

Athletic Union Council (AUC)

2011-12 Executive Members of the Athletic Union Council

The AUC Executive Committee is made up of 4 Officers, the Executive Secretary, the Director of Sport (ex officio) and an elected representative from each of the 13 constituencies. Below is a brief profile of each member.

Mr. Gerry Horkan (President)

Gerry Horkan (BE, BComm. Chartered Engineer) was appointed as Senior Administrative Officer for Student Services in UCD in 1975. He oversaw the UCD President for Student Union Finances, Student Club, and allocation of funds to clubs and societies. He became the first Chairperson of the President's Residences Committee, a position he held from 1990-2001. He was the Treasurer of the Staff Common Room Club for ten years and is currently a trustee of same. He is a founder member of the Student Consultative Forum. As a student, Gerry was Vice-President and Secretary of the Students' Representative Council (forerunner of Student Union). He also acted as Captain of UCD Soccer Club and both Captain and Secretary of the Badminton Club. He served 26 years as Honorary Secretary of the AUC until he assumed the Presidency in 2009. He is the current President of UCD Association Football Club and has been Chairman of the same club for thirty-two years previous. The AUC's Club Administrator of the Year Award is named in his honour.

Professor Peter Clarke (Vice-President)

Peter Clarke is a Professor at the Department of Accountancy, UCD where he lectures to both undergraduate and postgraduate students. He has a B. Comm. degree from UCD and a M.A. (Economics) from the University of Manchester. He returned to Belfield to complete his PhD on non-compliance with taxation systems in 1984. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland. He has been actively involved in UCD Sport since the early 1980s and currently serves as Vice-President of both the Athletic Union Council and UCD Rugby Club.

Mr. Richard Shakespeare (Honorary Treasurer)

Dick Shakespeare is Honorary Secretary of the UCD Association Football Club, a club he has been involved with in various roles from playing, coaching and administration for three decades. He is currently working for Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council as Director of Environment, Culture and Community where he has responsibility for Arts and Libraries, Parks, Sports and Recreation, Community Development and Environmental Awareness. He has acted as Honorary Treasurer of the AUC for the past 8 years.

Mr. Maoilíosa Ó Dubhthaigh (Honorary Secretary)

Maoilíosa Ó Dubhthaigh was the founding member of both the Cycling Club and Pool & Snooker Club in the early 90s. He has won a total of 7 Senior Intervarsity Team titles – 3 cycling, 3 pool & 1 snooker and has represented his country in the latter. He received the UCD President's Award for his contribution to sport in college. He has served as President of the Cycling club for the past decade and is an executive member of Dublin GAA's Cumann na mBunscol and manages the Dublin schools' gaelic football team. A graduate of Agricultural Science, the 'Múinteoir Gaelscoile' is proud to follow in the footsteps of his mentors Gerry Horkan and former Director of Sport, Dr. Tony O'Neill, as Honorary Secretary of the AUC.

Ms. Suzanne Bailey (Executive. Secretary)

Suzanne Bailey acts in the dual role of Executive Secretary of the Athletic Union Council and Development Manager of UCD Sport and is regarded the 'face' of both, given her hands on role and the fact that she is the point of contact for students and others alike. She ensures the smooth running of the day to day activities of the AUC. Her role with UCD Sport is to initiate, develop and market UCD sport in terms of participation, facility provision and funding. She also manages the Sports Scholarship Programme and represents UCD on CUSAI. Suzanne holds a BSc. Management Degree from Dublin University and is a graduate of the Smurfit School of Business Marketing Development Programme.

Mr. Brian Mullins (Director of Sport)

Brian Mullins was appointed as Director of Sport in 2000 and he is responsible for the overall development, provision of facilities and resources of UCD sport. Arguably Dublin football's most influential midfielder of all time, he played in 9 All-Ireland Football Finals, winning 4. He also won 9 Senior Leinster Championships during his 11 year playing career and is the current Chairman of CLG Naomh Uinsionn. Brian holds a BA degree in Physical Education and Irish from Thomond College and a MA degree in Administration from New York University. Due to his Directorship of UCD Sport, he is ex officio on the AUC Executive and therefore is a non-elected member of the Council.

