



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION

All Student Members meeting - Monday 16th October 2017, 6pm, INB0114

Present:

Chair: Grace Corn

Key
 ✓ = Attended
 NF = Position not filled
 A = Apologises sent to Chair
 x = Did not attend or send apologies

Volunteer Members

	16 th Oct	30 th Nov		
College of Arts Officer – Glen Allison	✓	✓		
College of Science Officer – James Bayliss	✓	A		
College of Social Sciences Officer – Beatriz De Arcos Marin	✓	x		
Lincoln International Business School Officer- Isaac Jackson	x	✓		
Societies Officer – Natalie Magnuszewski	x	✓		
Sports Officer – Cassie Coakley	x	x		
Disabled Students Officer – Mohammed Reza Shah	x	x		
LGBT Students Officer – Matthew Gilbert	✓	✓		
Mature Students Officer – Heather Sunderland	x	A		
Postgraduate Taught Officer – Victoria Lister	NF	✓		
Postgraduate Research Officer – Bradley Allsop	NF	✓		
Women's Students Officer- Michaela Ormrod	✓	✓		
Black Asian and Minority Ethnicity Officer – Alliya Iftikhar	x	A		
Community Officer – Benjamin Leer	✓	A		
Raising and Giving Officer – NF	✓	NF		

School Representatives

	16 th Oct			
Architecture– Molly Harper	✓	x		
Design – Callum Hooper	NF	A		
Accounting, Finance & Economics – Joshua Reade	✓	A		
Chemistry – Arden Mower	✓	x		
Computer Science – Alex Ford	✓	✓		
Engineering – Alex Dyson	x	x		
English and Journalism – Caitlin Holloway	✓	x		
Film and Media – Charlotte Buono	✓	A		

Fine and Performing Arts – Jessica Hickey	x	x		
Geography – Bartholomew Hill	x	A		
Health and Social Care – Michelle Wiggins	A	A		
History and Heritage – Matthew Curtis	NF	x		
Law – Chloe Rollings	✓	A		
Life Science – Emily Phynn	✓	✓		
Marketing- Alex Bentley	✓	✓		
Mathematics and Physics – Grace Nichols-Singh		x		
Pharmacy – Claire Hodge	A	A		
People & Organisations – Elouise Blanchflower	x	✓		
Psychology – Nial Francis	✓	✓		
Social and Political Science – Charlotte Stone	✓	✓		
Sport and Exercise Science – Jack Dos Reis Silva	✓	✓		
Strategy & Enterprise – Harry Levey	x	x		
Tourism – Ricarda Krieger	NF	✓		

Also Present: James Brooks (SU CEO), Jenny Barnes (Student Voice & Impact Manager, Clerk to Council), Liz Smy (Student Voice Assistant, Minute taking).

Student Leaders: Kudzai Muzangaza, Tommy George, Luke Exton, Sophia Liu, Connor Delany.

Other student members in attendance:

George Andrews (Student Member), Joshua Wilson (Student Member), Benjamin Wilson (Student Member), Niamh Mcdonagh (Student Member), Nicole Higgins (Student Member), Joseph Beeson (Student Member), Ondrej Hoberla (Student Member), Bernardo Celano Do Carmo (Student Member), Callum Hunter (Student Member), Annmarie Phillips (Student Member), Andrea Roberts (Student Member), Levi Palmer (Student Member), Liam O'Dell (Student Member), Edward Tyers (Student Member), Lewis Wardell Bird (Student Member), Adrian Magee (Student Member), James Holmes (Student Member), Tobias Whinney (Student Member), James Hayward (Student Member), Owen Firth (Student Member), Callum Restall (Student Member), Jamie Dowd (Student Member), Thomas lock (Student Member), William Smith (Student Member), Harry Lack (Student Member), Rosanna Roures Salvador (Student Member), Jacob Bradbury (Student Member), Connor Delbridge-Card (Student Member), Bhavik Oza (Student Member), Hester Davies (Student Member), Rebecca Marrows (Student Member), Cullen Gaskell (Student Member), Alexander Abbey (Student Member), Connor Meek (Student Member), Megan East (Student Member), Alanna Plaats (Student Member), Connor Roberts (Student Member), Lewis Wright (Student Member), Paris Hubbuck (Student Member), Nathan Harris (Student Member), Ophelia Wilson (Student Member), Luke Craner (Student Member), Christopher Tebbutt (Student Member), Katie Kemp (Student Member), Oliver Keyte (Student Member), Eleanor Krawczyk (Student Member), Emily Sinkinson (Student Member), Rachael Piekuss (Student Member), Chantria Blomfield (Student Member), Joseph Pearce (Student Member), Chelsea Thomason (Student Member), Laura Gates (Student Member), Patrick Richardson (Student Member), Zoe Marley (Student Member), Katie Maloney (Student Member), Lauren Spence (Student Member), Gemma Mumby (Student Member), Thomas Flaxman (Student Member), Alice Bowdery (Student Member), Ellie Greene (Student Member), Hannah Barr (Student Member), Max Mckendry (Student Member), Martin Popov (Student Member), Daniel Bearman (Student Member), Jack Folley (Student Member), Ella

