Mitigating Financial Barriers that Prevent Section Reps from Fulfilling their Role

What we will do:

1. To take under advisement financial barriers that may prevent elected Section Reps from fulfilling their role, such as travel, childcare, accessibility aids, et cetera
2. To provide expenses to mitigate these barriers
3. To provide information and guidance to elected reps on how to avail of the resources and support available to enable them to be effective in their role despite and mitigate these barriers

Background to this:

1. The proposed Extraordinary Motion to create a Commuters’ Student section rep
2. The difficulties faced by the University’s Student Support Thematic Review 2017-8 in convening a focus group for commuter students because of a lack of provision of expenses
3. The expenses or funding available to make Student Council accessible.

Beliefs and motivating actions:

1. Section Representatives represent constituencies that face financial barriers to their participation in the University.
2. These barriers would further interfere with the respective Rep’s ability to fulfil the duties and responsibilities of their role
3. The proposed Commuter Students’ Rep would need to commute into university to undertake activities relating to their work as a Rep
4. The expenses currently available cover Reps’ ability to access Student Council meetings but not the daily activities involved in their role
5. Section Reps need support in carrying out these daily activities in order to be effective in their role.

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