Mr. David Billings

David Billings is UCD's Gaelic Games Executive, a role that has him in charge of all aspects of hurling, camogie, mens' and ladies football and handball. Dave is a former UCD, St Vincent's and Dublin footballer and hurler. He was a selector for the Dublin senior football team under the reigns of Paul Caffrey and Tommy Lyons and played a massive role in bringing Sam Maguire home to the capital in September 2011. The UCD Commerce graduate was instrumental in hosting the 100th Sigerson Cup and Centenary Gala Dinner in Belfield. He believes that the 'vibrancy of an independent AUC over the past 100 years has been vital in supporting sport and preserving the college ethos'.

Mr. Jonathan Ruddy

Jonathon Ruddy is the elected constituency representative for Badminton, Netball, Squash and Table Tennis. He is currently in his first year of a two year Masters in Energy Systems Engineering having previously completed a degree in Engineering Science in UCD. Jonathon is the Secretary of UCD Badminton Club and his role involves selecting teams for Dublin leagues, running social badminton sessions and organizing trials and selecting teams for Intervarsity tournaments.

Ms. Daisy Grehan

Daisy Grehan is the AUC Executive for Athletics, Cycling, Equestrian and Ultimate Frisbee. She is a final year Commerce student who served as Club Secretary of the Equestrian Club in 2010-11 and was elected as Club Captain for the current year. In addition to her committee duties, she has been a member of Dressage and Tetrathlon teams competing at Intervarsity events for the past number of years.

Ms. Rachael Heath

Rachael Heath is the elected constituency representative for Aikido, Karate and Ninjitsu. She is the current Captain of the UCD Aikido Club. As such, she is heavily involved in organising training sessions, weekend seminars and overseeing the general running of the club. Rachael is a 3rd year Chemistry student, who works part-time in a pharmacy, and she intends on doing a Phd after she graduates.

Ms. Lucy Matthews

Lucy Mathews is the AUC Executive for Ladies & Men's Golf, Ladies & Men's Hockey and Tennis. She is the Ladies Captain of UCD Tennis Club. The first year Medicine student joined the club last year as a Pre-Med and thoroughly enjoyed her experience of participating in leagues and inter-varsities and felt that she could contribute more as a committee member.

Mr. Oisín Ó Coighligh

Oisín Ó Coighligh has been elected to representative Lau Gar Kickboxing, Shaolin Kung Fu, Tae Kwan Do and Tai Chi Chuan on the AUC. Oisín is a final year student in Cell and Molecular Biology. He holds the position of Secretary in the UCD Tai Chi Chuan Club. Having joined in 2008, he became Club PRO in 2008, and Captain the following year. He sees his current role as one which acts as a liaison between club members and coach/instructors while delegating tasks to committee members. He is also the administrator of the club's facebook page, which serves to keep the club's members up to date on all aspects of the club.

Mr. Patrick Gallagher

Patrick Gallagher is the AUC Executive for Boxing, Fencing, Lacrosse, Rifle & Pistol and Trampolining. He is a final year Arts International student from County Antrim who is studying History and Spanish. He is a committed committee member of both the UCD GAA Club and the UCD Boxing Club and has represented UCD at both. Notably, he is a two-time winner, and the current holder, of the Irish Universities Amateur Boxing Association Light Heavyweight Championship.

Mr. Diarmuid McNally

Diarmuid McNally represents Men's and Women's Rugby and Men's and Women's Soccer on the AUC Executive. The UCD Science graduate is employed as the Soccer Development Officer at UCD as is responsible for the development of soccer on campus including participation and promotion of activities. He brief also includes looking after commercial aspects of the club and he is the Assistant Manager of the UCD Association Football Club.

