

Officer Report  
of the **Vice President Student Life**  
of Maynooth Students' Union (MSU)  
to Student Senate



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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Welcome to my Officer Report  
I ain't summarising anything, I had to write it, so you're gonna have to read it.  
Xoxo Lucas



## **CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Article 10.10 of the MSU Constitution sets out the constitutional responsibilities of the MSU Vice President Student Life. I have outlined my constitutional responsibilities below and have commented on my progress in fulfilling them.

*List of Constitutional Responsibility:*

### **1. Maintain a full and up-to-date list of all Clubs and Societies and their contact information.**

A list of all Clubs & Societies contact information (Points of Contact & Emails) has been gathered in an excel file and can be used for mass communication purposes. This will prove exceptionally useful for communicating campaigns throughout the year.

This will be the final update on this responsibility.

### **2. Communicate all relevant matters from the Union to the Clubs and Societies and from Clubs and Societies to the Union.**

Since the preparation of the list mentioned above, the only matter of consequence to communicate to the C&S have been updates on the student centre campaign.

The communications have consisted of:

1. Petition communication
2. Walkout communication

After the writing of this report, the following should have been communicated to C&S:

1. Survey communication
2. Further Petition communication
3. March for Maynooth communication

Any communication regarding campaigns run by other officers (SHAG week, Drug Awareness, etc) will be reported to me, and will be communicated to C&S as appropriate.

### **3. Aid and advise Clubs and Societies on the organisation of events and other activities.**

I have reached out to the Clubs & Societies via the constructed mailing list, and they are aware of their point of contact should they require Union help regarding event management. So far there have been three events I can recall which have run with the help/collaboration of MSU, outlined below:

1. Yoga Soc x MSU Freshers Week event on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>
2. Gamesoc x MSU Freshers Week event on Sept 29<sup>th</sup>
3. Literary and Debating Society x MSU event on Oct 13<sup>th</sup>

Any further organisational updates post writing of this report will be reported as requested at the upcoming senate.

### **4. Promote Clubs and Societies participation and activities throughout the University**

The MSU Instagram account (@maynooth\_su), our most active engagement platform with students has typically been used to promote C&S events in the past. Due to the on-going Student Centre campaign, use of this platform has been restricted promotion of this

campaign, (with certain exceptions). Alternate routes have been used to promote events, such as the MSU Club Instagram account.

I anticipate further updates on this responsibility as the campaign continues, but with the change of control of C&S as well as the implementation of their own engagement platforms, I suspect this responsibility will be removed as an official capacity of the VP Student Life in the near future.

### **5. Create a Clubs and Societies handbook available to all Clubs and Societies at the beginning of each Academic year.**

This year marked the grand return of the Student Handbook for our first year students. In this book was a comprehensive list of all Clubs and Societies on campus at the time. As this task was incredibly resource heavy, along with the removal of C&S from MSU control, it was deemed unnecessary to take this initiative further.

This will be the final update on this responsibility.

### **6. Sit on all committees relevant to Student Life and Engagement at both Union and University level.**

#### **COMMITTEES I SIT ON:**

#### **1. MSU EXECUTIVE**

The MSU executive consists of the FTO's and PTO's who meet on a fortnightly basis. We meet to discuss upcoming campaigns and decisions on action for the upcoming weeks.

#### **2. MSU ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE**

The Entertainments Committee has not met to date this year, I believe this was the same case last year, in its stead, the MSU staff along with the VP Student Life & President meet on Tuesdays in events and planning management meetings to discuss upcoming campaigns in respects to lead times.

#### **3. MSU CLUBS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Clubs Management Committee meets sparsely to discuss matters pertaining to the MSU club and bar, to my knowledge it has convened once in July/August to discuss pricing and scheduling events for the year in the bar.

#### 4. MU CLUBS AND SOCIETIES COMMITTEE

The MU Clubs and Societies Committee is the overarching committee to manage the clubs, and societies management committees. It has met once to confirm capitation details for C&S this year.

#### 5. MU CLUBS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The CMC exists to encourage, promote, and develop club life on campus.

#### 6. MU SOCIETIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The SMC exists to encourage, promote, and develop society life on campus

#### 7. MU CAMPUS LIFE COMMITTEE

The campus life committee is to make recommendations to Academic Council on matters of strategy and policy in relation to all aspects of life on the university campus, for staff, students, and the community, in order to develop of the university as a vibrant scholarly community, and an excellent place to work or study.

