

CA 1	
Proposing School:	Coiste Gnó
Proposing Delegate:	Eimear Nic Dhonnchadha - Oifigeach na Gaeilge
Article:	Article 10 - 10.3, 10.4, 10.5, 10.6, 10.7, 10.8, 10.10, 10.12
Amendment:	<p><b>Replace:</b> Officer title in English (Officer title in Irish) m.sh. Education Officer (An t-oifigeach oideachais)</p> <p><b>With:</b> Officer title in Irish (Officer title in English) m.sh. An t-Oifigeach Oideachais (Education officer)</p>
Rationale:	This action will greatly improve and promote the use of Irish within the Union, as the Irish form of all officer titles be given precedence and to be used in all official circumstances. The English versions will not be eradicated, and may still be used for the purpose of communication, however in a smaller print and only when necessary. This will give a more cohesive structure to the Coiste Gnó, as some officer titles must already be referred to by their Irish version and their Irish version only.

CA 2	
Proposing School:	Coiste Gnó
Proposing Delegate:	Shari Irfan - Uachtarán
Article:	8
Amendment:	<p><b>Replace:</b> '8.1 The ISSU Monitoring and Advisory Committee, hereafter referred to as the MAC, ensures that the work of elected student officers is constitutional and in line with ISSU policies and mandates, ensuring that the ISSU is held accountable to its membership.</p> <p>8.1.1 The ISSU MAC will help assist in advising elected officers; groups; committees; bodies on whether a decision or vote falls under their jurisdiction or remit in line with the ISSU Constitution, ISSU policy and ISSU mandates to hold said officers to the accountability of the ISSU membership.</p> <p>8.1.2 All MAC Officers must ordinarily reside on the island of Ireland for the duration of their term.</p> <p>8.2 The ISSU MAC provides support and consultative guidance to elected officers.</p>

8.3 The ISSU MAC will be composed of 5 past members of the Coiste Gnó, ROB, ISSU School Representatives or Working Groups.

8.4 Candidates for the MAC shall be nominated by the following bodies with a two-thirds majority;

I. Current or former Coiste Gnó members must be nominated by the current Coiste Gnó.

II. Current or former ROB members must be nominated by the current ROB

III. ISSU School Representatives must be nominated by the Regional Officer(s) in their region or by the Regional Liaison and Support Officer.

III. Working group members must be nominated by their current working group. (If a working group has been disbanded, the past working group member may be nominated by the Coiste Gnó.)

8.5 More than one person from each of the 4 structures listed above may be nominated to the MAC.

8.6 Upon receiving a nomination, a person may run for a position on the MAC at AnComhdháil Bhliantúil where they will contest an election.

8.7 The Coiste Gnó have the right to take a stance on a pressing issue if this is deemed a 'day-to-day' decision. If a stance is deemed to have a lasting impact on the union, it must be put to a ballot or proposed at the next Comhdháil Bhliantúil/Extraordinary Assembly. This distinction is left to the judgement of the MAC and the MAC must provide a valid rationale for their judgement. The Coiste Gnó have the right to appeal this decision and have the MAC review it again.

8.8 Officers of the MAC must follow the committee's Internal Regulations'

**With:**

'8.1 The ISSU Monitoring and Advisory Committee, hereafter referred to as the MAC, primarily ensures the upholding of the ISSU constitution and its defence. MAC members also advise on the work of elected student officers, monitoring whether it is in line with the ISSU Constitution, ISSU policies, directive mandates and **terms of reference**. The MAC will ensure that the ISSU is held accountable to its membership solely through monitoring, involvement and procedures outlined in Appendix 2, Appendix 4 and Appendix 5 and the publishing of the MAC report(s) which will outline adherence to these documents.

8.1.1 The ISSU MAC will,

- I. Support,
- II. provide consultative guidance, and
- III. help assist in advising elected officers; groups; committees; bodies on whether a decision or vote falls under their

jurisdiction or remit in line with the ISSU Constitution, ISSU policy and ISSU directive mandates.

8.1.2 All MAC Officers must ordinarily reside on the island of Ireland for the duration of their term.

8.2 The ISSU MAC will be composed of 5 past members of the Coiste Gnó or Regional Officer Body. **And at the minimum have served a twelve month term on the Coiste Gnó or the Regional Officer Body.**

**8.3 The selection panel must include one representative from the following groups:**

- i) **Coiste Gnó**
  - ii) **Regional Officer Body**
  - iii) **Board of Directors**
  - iv) **Secretariat**
- b) Only outgoing officers may sit on the selection panel.**

8.4 Candidates for the MAC shall be nominated by the following bodies with a two-thirds majority;

- I. Current or former Coiste Gnó members must be nominated by the current Coiste Gnó.
- II. Current or former ROB members must be nominated by the current ROB.

