**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK**

**LGBT+ STAFF NETWORK**

Minutes of Committee Meeting

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| Date | 25th February 2022 |
| Time | 1pm – 2pm |
| Venue | Microsoft Teams |

Attendance: Silvia Brandi, Julie Butters, Mary Byrne, Laurence Davis, T.H. Fass, Deborah Kerrisk, Ciara Murphy, Mary O’Rourke, Fiachra Ó Súilleabháin, Kasia Pyrz

Apologies: Barra Ó Donnabháin, Diarmuid Scully

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|  | **Agenda Item** | **Discussion** | **Actions** |
| 1. | Meeting schedule | It was agreed that meetings would be held every two months on Fridays, either hybrid or in-person, and alternately from either 12-1pm or 1-2pm. The next meeting will take place on **8th April from 12-1pm.**  Julie will try to book G12 in Student Hub, or another room that is equipped for hybrid meetings. | Julie |
| 2. | Social events | Two social events are planned to mark honorary life network membership and dedication of the rainbow walkway to Cathal Kerrigan and Joan McCarthy.   * Coffee morning on Tuesday 24th March from 10.30-11.30 in G12 (MaryB to book room). Coffee will be bought from the Roots café, and network members will be reminded to bring “keep cups”. * Pizza and prosecco in the Abbey Tavern on 31st March. pizza & prosecco – money from staff sports & social grant. 31st March. MaryO to invite Joan & Cathal, and book venue.   As a PO cannot be raised because funding has not yet been allocated via the Equality Committee, and discussions are ongoing with Bank of Ireland about nominating a committee member to withdraw money from the network account, Fiachra will pay for the coffee morning and claim the money back via online banking.  Separately, a proposal has been submitted to the UCC Asset Naming Committee to name the Rainbow Walk the Joan McCarthy & Cathal Kerrigan Walk. | MaryB  MaryO |
| 3. | Lesbian Lives Conference | The Lesbian Lives 2022 conference takes place in UCC next week. Thanks to everyone involved in organizing and chairing sessions. There are 188 people registered to date. The conference is running all day 4th & 5th March, with social events both evenings and Sunday. It was agreed that network members are welcome to attend all sessions free of charge. Fiachra will draft an email to be circulated by MaryB. It was agreed that after the conference the committee would meet to debrief. | Fiachra, MaryB |
| 4. | Upcoming events | IDAHOT is on 17th May. Committee members were asked to bring ideas to the next meeting for how the network could mark this event. In previous years we have invited speakers, held a coffee morning with allies, and other events.  Patrick McDonagh (author of a book on the gay rights movement in the 1970s) has agreed to an invitation from Fiachra to do a lunchtime event for the network. This could be co-hosted with the School of History, as Prof. Lindsay Earner-Byrne recently tweeted about the book.  Looking ahead, network members were asked to think about other events we could host over the coming months, e.g. a film series or invited speakers etc., ensuring diversity in what we offer. | All |