Mr. Nicholas Hopper

Nicholas Hopper is the elected constituency representative for Archery, Ladies & Men's Basketball, Olympic Handball and Volleyball. The 2nd year Commerce student is an executive member of the UCD Olympic Handball Club. Prior to moving to Ireland, the German national has spent 8 years playing Olympic handball in native country and was part of the UCD league team last year.

Ms. Maryanne Doyle

Maryanne Doyle is the AUC Executive for Canoe, Snow sports, Sub-Aqua, Surf and Windsurfing. The 2nd year Computer Science student was amazed by the incredibly friendly atmosphere and constant activities when she first joined UCD Canoe Club. She is now committed to working hard to offer all the club's new members an experience to match the fantastic one she had. This includes free biscuits at lunch on Mondays, kayaking talks or social nights every second Tuesday, training and assessments on river trips and exploring new destinations for the weekends away.

Mr. Simon Doran

Simon Doran is representing American Football, Ladies Boat, Men's Boat and Sailing on the AUC. Medicine student, Simon, first joined UCD Sailing Club as a fresher in 2009 and has sailed on different teams at every event since. He acted as Club P.R.O. last year and helped to host the Irish Intervarsity Championships. He is now assumed the position of Club Commodore and is therefore responsible for the overall running of the club.

Mr. Andy Molloy

Andy Molloy is the AUC Executive for Cricket, Pool & Snooker, Softball, Swimming & Waterpolo and Wrestling. Commerce graduate, Andy, is currently completing his masters in Supply Chain Management at UCD Smurfit. He is Captain of the UCD Softball Club and was a member of last year's inter-varsity winning team. His previous experience includes working as an executive producer and presenter on Belfield FM.

Ms. Kristina Gegenbauer

Kristina Gegenbauer is the elected constituency representative for Caving & Potholing, Kite, Mountaineering, Orienteering and Surfing. A PhD student at the UCD Conway Institute, Kristina started kite-surfing two years ago when she joined the Club. She enjoyed her experience immensely, pointing to the atmosphere within the club and the opportunities to visit beautiful places on the west coast. As a result she was determined to play a more active role and she is currently acting as Club Secretary.

ANSWERS TO SOME OF YOUR QUESTIONS!**What is the AUC?**

The Athletic Union Council is the governing body for UCD sports clubs. It consists of two representatives from all affiliated clubs, one graduate and one student along with four elected officers, the Executive Secretary and the Director of Sport.

When was the AUC founded?

The AUC was formed in 1909/10.

What are the primary functions of the AUC?

The main functions of the Council are to:

- allocate the capitation funds (of roughly €700,000), which are received annually from the University, in a fair and transparent manner between the 57 affiliated UCD sports clubs.
- act as a regulator ensuring that all clubs operate in accordance with the guidelines of the AUC, the University, National Governing Bodies and the Statutory Agencies.
- provide a support function to clubs committees, in terms of management training, advice on organizational matters, event management, sponsorship, finance, safety etc.
- manage, fund and organise promotional / recruitment activities and events for UCD clubs e.g. Sport EXPO, Refreshers Day, UCD/AUC Sports Awards, Sports Club Directory – a full colour guide to UCD sport clubs, website, facebook etc.
- provide a point of contact for all interested parties.
- award 'Colours' to students who represent the University in specified intervarsity events (usually against Dublin University) and who also satisfy a number of other criteria laid down by the respective club and approved by the Athletic Union Council.

- arbitrate where necessary between clubs.
- administer coaching payments on behalf of UCD clubs. The AUC passed on in full the cost of employers PRSI, levies and Mazars administration cost (for the processing of each payment to a coach) to the respective club.

Who are the Executive members of the AUC?

The Executive Committee is made up of the President, Vice-President, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, Executive Secretary, Director of Sport (Ex-officio) and an elected representative of each of the 13 sporting constituencies.

When is the AGM held?

The AUC Executive is elected at the Annual General Meeting, which is held during the first Semester.

