



Minutes of GCC Student Council Meetings - April 2024

1. ISSU Annual Meeting

Paris Matare (3rd year representative) briefed the Student Council on her attendance at the ISSU (Irish Second Level Students Union) annual meeting over Easter break. She informed the group of the areas of focus over the coming year:

- a. Lobbying the government for earlier release of LC results.
- b. Greater availability of student accommodation.

The ISSU will continue to work on behalf of the students of Ireland, particularly on these issues. GCC Student Council are delighted to be part of this very important union.

2. Senior Cycle Curricular Reform

The work of GCC Student Council in contributing to changes being made to the LC curriculum was also acknowledged by Ms. Fitzgerald. Two of our students have attended a meeting with CETB on senior cycle curricular change.

3. Anti-Vaping Signs

The 'Anti-vaping sign design group' met to formulate design plans. The following are the minutes from the meeting which took place on April 16th.

Minutes of Anti-Vaping Signage meeting: April 16th

6 students were in attendance (4 absent)

3 ideas were proposed for the signs in the bathrooms:

a) Personal impact of vaping-including *GRAPHICS* of physical damage-lungs etc. *FACTS* referencing the impact of vaping.

b) Environmental impact-on the environment (plastic etc) on those around people vaping (passive vaping).

c) Chemical make-up of vapes-'Do you know what you're inhaling?'
Students will continue to work every Tuesday on these signs.

Attendance Flyer - Student Council are also working on an attendance flyer to assist *GCC Attendance Committee* in the promotion of attendance.

4. ISIC

Students were informed that despite much communication with *ISIC*, they cannot confirm a date to attend the school to process the cards. This is unfortunate but outside of our control. Students are advised to apply online to *ISIC* for their identity cards at this point.

5. Pre-Register for Voting

5th year representatives raised the suggestion that students over 16 who are now eligible to pre-register for voting in local and national elections (when they turn 18) should be made aware of this. They have requested if a designated class or tutorial could be given to this. This can be found on the *Cork City/County website-voter registration section*.

6. School Fleeces

GCC Deputy Principal Ms. Byrne attended the meeting and made a presentation regarding the proposed introduction of fleeces as part of the school uniform. The various options were shown with photos of the existing uniform and tracksuit. *AS* representatives of their class, students were given the opportunity to discuss the colour options.