

Kieran Minto President officer report: April

April was taken up by the week and a half long Easter holiday and multiple national level conferences. However, our strategic plan was successfully approved by the university management board during this month.

Meetings:

- I attended the usual **recurring committees** and meetings with senior staff that is expected of the role, including student debt management, planning and finance, Vice chancellor meetings, senate and academic board.
- I attended a number of meetings around the **new accommodation** planned to be opened on the Dublin Road these meetings included marketing, health and safety and pricing.
- I was on one of the **awarding panels for the SU awards**.
- Myself and the C&E officer met with the **new chair of Senate** to talk about our views on Senate and the university. We also talked about his plans for the coming years and how we can work together to make the university better.
- I sat on the university's **honorary degree** awarding panel.
- I prepared and then delivered a presentation to the university management board on our new **strategic plan**. Both the plan on the presentation were very well received and the strategic plan was approved in principle with the finances set to be signed off in the coming weeks.

Internal events:

- We hosted a **special meeting of student council** for the approval of our strategic plan.

External events:

- I and the postgraduate education officer attended the **RGSU conference** in Bristol alongside our PVC for education.
- I attended the **QAA NI Conference**.
- All of the officers attended the **NUS-USI Conference** hosted in the South East regional college Armagh.
- The officers attended the **USI conference** held in Wexford.

Other:

- I attended a presentation on the results of the **International Student Barometer 2024** where we as a union scored the highest of any area of the university came second nationally and had an approval rating of 98%

Project focus:

- The main focus of this month was the approval of this **strategic plan** alongside attending and learning from **conferences**.

