



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION  
Sports Hub

4.50pm, 14<sup>th</sup> January  
Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Name	Job Title
Abi Brown (AB)	Vice President Activities
Kat Watson (KW)	Sports Officer

**Also in attendance:**

Jess Skill (JS) Note Taking      Assistant Opportunities Manager

Item	Action
<p>1. <b>Sports Officer Update</b> KW provided an update which included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reminded all students that no sport can currently go ahead.</li><li>• Communicated that if there were any issues or questions contact via <a href="mailto:sportsofficer@lincolnsu.com">sportsofficer@lincolnsu.com</a> or on social media.</li><li>• Noted that all online events are working well and to keep them up and continue supporting the sporting community.</li><li>• Reminded committee members that the Sports Officer election is coming up, contact via <a href="mailto:sportsofficer@lincolnsu.com">sportsofficer@lincolnsu.com</a> with any questions about the role.</li></ul>	
<p>2. <b>Vice President Activities Update</b> AB provided an update of any recent developments, which included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provided an update on BUCS explaining that all team sports have been cancelled, individual events have been postponed, an update will be provided when more information is given.</li><li>• Mentioned that the Sport Board meeting has been moved to the following week and can therefore give an update regarding sport on campus at the next meeting.</li><li>• Reminded students that the Students' Union Advice Centre/University Wellbeing Centre are still open and can take appointments over the phone or Teams.</li><li>• Kahoot membership is still available to use, please email <a href="mailto:activitiesoffice@lincolnsu.com">activitiesoffice@lincolnsu.com</a> to query the date.</li><li>• There is Look After Your Mate training available for all students, to book a slot follow the link <a href="#">here</a>.</li><li>• A reminder that The Swanny's/SU Awards are coming up, the awards provide recognition to your activity.</li><li>• A reminder of the correct refund procedure:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The BUCS fee is being refunded on 15<sup>th</sup> January and can take up to 3-5 working days.</li><li>- Only the President of the activity can decide whether a refund can be given.</li><li>- Forward original email to <a href="mailto:activitiesoffice@lincolnsu.com">activitiesoffice@lincolnsu.com</a> with student number.</li><li>- Ensure there is enough funds in the account before authorising any refund.</li><li>- If all members are given a refund the activity will be disbanded.</li><li>- The activity can offer partial refunds to members.</li><li>- Deadline for refunds all refunds is before Easter.</li></ul></li><li>• The delivery address has for the Students' Union has changed: University of Lincoln Students' Union Unit 3, The Gateway, Roston Way, Lincoln, LN67GQ.</li></ul>	



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- Elections for all volunteer roles and Student Leaders are coming up in March, the positions available are:
  - 5 VP roles; Education, Activities, International, Campaigns and Environment, Wellbeing and Community
  - 3 Officer roles within Activities; Societies, Academic Societies, Sports

#### 3. Vice President Education Update

GP provided an update of any recent developments, which included the following:

##### Safety Net

- There is currently no safety net in place for students, the VPE reminded students that this is being worked on by the Students' Union to work with the University to change this by using best practice from other Universities.
- Noted that the regulatory bodies who review grades are completing audits to ensure all marks are graded correctly.
- GP noted that a meeting with the Vice Chancellor was looking to be organised to discuss the prospect of a safety net for students.
- It was noted that more information on the support available to students is being worked on and will be published more widely.
- There has been regulatory changes for extenuating circumstance and extensions, follow the link for the support available: [Continued support for your academic studies during Covid-19 – Student Services \(lincoln.ac.uk\)](https://www.lincoln.ac.uk/continued-support-for-your-academic-studies-during-covid-19)

##### Tuition Fees

- GP explained that the Students' Union has joined two national campaigns to lobby Student Finance England to wipe any student debt during the pandemic or the interest on their student loans.
- It was noted that GP is working on getting more direct support and guidance from the government and get updates for students as part of the solution.
- The SU landing page now has information for more support and also links to a survey and the link to Coursemate, please provide as much feedback as possible.

#### 4. Vice President Wellbeing and Community Update

LK provided an update of any recent developments, which included the following:

- Noted that a letter template has been created for students to send to their landlords to provide support during this time, either by reduced rent or to end tenancy early. To find this letter go to [www.lincolnsu.com/letter2021](https://www.lincolnsu.com/letter2021)
- Informed the students that any University run accommodations have provided a 20% rent reduction on next instalment of rent.
- Noted that Pavilions and Hayes Wharf have provided a 6 week rent free period from 5<sup>th</sup> January to 15<sup>th</sup> February providing you are not living in your accommodation.
- LK explained that the Students' Union is Lobbying TBSA and other large scale letting agencies which take a 20% commission of the rent paid as commission, to



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support students during this time. To see a list of which companies have been contacted or for any questions please contact: [wellbeing@lincolnsu.com](mailto:wellbeing@lincolnsu.com)

**5. Discussion topic**

What are the three things that you are most worried about?

The main themes of the discussion are outlined below:

- Better dissertation support now sport has been cancelled and labs are closed.
- Need more support from tutors and lectures, especially when questions need to be asked.
- More of a safety net to help protect grades during this time.
- Extension requests to be fair and monitored correctly.

**6. Any Other Business**

- Will sport allocation still be the same if restrictions are lifted?  
AB allocation will remain the same.

**Date of Next Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> February at 4.00pm**