

UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION Activities Hub

11.00am, 15th January Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Name Job Title

Abi Brown (AB)

James Morrison (JM)

Rebecca Sharp (RS)

Vice President Activities

Academic Societies Officer

Societies Officer

Lucy Clarke (LC) Indoor Ball and Racket Rachel Gee (RG) Faith and International

Emily Sims (ES) Recreational Georgina Allen (GA) Arts and Culture

Also in attendance:

Jess Skill (JS) Minute Taking Assistant Opportunities Manager

Apologies:

David Johnson (Outdoor Ball & Racket) Katrina Watson (Sports Officer) Jodi Hawkes (Snow, Water, Extreme)

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1. Vice President Activities Update

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

- 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.
- 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.
- Reminded students that the Students' Union Advice Centre/University Wellbeing Centre are still open and can take appointments over the phone or Teams.
- Kahoot membership is still available to use, please email <u>activitiesoffice@lincolnsu.com</u> to query the date.
- There is Look After Your Mate training available for all students, to book a slot follow the link here.
- A reminder that The Swanny's/SU Awards are coming up, the awards provide recognition to your activity.
- A reminder of the correct refund procedure:
 - The BUCS fee is being refunded on 15th January and can take up to 3-5 working days.
 - Only the President of the activity can decide whether a refund can be given.
 - Forward original email to <u>activitiesoffice@lincolnsu.ocm</u> with student number.
 - Ensure there is enough funds in the account before authorising any refund.
 - If all members are given a refund the activity will be disbanded.
 - The activity can offer partial refunds to members.
 - Deadline for refunds all refunds is before Easter.
- The delivery address has for the Students' Union has changed: University of Lincoln Students' Union Unit 3, The Gateway, Ruston Way, Lincoln, LN67GQ.

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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

2. GOATing Feedback by Officer

What are your/your Sports/Society members main concern/ how can your/their experience be improved?

- Discussions of students enquiring about a safety net being provided for this academic vear.
- Housing fees whilst not being able to live in the accommodation.
- Not getting a good grade in their overall degree which has been affected by online learning.

3. GOATing Feedback by Cluster Reps

What are your/your cluster groups main concern/ how can your experience be improved?

- Provide more support for the mental health of students who are living alone during a pandemic.
- More availability and variety of online textbooks and resources in general.
- More interaction, guidance and support from lecturers whilst having to work online.
- Look more into the risks of bringing blended learning back too soon as students are still concerned about mixing with other households.
- More support for practical assessments and dissertation work as they cannot go ahead.
- Housing fees whilst not being able to live in the accommodation.

4. Officer Report

- JM Working with VP Education to get new academic societies set up for Schools that do not have representation.
- JM Working with VP Education and PGR Officer to get an Academic Society employment fair (online) potentially this year or next.
- JM Updating document of what online events activities can host during this period.
- RS Working on implementing Wellbeing Officers into Sports, Societies and Academic Societies. 3 activities so far have implemented this role into their committee.
- RS Working on a Blue Monday Campaign with the Wellbeing Mental Health Lead which includes, video, cook-a-long, Peace of Mind online talk, recipe book and bake along and Feel Good Friday.

5. Funding Update

- AB Any applications that cannot be used during lockdown are being postponed and reviewed before the next Activities Hub
- AB If applications are being submitted for online events etc then they will be taken for a decision at Activities Hub.

Date of Next Meeting: 12th February at 11am