What is the role of the AUC Executives?

Each AUC constituency is represented by an AUC Executive, whose primary role is to raise issues of concern to the clubs in that constituency. They do, of course, also have a say in all matters discussed at AUC Executive level.

How often does the AUC Executive meet?

The Executive usually meet at least once a Semester. Day to day queries and/ or problems are handled by the Executive Secretary who can be contacted in the Sports Office at 716 2208 or Suzanne.Bailey@ucd.ie.

How many AUC affiliated clubs exist?

Currently there are 57 affiliated clubs.

How many members are affiliated with the AUC?

The current membership of the AUC is roughly 7,300 strong. It is made up of students, graduates and members of UCD staff. When one joins any AUC affiliated club during Sports EXPO or Refreshers Day and pay the AUC minimum membership fee of €10, one will be considered an affiliated member of the AUC.

Are there Insurance benefits for AUC clubs?

All clubs affiliated to the AUC have public liability cover through Royal and Sun Alliance of up to €6.5 million for any one event. The AUC also has in place personal accident cover for sports club members engaged in sporting activities with their UCD clubs. Club members should be aware that this policy is designed to provide a basic limited cover for medical expenses in the event that they are injured whilst engaged in sporting activities with their UCD club and an excess applies.

What are the AUC Sports Awards and when are they held?

The AUC funded Sports Awards ceremony is held every summer to honour the sportsmen and women who bring honour and prestige to the University by their achievements on the sporting fields and arenas of Ireland and abroad. Teams or

individuals winning nationally recognised titles or intervarsity trophies are honoured at the function as well as students who receive national or representative honours. Last May, over 400 students, who had represented the University with distinction, were honoured by the UCD President, Dr. Hugh Brady. The individual achievements are too many to list but the major award winners on the night were:

The Team of the Year (Elite Level): Men's Basketball.

The Team of the Year (Varsity Level): Swimming.

The Club of the Year (Elite Level): Rugby.

The Club of the Year (Varsity Level): Trampoline.

The Dr. Tony O'Neill Sportsperson of the Year: David Neale and Finbar Manning (Men's Boat)

The Gerry Horkan Club Administrator of the Year: Steven O'Reilly (Pool & Snooker).

SOME OTHER THINGS TO NOTE!

Discipline

Please note that when a club organizes an event, or travel to an event, the committee of that club is collectively responsible for their members at that event. Where accommodation is booked under the name of a UCD club, such accommodation should be checked by the committee before leaving to ensure that no damage has been caused. Where damage has occurred, the owners of the property should be informed and associated costs paid by those responsible at the time. The consumption of alcohol on transportation hired under the name of a UCD Club is not permitted. All students are subject to the UCD Student Code.

Code of Ethics & Good Practice for Children in Sport

In compliance with the requirements of the Irish Sports Council, the AUC Executive once again enforced a policy for all UCD clubs who had members under 18 years of age. These clubs were required to attend an Irish Sports Council Code of Ethics & Good Practice for Children in Sport workshop. Failure to do so would result in a 10% reduction in their annual grant.

The Students Consultative Forum

The Athletic Union Council joins the Students Union, the University Societies and the UCD Students Club to make up the Students Consultative Forum, which is chaired by the Vice President for Students, Dr. Martin Butler. This is the umbrella body which oversees the allocation of capitation funds to the various areas of student activities, including sport and it also provides an opportunity for clubs and societies, as well as the Union and Student Club to air their views on matters relevant to student life.

Special Grants

Where a club wishes to apply for a special grant (e.g. when hosting the Inter-varsities or when wishing to purchase a major piece of equipment), the club should obtain an

application form from the Sports Office. The club should complete the application form and attach to it an up-to-date copy of the club's accounts.

Where a UCD club member is selected on a representative side/ team, a contribution, subject to a number of conditions, may be made by the AUC towards the individuals costs.

For further information on the functions of the AUC, its policies and procedures are detailed in the UCD Club Operations Manual.