - Unanimous Agreed**

- **WG Formation and Policy**

- Proposed that non-member schools be allowed to join WG's.
- It was highlighted that ISSU is a member run organisation and that it needs to be respected and solely allowed for Member students to join the WG's

- Proposed that the rule be lifted on a consultative basis, i.e, Student with particular skill set or experience - Living in DP or Homelessness etc.
- Suggested that it is best for ISSU to only have member schools involved but is best for students as a whole to allow students from non member schools to allow them to join WG's.
- Might be incentive for non member schools to join up after experiencing the Union and the work done by the Union.
- Wider conversation needed around student applications to WG's.
- We can't claim to be a member driven organisation unless the people we are working with are not from a member school.
- Proposed that if a school has initiated the membership process it could possibly be a route around the issue
- Proposed that membership policy be reviewed for EGM
- Proposed Vote - Working Groups will be made up of members but allowances can be made for specific working groups - 7 for 3 against
- The NSE cannot directly influence an individual Officers WG it is up to the individual officer to direct the WG - The Ultimate decision and responsibility lies with the Leading Officer - **Unanimous Agree**
- Regional Officers have the ability to set up a WG - Only in their own regions, and must be invited to join National WG's
- If a RO is applying for a position on a National WG should they have preference? - Two types of WG's - INTERNAL and EXTERNAL. Internal with NSE and RO's and External with preference to outside members.
- All ISSU WG members will get certification from their time spent on the WG so long as they attend half of the WG Meetings - All in Favour

- **Constitution Reform**

- A general overview is needed.
- Clearer outlining needed around officer removals, Officer Roles etc
- Proposed review of Regional Officers Structures
- Do we want to establish WG on membership reform? - Past MC members and NSE.
- Vote - Passed
- Suggested Luke Lead review - confirmed - Nonmember status and Membership procedure
- Constitutional Reform WG - Hon.President
- **ACTION POINT** - Hon Pres to take lead and direct NSE and RO's involved in Constitutional Reform

- **EGM Planning**

- Majority vote for EGM to be held online

- Proposed - 2 short day events as there are a lot of proposed policies to go through. (similar to Skills Academy 2020)
- Sub Committee - Led by President
- Official Statutory event - Important that we are prepared well in advance - Open Registration in next two weeks.
- Structure of EGM needs to be planned asap
- The NSE was reminded that in order to have the WG Membership policy functioning and productive, having the EGM in October might be too early - Vote to change EGM date to Mid-November - **Unanimous Agree (Sat November 14th)**

- **AOB**

- Students have reached out to ask if the Union could intervene on the basis of inappropriate behaviour towards students - It was noted that the ISSU cannot act on criminal or legal matters, It was noted that the ISSU also does not have any policy on what the procedure is in dealing with a situation like this. - Suggested that ISSU contact the Ombudsman for Children to reconcile the situation. - Suggested that ISSU highlight that there is a reach out forum on the Website where students can contact ISSU, The ISSU will then contact the relevant authorities. - It was noted that ISSU can only act/represent member schools and students, but if non member students/schools got in contact ISSU would offer them advice and direction. - It is noted that there is a large legal matter here and a separate meeting needs to be held between NSE Officers willing to get involved and the secretariat. **ACTION POINT: Subgroup to be set up - Sustainability Officer to take lead.**
- ACTION POINT: Meeting to be set up between NSE and Secretariat to discuss this.**