#### 8. MU GOVERNING AUTHORITY

Boo! Maynooth Universities Highest Governing Body, the VP Student Life, Education, and President sit on this board to represent the Union and Student Body on decision and policy making in the University.

#### 9. MU EDIC (EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION COMMITTEE)

The Equality, Diversity, Inclusion, and Interculturalism (EDI) committee is established as a joint standing committee of the GA and Academic Council. This committee shall keep under review the policy framework within which the university meets its equality responsibilities as set out in legislation and in the universities policy document.

#### 10. USI NATIONAL COUNCIL

**7. Liaise with the Executive on matters relating to the advertisement and promotion of Union activities and entertainments.**

I oversee the [studentlife@msu.ie](mailto:studentlife@msu.ie) and [promotions@msu.ie](mailto:promotions@msu.ie) emails while also liaising with interests groups looking to attend and perform events in Maynooth, as well as C&S.

Acts of note have been Keith Shannley Speed quizzing in November (Keith! Keith! Keith!) and the Harleys/Gary Harpur performances in the bar.

**8. They shall assist the Faculty Convenors and Student Academic Representatives in the organisation of the entertainments for their constituencies.**

No events of note of this sort have been organised, maybe except Academic Rep training with the VP Education.

I am Co-Hosting the Good Morning Maynooth podcast with the ACSP Faculty Convener Kyla Henry.

**9. Find suitable charitable candidates and through a vote of MSU Student Senate determine the Annual MSU Charity.**

After a rigorous selection process, myself along with a team including the MSU President selected Threshold to be the MSU Charity Partner of the Year.

Due to the ongoing student centre campaign, this has yet to be officially announced.

**10. Act as a spokesperson for the Union on matters regarding the development of student entrepreneurship and volunteering.**

Please refer to the '#WheresMyLevy Campaign' section of this report for updates on this constitutional responsibility.

**11. Be responsible for all Union fundraising towards charitable purposes and goals, and shall arrange one major event for this purpose in each semester.**

The Maynooth Games [See Plan of Work] were to be the first major fundraising event run by the VP Student Life this semester, this event has been postponed due to my involvement in the #WheresMyLevy campaign.

There may potentially be more events this semester to alleviate this, Christmas may be the most likely alternative. I hope to update this in my next officer report.

## **PLAN OF WORK**

At the beginning of this Executives term of office, we created a plan of work. The Plan of Work is the guiding document for the executive. Below is how I have contributed to the completion of the Plan of Work.

## **PLEASE NOTE**

Myself, and many of the other officers have had to put their Plan of Work aside to work on the #WheresMyLevy Campaign. As a result, many of the projects outlined below will have to be heavily restructured or amended. This is just a brief overview heavily subject to change.

**Proceed, and believe, with caution.**

*List of Plan of Work Tasks I Have Worked on:*

1. Maynooth Games
2. Orientation Week
3. Good Morning Maynooth (Podcast)
4. SHAG Week (Support)
5. Drug Safety and Awareness (Support)
6. Light Up Our Campus

## **Maynooth Games**

The return of the Maynooth Games is something I was incredibly excited to do, and I spent a lot of time planning and organizing it. So I cancelled it the week before we were gonna do it lol. Nah I'm kidding.

What actually happened was, I have been put on to the #WheresMyLevy campaign as a full time coordinator, and I would have been unable to put 110% into one of my most exciting campaigns. So a decision was made to delay the Maynooth Games until late this semester, or early next semester. Sad, but necessary.

The good news is, pretty much everything is ready for it to go ahead. Prizes, Challenges, Graphics, it's all sitting in my little vault of fun.

This will be the final update until this, until I dig it out of the dirt.

## **Orientation Week**

Orientation Week (Freshers Fest) is come and gone. It was a successful event overall. Two weeks of events and goodies to give out to students, not just freshers. I had to do a week of Orientation talks which firmly cemented my desire to **never** run for an executive position again (Good news to the haterz).

We saw some disappointing numbers on our night-time ticketed events, partially due to pricing, and most likely due to commuting numbers this year. This has been noted at our events coordination meetings and will be considered for future events.

This will be the final update on this project.

### **Good Morning Maynooth (Podcast)**

Good Morning Maynooth is making its grand return! Sadly I'm quite behind schedule on this initiative due to the #WheresMyLevy Campaign, but I'm delighted to say that the first episode has been recorded alongside by co-host ACSP FC Kyla on the Campaign itself.