Clarke (Student Member), Anmol-Ruby Mistry (Student Member), Ross Mackenzie (Student Member), Callum Bailey (Student Member), Joseph Hackett (Student Member), Kevin Roberts (Student Member), Amy Lewis (Student Member), Alexander Turner (Student Member), Zhemin Ou (Student Member), Michal Olizarowicz (Student Member), Ashley Jubb (Student Member), Roseanna Wain-Basaran (Student Member), Helen Ashby (Student Member), Finley Kneafsey (Student Member), Cameron Barker (Student Member), Saurabh Shankaranarayan (Student Member), James peat (Student Member), Mikhail Belovol (Student Member)..

Apologies for absence:

Claire Hodge, Charlotte Buono, Callum Hooper, Bartholomew Hill, Chloe Rollings, James Bayliss, Benjamin Leer, Heather Sunderland, Alliya Iftikhar, Michelle Wiggins, Joshua Reade.

1. Introduction from the Chair

118 attendees

2. Minutes of Previous All Student Members' Meeting

3 additional apologies – Tallisha, Dominique and Heather
Minutes of previous meeting approved by assent.

3. Matters and actions arising

None to note.

4. Motions

4.1 Vice President Academic Affairs title change – Tommy George

Proposal to change role title to Vice President Education.

The portfolio of the role covers education, this is more student friendly and in line with other SUs.

Call to hold the referendum on this later on in the year, after elections. The SU Exec team will decide exact date.

No questions.

Motion passes by assent.

4.2 Sports in Tower Bar – Luke Exton

More female orientated Sport to be shown in Tower Bar.

Diversity and inclusion is a large part of the 'We are Lincoln' ethos.

Amendment to change to 'The Students' Union and We are Lincoln' ethos.

No speech against amendment.

Amendment passes.

Call to hold the referendum on this later on in the year, after elections. The SU Exec team will decide exact date.

No questions.

Motion passes by assent.

5. Any Other Business

5.1 The UK Quality Code Consultation

Potential impact of the framework changes on students.

Guide given out to all attendees. The deadline for the consultation is December 22nd 2017.

The Register is a list of all the institutions that qualify to act as a University. Lincoln will most likely be in the approved (fee cap) bracket. This means students can access student finance, and the University can access extra grants and funding.

The Office for Students is a new organisation with four key objectives:

- 1) All students from all backgrounds are supported to access and received a good quality education, and that the qualifications hold their value over time. Access and widening participation agreements will be in place. Access statements will show how the University will widen access to higher education.
- 2) All Students interested will be protected, including if a provider or course closes.
- 3) All Students will receive 'Value for money'
- 4) Universities will be rated on their ability to widen participation. The midlands is not a very diversity area, we may struggle to widen access and may be marked down for this.

Looking at income of graduates – Lincoln is general a low income area and some subjects are higher paying for graduates – science more than arts. Universities will be rated on the income of their graduates, not on the quality of their experience whilst at university. Universities will also be rated on the justifications of the high rates of pay of Senior Staff members.

The weighting of the NSS (National Student Survey) on TEF (Teaching Excellence Framework) has been halved. It will be focused on earnings after the degree, not student experience whilst at University. Every University must take part in the TEF.

There is a Students as Consumers ethos – a consumer ethos does not allow much room for change. Student Voice elements start to be removed, and we are currently highly rated on Student Voice and Student Engagement.