8.5 More than one person from each of the 2 structures listed above may be nominated to the MAC.

8.6 The Coiste Gnó has the right to take a stance on a pressing issue if this is deemed a 'day-to-day' decision and if the ISSU Constitution, Policies and Directive Mandate fail to provide guidance. If a stance is deemed to have a lasting impact on the union, it must be put to a ballot or proposed at the next Comhdháil Bhlíantúil/Extraordinary Assembly. This distinction is left to the judgement of the MAC and the MAC must provide a valid rationale for their judgement. The Coiste Gnó have the right to appeal this decision and have the MAC review it again.

8.7 The responsibilities of the MAC shall be those exclusively outlined above and shall not be interfered with or influenced by any other body of the ISSU.

8.8 The ISSU MAC provides support and consultative guidance to elected officers when requested, in a timely manner determined by the committee's Internal Regulations.

8.9 Officers of the MAC must follow the **Terms of Reference**.

**8.10 Terms of Reference of the MAC may be requested by any elected officer or structure within the ISSU and shall be made**

	<b>available to An Chomhdáil Bhliantúil.'</b>
Rationale:	The revision of this article is in line with recommendations made to reform the MAC in the MAC report 2022-2023. As of late, the MACs focus has been on completing investigation of their own volition and have strayed from their constitutional roles which have been strengthened and reaffirmed in this amendment. This reformed version of the MAC provides stricter guidelines, ensures accountability of all bodies to An Chomhdáil Bhliantúil and provides a new function to the MAC in line with the nature of the MAC.

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CA 3	
Proposing School:	Coiste Gno
Proposing Delegate:	Mohammad Naeem - Leas Uachtarán
Article:	10
Amendment:	<p><b>Add</b>  10.13 Rúnai (secretary)  The Runal is responsible for producing an agenda and minutes for meetings of the Coiste Gno, They shall make official meeting minutes available to the Coiste Gno, Monitoring and Advisory Committee, and Board of Directors no more than one week after each meeting.  They shall also ensure that a suitable copy of all minutes is made available to all members on the ISSU website. They shall work with the Uachtarán and Leas-Uachtarán to organise and plan meetings of the Coiste Gno and communicate the date, time and venue of such meetings. They are also expected to assist and support other Coiste Gno members where needed when possible.</p> <p>Sample tasks:  10.13.1 Producing an agenda and minutes for all meetings of the Coiste Gno.  10.13.2  Communicating the date, time, and venue for all Coiste Gno meetings.  10.13.3 Ensuring suitable copies of Coiste Gnd meeting minutes are available to members  10.13.4 Supporting and assisting other officers in their projects and campaigns.</p> <p><b>Replace:</b>  9.7.2 The Uachtarán and <b>Leas-Uachtarán</b> are responsible for organising these meetings.  The <b>Leas-Uachtarán</b> will complete and circulate the minutes of a meeting to the Coiste Gnó,</p>

MAC, ROB and liaise with the Communications Officer to publish the minutes to the website.

I. Minutes of a Coiste Gnó meeting shall be read by all Coiste Gnó officers at the beginning of their next meeting for formal approval and adoption.

II. Approved minutes shall be circulated by the **Leas-Uachtarán** within the following 3 business days.

III. In the absence of the **Leas-Uachtarán**, the **Leas-Uachtarán** shall appoint a Coiste Gnó officer to record minutes in their place

10.2 Leas-Uachtarán (Deputy President); The ISSU

Leas-Uachtarán shall focus on the development and growth of the ISSU with an emphasis on internal policies, structures, membership and structuring of the organisation. Their role is introspective in ensuring a strong, highly effective and organised organisation. Working with the Uachtarán, they will ensure that the yearly work plan of the ISSU is fulfilled within their term and that the Coiste Gnó act on Directive Mandates passed at An Comhdháil Bhliaintiúil. They are also responsible for leading the ISSU Student Council Training Programme review each year in conjunction with the SLT and RLSO. The Leas-Uachtarán will also help to promote the grassroots engagement of the union. **The Leas-Uachtarán will act as Rúnaí/Secretary of the Coiste Gnó.** The Leas-Uachtarán will assume the duties of the Uachtarán in their absence

#### **10.2.1 Sample tasks:**

**I. Organising meetings of the Coiste Gnó and producing an agenda and minutes for all meetings.**

#### **With:**

9.7.2 The Uachtarán and **Runaí** are responsible for organising these meetings.

The **Runaí** will complete and circulate the minutes of a meeting to the Coiste Gnó,

MAC, ROB and liaise with the Communications Officer to publish the minutes to the website.

