



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION
Societies Hub

4.50pm, 14th January
Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Name	Job Title
Abi Brown (AB)	Vice President Activities
Rebecca Sharp (RS)	Societies Officer

Also in attendance:

Jess Skill (JS) Assistant Opportunities Manager

Item	Action
<p>1. Societies Officer Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	
<p>2. Vice President Activities Update</p> <p>AB provided an update of any recent developments, which included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stated that all events must remain online for the time being.• 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 activitiesoffice@lincolnsu.com 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:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 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 activitiesoffice@lincolnsu.com 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, Roston Way, Lincoln, LN67GQ.• Elections for all volunteer roles and Student Leaders are coming up in March, the positions available are:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 5 VP roles; Education, Activities, International, Campaigns and Environment, Wellbeing and Community	



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- 3 Officer roles within Activities; Societies, Academic Societies, Sports
- AB mentioned that all funding applications have been paused unless they are for an online event that can be used in line with the Government restrictions

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
- 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 5th January to 15th 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 support students during this time. To see a list of which companies have ben contacted or for any questions please contact: wellbeing@lincolnsu.com



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5. Discussion topic

What are the top three things you are worried about?

The main themes of the discussion are outlined below:

- Engineers are back on campus and are alone in their flats, need more support and spending up to 6-8 weeks on their own.
- Very hard to work online and not getting enough support from lecturers or tutors.
- Lectures being cancelled last minute with no explanation.
- No checking for negative tests when students are entering campus buildings.
- Mental health concerns i.e. housemates not getting along, loneliness.

4 Any Other Business

- N/A

Date of Next Meeting: 4th February at 4.50pm