By the time the senate has convened, the first episode should have been released. I hope everyone enjoyed it, it might be a bit rough around the edges as its our first time doing something like this, but it will improve considerably as I have more time to dedicate to it.

Episodes are projected to be released every two weeks.

### **SHAG Week (Support)**

I was initially going to be put onto a support role for this campaign, but due to my work with the #WheresMyLevy Campaign, I had to take a step back. Regardless, our VP Welfare Kealan ran an absolutely fantastic campaign and I want to give them full credit for running a great event. Kudos to them.

This will be my final update on this initiative.

### **Drug Safety and Awareness (Support)**

Campaign run by the MSU President, with the VP Student Life in support, this campaign has been delayed in the midst of the #WheresMyLevy Campaign.

### **Light Up Our Campus**

Due to the breakdown in communication between MU and MSU, this campaign has been placed indefinitely on hold, more updates will hopefully be provided later on in the year.



## MANIFESTO INITIATIVES

While running for the Vice President Student Life, I outlined several manifesto pledges. Throughout my term I will make progress on each of these promises to the best of my ability.

- Engagement
  - **Work with the entertainments committee and executive to organize and promote events.**

The Entertainments Committee is now defunct, being replaced with a number of staff at MSU who meet on a weekly basis (Tuesdays) to discuss action. So far this has been a successful measure in organizing MSU Bar & Venue events.
  - **Clubs and Societies engagement**

Clubs & Societies engagement has been great so far this year, we have involved a number of them this year in doing collaborative events. I have also created a mailing list of all C&S for easier communication and promotion.
  - **Elections promotion**

The By-Elections have come and gone, we are up 100% on previous year election turnout but still not to levels I would deem pleasant. Promotion was a struggle due to the ongoing #WheresMyLevy campaign which has taken much of the officers time.

The march elections will have a much bigger time and monetary investment for promotion. This will be my final update on this.
- Community
  - **Volunteer Initiatives**

Volunteer Initiatives have been successful thus far, we have gathered a passionate and engaged group of students this year to help in Union matters [#WheresMyLevy campaign], I am also in the process of organizing a Student Life Volunteer group to help me throughout the year.
  - **Accommodation revamps (Short term)**

Due to a breakdown in communication between the MSU and MU this year, this initiative will most likely be fruitless until the future, I hope to update this in the following months.
  - **Maynooth Town/University Relations**

Fantastic progress on this, the MSU executive have created a friendly relationship between the Maynooth Town Council as well as local TD's and Councilors. I hope this continues and will give any updates as they appear.

- Accessibility

- **Blended Learning (Education Remit, Support role)**

Due to a breakdown in communication between the MSU and MU this year, this initiative will most likely be fruitless until the future, I hope to update this in the following months.

An important note on this is the MU Registrars outspoken refusal to entertain the idea of blended learning in the future. Something to keep on the backburner.

- **Commuter Events**

Well, when 70% of your student population is commuting that's something important to consider isn't it. I am currently pushing to have events happen in the MSU earlier in the day, but this poses problems with lectures ending at 6pm.

More research will have to be done to find a sweet spot for this. I plan on having most of my campaigns happen during the daytime, over a number of hours so the most amount of people can participate.

- **Daytime events, non-drinking.**

This job has driven me to drink, this is no longer an option.

Of course I am kidding (kinda), I am planning on having all my campaigns be almost entirely alcohol free, or have alcohol-free options to cater to all individuals on campus.

- Activism

- **Protest organization + information**

Do I really need to go into this? Please refer to the #WheresMyLevy Campaign section of this report.

- **Election information/turnout/boosting**

Doubling numbers on previous years By-Election is good, but we can do better. We are seeing a slow progress in election and representative engagement which points to good news. I will be observing this carefully to see where things can be improved.

- **Political education and engagement**

Please refer to the #WheresMyLevy Campaign section of this report.

## **MOTION & MANDATES**

There are many motion & mandates that require participation from my role. Throughout my term I will make progress on each of these motion & mandates to the best of my ability. Below is a list of all active motion & mandates that require my participation, with updates on my progress with each one.

