



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

University of Lincoln Students' Union Executive Committee 14th April 2016 at 8:30am in the Students' Union Boardroom.

EMERGENCY MEETING

Present:

Chair: Hayley Jayne Wilkinson (HJW) – President
Sammi Storey (SS) – Vice President Activities
Nyasha Takawira (NT) – Vice President Academic Affairs
James Brooks (JB) – Chief Executive

Also in attendance:

Jane Kilby (JK) – Employability Manager, Jenny Barnes (JenB) – Student Voice and Impact Manager, Hannah Coleman (HC) – Head of HR and Operations and Megan Graham (MG) – HR and Office Assistant.

1. EU Referendum

Noted:

- The Students' Union has sought advice from Wilkin Chapman Solicitors, who have advised to have all associations with the Students' Union remaining neutral.
- The Charity commission are being firm that a neutral stance must be had by the Students' Union and all associates, which includes staff personal profiles and volunteer officers.
- On social media and association with the Students' Union is anyone has used social media to associate themselves with the Students' Union.
- As long as the Students' Union remain neutral campaigning for students to vote in the EU Referendum can be done until voting day.
- Clubs and Societies need to be informed of this stance.
- Normally the political Societies would be able to campaign for a specific party, however with regards to the EU Referendum it needs to remain neutral.
- The email draft given by the solicitors will be sent to all Sports and Societies Committee Members with the change that the Executive Committee not the Chief Executive approve all published materials.
- The voting on the Students' stance of the EU Referendum will not be carried out.
- If a student comes to Drop In they should be directed to a Student Leader.

Agreed:

- The email draft from Wilkin Chapman Solicitors will be sent as an email to every committee member on their individual accounts and the generic accounts.
- Wilkin Chapman Solicitors should be kept as the author of the letter.
- A line detailing that if anyone has any doubt about the EU Referendum stance that they should come and speak to a Student Leader.
- Activities to be informed that if a student comes to drop in they should be directed to a Student Leader.
- Course Reps (and Elects) and Volunteer Officers to be emailed about the EU Referendum stance, with an amended version of the email draft.
- Student Council Members to be contacted with an amended version of the email draft.
- Team Members to be contacted about their stance on the EU Referendum.

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Chair

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Date