The Quality code defines the baseline standards for Universities – what makes quality, what makes a good University. There are now four expectations, but there used to be 19. Student engagement, volunteering, Employability are examples of things that have been removed. They may come in a supplementary package, but this will not be regulated.

Statements are quite vague and not well explained. Statements such as Delivering a High Quality Course are included– The definition of a quality course is not given and how this can be measured is not detailed.

The Positives – there is a focus on outcomes not process.

Some of the sanctions include suspending courses if the University or Course does not meet the standards – this is similar to an Ofsted inspection in a School.

Easier for universities to comply with, but is it the right thing for students.

Questions:

Hannah Barr – Complaints process – what would happen after a complaint has been made?

Response: Processes are not fully defined yet as we are still in consultation stage.

Thomas Lock – Are they using the words 'Value for money'?

Response: Yes, 28 times.

Casey Maloney – if this still gets passed, even if we say no – do we have to go with it or can we do our own things as we value student engagement?

Response: We have every faith that the University will still continue to value student engagement but they are not required to do so.

Glen Allison – Have the University responded yet?

Response: They asked SU to feed into their response as well as us writing our own.

Matthew Gilbert – Calculates income after degree – does it factor in research ability of the institution?

Response: It is based on HMRC data, nothing that the University does or can do will be factored in.

Callum Restall- As Students do we have any protection if courses are cancelled?

Response: Yes, most likely in monetary value but you cannot refund bad experience or time.

Callum Bailey – Student engagement is not listed as a quality but I don't expect it to disappear just because it is changing. It may give more value to other degrees at other unis. Value or money is not always a bad thing – we want good value for money.

Kudzai Muzangaza– if we go to a Russell Group University – regardless of how good teaching was, your University would be rated better as you will be earning more. How do we actively campaign against this?

Response: It has not been fully decided yet – it is a consultation. We will have a chance to say more once they have considered consultation reports.

Emily Phynn – do they take other things in to account or is it just what you earn

Response: Just earnings.

Connor Delany – Students from poorer backgrounds and areas, we are reducing social mobility. As you come from a poorer background you will go to a worse University.

Liam O'Dell – How is The Quality code connected to OFS (Office for Students)?

Response: The OFS is the regulatory body and one of the consultations they are working on is the Quality code. Office for students produces this – they are renewing the code. We are not completely opposed to this. The widening participation parts are great but the new definition of quality is a concern.

Isaac Jackson – What sort of time scale, when will it take affect?

Response: QAA first consultation is on 13th December. Overall consultation for OFS is 22nd January. All will be reviewed until April. Then it will be published. This is when the OFS will be in place. By 1st August 2019 this will fully be in place.

Hannah Barr- Do self-employed people get included in outcomes?

Response: Cannot 100% say, but it likely that they will be as they are done through HMRC and tax payments.

Hannah Barr - Would it be the same across all courses and disciplines, are they going to be held to the same standard?

Response: There are four indicators as to what quality is but it is likely all areas will be held to these four, there will likely be some flexibility but this has not been confirmed yet.

5.2 Module Evaluations – prizes to be won. Small PG survey is currently taking place too.

5.3 Charity commission – freedom of speech issues

Charity commission have investigated that incident. The Board of Trustees reported what decisions they made to the charity commission and they checked that the SU did this correctly. The Charity commission are satisfied with the handling of the incident.

Questions

Liam O'Dell – charity commission said it was the responsibility of the trustee to report this, the charity commission said they were only made aware once the Linc put in a freedom of information request. Did the trustees inform the charity commission last year and if so when?

Response: There is a threshold of when it is serious enough, and the trustees deemed it was not serious enough and were happy with the handling of the situation. This did not meet threshold to need reporting.

5.4 Kudzai Muzangaza - Student Leader (Full Time Officer) reports –

Like SUGgestions, these can be voted on. If you are not happy with progress, you can hold us to account.

5.5 Kudzai Muzangaza - Thank you for attending. Raffle for Quack tickets – winners will be emailed, and money to Sports and Societies with the highest attendance will also be contacted.

5.6 Connor Delany – Housing fayre on tomorrow 11 am – 6 pm, all accredited landlords will be there. There will be a raffle this year for up to £450 towards one month's rent. This will be held in Engine Shed.

6. Close of meeting