### *List of Motion & Mandate:*

1. 4.003 [1-19]: Active Engagement with 'Fridays For Future' Protests
2. 4.019 [3-19]: Climate Emergency Motion
3. 5.012 [4-21]: 'How to Use Your Union' Infographics
4. 5.014 [4-21]: Student Virtual Safe Space
5. 5.019 [5-21]: Promotion of Supports or Students with Disabilities
6. 5.020 [5-21]: Creation & Promotion of Graphics detailing what Halal food is in an effort to combat Islamophobia and promote
7. 5.022 [5-21]: MU & MSU Sexual Harassment Policy Review
8. 5.036 [6-21]: Bullying & Anti-Harassment Policy
9. 5.037 [6-21] Prayer Room on Campus

### **4.003 [1-19]: Active Engagement with 'Fridays For Future' Protests**

To my knowledge, there has been no continuation of the 'Fridays For Future' Protests in Maynooth Square after the pandemic, I will work to reach out to the organisers to see about community plans to revive this initiative.

Additionally, I will raise this at the Maynooth Community Council which myself and the rest of the executive attend on a monthly basis.

### **4.019 [3-19]: Climate Emergency Motion**

No progress of note has been made on this motion, though I am working on a reusable/recyclable cup scheme with Colin at the moment.

### **5.012 [4-21]: 'How to Use Your Union' Infographics**

This motion will be incorporated into the MSU Presidents' "Know your Union" campaign in late November.

### **5.014 [4-21]: Student Virtual Safe Space**

This motion will be removed from the register as there is no feasible or practical way to implement this and will be an unnecessary use of Union resources.

This will be the final update on this motion.

### **5.019 [5-21]: Promotion of Supports or Students with Disabilities**

An incredibly important motion, but sadly one on which no progress of note has been made on my side, (perhaps other Officers could update on this). I hope to reach out to interest groups such as Access and MAP to learn how to implement this properly.

**5.020 [5-21]: Creation & Promotion of Graphics detailing what Halal food is in an effort to combat Islamophobia and promote**

This motion was in discussion during the July-August plan of work meetings, sadly no progress of note has been made. I hope to reach out to interest groups to gather data on how to implement this appropriately.

**5.022 [5-21]: MU & MSU Sexual Harassment Policy Review**

No progress of note has been made on this motion, I will raise this during the next EDI Committee meeting to begin setting the foundations to review this policy.

**5.036 [6-21]: Bullying & Anti-Harassment Policy**

No progress of note has been made on this motion, I will raise this during the next EDI Committee meeting to begin setting the foundations to review this policy.

**5.037 [6-21] Prayer Room on Campus**

Progress on this motion has been good, I have incorporated this into the MSU Student Experience Survey to poll interest and find locations for a dedicated prayer room on campus. Discussion to be held as to whether to make this space multi-denominational or to create several spaces for different faiths to perform prayer functions.

## **COMMITTEES**

I have listed the committees that I am a member of and have tried to give a description of their remit and some of the activities they undertake. I have also listed my contribution to these committees below.

*Committee that the Vice President Student Life is a member of:*

1. Governing Authority
2. Societies Management Committee
3. Clubs Management Committee
4. Executive Committee
5. MSU Entertainments Committee
6. MU Clubs & Societies Committee
7. MU Campus Life Committee
8. MU EDI Committee
9. USI National Council

### **Governing Authority**

*Maynooth Universities Highest Governing Committee*

There has been a single meeting of the G.A, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September, this meeting was surrounding the cancellation of the Student Centre amongst other business such as the Presidents Update, and the Maynooth Charity Fund.

The meeting was heated, beginning with the Presidents Update which drew much criticism due to the Internal External appointment of a Dean of Arts.

Following this was the discussion and subsequent decision to cancel the construction of the Student Centre, it was obvious from the beginning of the discussion that a decision had been made to cancel this project and this was simply a formality. The MSU representatives present made clear dissenting remarks to the decision and despite this, the decision to cancel was brought forward with "no clear dissenting voices" to this decision.

The next meeting of Governing Authority is early November.

### **Societies Management Committee**

*Committee to manage and discuss affairs surrounding Societies in Maynooth.*

Societies Management Committee has met twice since the convening of the first senate, I attended both meetings.

The first was centred around the approval of capitation for Societies and there was nothing further of note to discuss.

The second meeting sought approval for the creation of two new societies, Lego and Christian. Both societies were approved, additionally a Clubs & Societies forum was organised for Friday 21<sup>st</sup> of October.