I. Minutes of a Coiste Gnó meeting shall be read by all Coiste Gnó officers at the beginning of their next meeting for formal approval and adoption.

II. Approved minutes shall be circulated by the **Runaí** within the following 3 business days.

III. In the absence of the **Runaí**, the **Runaí** shall appoint a Coiste Gnó

	<p>officer to record minutes in their place</p> <p>10.2 Leas-Uachtarán (Deputy President); The ISSU Leas-Uachtarán shall focus on the development and growth of the ISSU with an emphasis on internal policies, structures, membership and structuring of the organisation. Their role is introspective in ensuring a strong, highly effective and organised organisation. Working with the Uachtarán, they will ensure that the yearly work plan of the ISSU is fulfilled within their term and that the Coiste Gnó act on Directive Mandates passed at An Comhdháil Bhliainntiúil. They are also responsible for leading the ISSU Student Council Training Programme review each year in conjunction with the SLT and RLSO. The Leas-Uachtarán will also help to promote the grassroots engagement of the union. The Leas-Uachtarán will assume the duties of the Uachtarán in their absence</p>
Rationale:	In this ever growing organisation, we need the extra officer to support us with day to day activities...

CA 4	
Proposing School:	Coiste Gnó
Proposing Delegate:	Caitlin Faye Maniti - Uachtarán Oinigh
Article:	9.7.1
Amendment:	<p><b>Add</b> <b>9.7.1</b></p> <p>IV. If a Coiste Gnó officer is recorded to have two consecutive absences and fails to give valid notice to the Uachtarán or Leas-Uachtarán as to their reason, they are to be issued a written warning and made aware of the consequences that an additional absence will result in their removal from the Coiste Gnó.</p> <p>If a Coiste Gnó officer is recorded to have three consecutive absences and fails to give valid notice to the Uachtarán or Leas-Uachtarán as to their reason, they are to be removed from the Coiste Gnó with immediate effect.</p> <p>An appeal may be submitted to the MAC.</p>
Rationale:	This ensures that Coiste Gnó officers fulfil their responsibilities by attending meetings and communicating effectively.

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CA 5	
Proposing School:	Coiste Gnó
Proposing Delegate:	Louisa Tyrrell - Oifigeach Ceangail agus Tacaíochta Réigiúnach
Article:	15.15
Amendment:	<p><b>Add</b> <b>15.15</b></p> <p>The Coiste Gnó and the Regional Officer Body are permitted to nominate current officers to the CG. Votes will be facilitated by the Uachtarán and RLSO respectively and must be passed by a majority of 50% plus 1</p>
Rationale:	This already occurs due to precedent, this amendment ensures all nominations are democratic

CA 6	
Proposing School:	Athlone Community College
Proposing Delegate:	Ryan Dolan
Article:	11.10.1
Amendment:	<p>11.10.1 Schools shall be entitled to one (but not limited to) schools reps.</p> <p>11.10.4 Schools may apply to their Regional Officers to be allowed to elect more than one School Rep. Regional Officers may also extend the offer, to elect more than one School Rep to schools in the event there is not sufficient active school reps in the region to plan and carry out any significant activity.</p>
Rationale:	<p>The ISSU should recognise that larger schools may need to have two student councils to run effectively, which is the case in many member schools. Both student councils should be entitled to a ISSU School Rep.</p> <p>Regional Officers will also be able to run better and stronger regional projects if they have a larger cohort of ISSU School Reps available to them, as many reps go inactive.</p> <p>It is noted that this amendment does not align with the Student Council Guidelines of 2002 and Education Act of 1998 but these two documents are out of date that presently the ISSU is</p>

	<p>campaigning for these documents to be brought up to date and modernised. It is also acknowledged that a large number of member schools do not follow these guidelines as management bodies deem them to be out of date.</p> <p>This amendment was proposed last year at CB but was Motion D: That the matter be referred to a later time or relevant body of the ISSU. It is important that this amendment does not slip through the cracks this year and we acknowledge the hard work of all student councils and allow them to have a greater voice at regional level.</p>
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