### **Clubs Management Committee**

*Committee to manage and discuss affairs surrounding Clubs in Maynooth.*

There has been two meetings of the CMC since the first meeting of Senate.

The first meeting was to approve Clubs capitation for the year 2022/23.

The second meeting was surrounding special events funding for the Golf Club as well as C&S Fair review.

### **Executive Committee**

*Committee consisting of the Full Time Officers and Part Time Officers to discuss campaigns and Union matters.*

The Executive committee meets fortnightly on Fridays to provide updates on upcoming campaigns and initiatives in the Union. The first few (July – September) revolved around the Plan of Work and preparation for the Freshers Fest.

From September 22<sup>nd</sup>, (Post cancellation of the Student Centre), our executive meetings have revolved around planning for the #WheresMyLevy campaign, as well as internal hiring measures, the elections, and academic rep training.

### **MSU Entertainments Committee**

*Committee for organising and planning events and campaigns in the MSU Club & Bar*

As far as I believe, this committee is now defunct and responsibility has been absorbed by the communications officer, director for facilities, and the VP Student Life

In its stead, weekly meetings are held on Tuesdays with these members, and other staff to discuss upcoming events in respects to lead times, as well as proposing possible new events.

This will be my final update on this committee.

### **MU Clubs & Societies Committee**

*This committee is the overarching structure above the SMC and the CMC, it holds all executive members of both committees as well as Michael Rafter, the director for Facilities at MU.*

This committee has met once since the convening of the senate, (I believe there will be one in between then and the writing of this report)

The meeting was short, specifically to confirm and release the capitation budgets for clubs & societies.

### **MU Campus Life Committee**

*The campus life committee is to make recommendations to Academic Council on matters of strategy and policy in relation to all aspects of life on the university campus, for staff, students, and the community.*

The MU Campus Life Committee has convened once since the first senate. Regrettably I was out sick that day and was unable to attend, my apologies have been recorded in the

minutes. I hope to update on attendance of the meeting as this committee seems kinda cool.

### **MU EDI Committee**

*The Equality, Diversity, Inclusion, and Interculturalism (EDI) committee is established as a joint standing committee of the GA and Academic Council.*

This committee is a bit of headscratcher, it consists of, from what I understand, one member of the University, who works very hard at what he does. Unfortunately the entire committee seems to be a flurry of workshops, meetings, talks, and more that absolutely clog up my inbox and calendar.

It can be hard to differentiate the important matters of the committee such as executive meetings or decision making processes due to the sheer volume of interactions from it's organisers.

I try to filter out but end up feeling frustrated and unwilling to engage, I have had a few meetings (3-4) this year and can't really articulate what initiatives or campaigns they have organised.

I will continue to try organise the aims and purposes of this committee, but I would refer to the VP Welfare for questions on this committee as they seem to have a better grasp of it than I do.

### **USI National Council**

*The Union of Students Ireland is the overall body of SU's around the country that pass down national mandates to FTO's.*

To my knowledge there has been no required meeting of the USI National Council so far. We have communicated with the President, VP Campaigns, and VP Education over the course of the last month (Sept-Oct) surrounding the #WheresMyLevy Campaign, but apart from that nothing of substance has really arisen.

I suspect this will be my final update on this committee as I do not sit on any role or committee within this organisation other than being a registered member.

## **GENERAL ACTIVITIES**

The work of Vice President Student Life is not just confined to constitutional roles and manifesto initiatives. There is a wide variety of activities undertaken by me in the execution of my role. I have given a comprehensive list of these activities below.

*List of some of the main other general activities undertaken:*

1. Creation of the Freshers Handbook 2021/2022
2. Charity Partner of the Year Selection
3. Mars FM Training
4. Social Media Analytics (Instagram: @maynooth\_su)
5. Academic Rep Training (Support)
6. Coordination of the #WheresMyLevy Campaign

### **Creation of the Freshers Handbook 2021/2022**

Myself and Tyran (Our communications officer) spent the majority of August/September working on the return of the Freshers Handbook, and thankfully from a financial and distribution stand-point, it was a banger.

We devised a new structure, removed the majority of the outdated memes and focused on relevant up-to-date information for students.

On top of this, we secured a high number of sponsors for the handbook, targeting local business' and managed to fund a significant portion of the handbook through this, something that had never been achieved before.

The handbook also had one of the highest uptakes of any previous year, with only a very small amount being left over as surplus, something I see as a great victory.

### **Charity Partner of the Year Selection**

A committee was established to search and evaluate selection for the next MSU Charity Partner of the Year. I am pleased to announce that after a rigorous process, Threshold was selected as our Charity Partner of the Year.

### **Mars FM Training**

Alongside the return of Good Morning Maynooth, I would love to see Mars FM return to its former glory with a vibrant community of podcasters and presenters running shows to inform and entertain students.

Progress on this has been slow due to training conflicts, but luckily students are beginning to self-organise a committee, with all the support I can provide.

Training sessions will hopefully be held to get this society up and running soon.



## **Social Media Analytics (Instagram: @maynooth\_su)**

Bit of a weird one, but worth noting. Social Media is playing a bigger and bigger part in our reach and engagement every year. With the thankful death of Facebook as a platform and Instagram becoming our biggest platform for communication (Twitter is getting along too) I decided it was time to dive into analytics and start working on a plan for how to successfully plan content launches to reach as many students as possible during our time in office.

Thankfully the analytics suite is pretty straightforward to use and I'm making good progress in informing to team as to when to post, as to maximise our potential reach.

If I find anything cool, I'll make a graph and present it to senate at some point.

## **Academic Rep Training (Support)**

Academic Rep training went swimmingly, in fact, I'm currently there writing this report. Good job to Alex and all those involved, I even did a talk about nights out. Even though my idea of a night out is a 2am raid on World of Warcraft. Regardless, it was a great event.

## **Coordination of the #WheresMyLevy Campaign**

Leaving the best 'till last.

The #WheresMyLevy campaign has been an absolutely herculean task to undertake. Probably one of the biggest in the recent history of the Maynooth Students' Union.

As a result, it has taken a considerable chunk of time from the Full Time Officers and as a result, many of our campaigns and initiatives have been put on hold. This is to ensure that we fully prioritise representing our student body in the righteous anger they full over the cancellation of the student centre.

I will outline my role in this campaign and why it is necessary that all other work be paused while this goes ahead. It is no small task to attempt to mobilise all 15'000 students of Maynooth University onto a single focus in demanding answers from the University Executive.

My role is primarily in communication and organisation. I deal in collaborating with interest groups, whether political, activist, or voluntary. My day to day activities now consist of organising schedules for the petition and survey to gather signatures and data to present to the University as well as attending meetings to decide our next actions on this campaign.

Notable work I have contributed to in this campaign have been creation and editing of graphics surrounding the campaign (though Tyran still reserves much of the credit for this work), communicating with our volunteer group to have people on the ground talking to students and collecting petition signatures, communicating with politic groups (PBP, Socialist Party, Student Action Group) on current and future action, collating feedback and incorporating it into our plan.

I work closely with the President on a daily basis to move the campaign forward, discussing priorities and updates and disseminating them to our stakeholders on a strict timeline.

Everything must be communicated and accounted for, this campaign is measured in hours and days and things are swiftly and constantly changing. We are fighting a lengthy battle with the University Executive here and everything must be considered.

I have spent much time running analytics on requirements surrounding the survey and petition, what numbers we would need to achieve certain metrics and break records, and through the hard work of the Executive and Student Body we are well on track to achieve these goals.

So far, the work done has been nothing short of breathtaking, the support from students, lecturers, alumni, and stakeholders has been invaluable and it will continue.

The day before this senate, we will have our second walkout/protest of this campaign, where students will be marching to Riverstown Lodge to deliver the petition of over 3500+ signatures to the University Executive. This will signal a turning point in the campaign where hopefully the Executive will no longer be able to ignore the demands of the students.

We have gathered support from many groups outside the University also. Councillors, TD's, Trade Unions, Political Groups, Community Groups, the Media, and much more have shared their dismay in the decision of the Governing Authority and I truly believe we as a representative body can make an impact in student autonomy as a result of this campaign.

I truly hope the senate can continue to support this campaign and understand the decision to pause service based initiatives in favour of representative ones.

This signals the end of this update, but I am happy to answer any additional questions you may have, this is only a brief overview of the immense work involved in this task. Much more will be told in the other officers reports and we are open to any questions you, as a Senate may have.

Over n' Out,  
Lucas

**EXPENSES CLAIMED**

To ensure that I am transparent and accountable for my expenditure below is a list of all expenses that I have claimed.

No expenses have been claimed as of 16/10/2022.