



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

University of Lincoln Students' Union Executive Committee 23rd January 2017 at
10:00am in the Students' Union Upstairs Meeting Room

Present:

Chair: Sammi Storey (SS) - President

John-Paul Dickie (JD) – Vice President Academic Affairs

Tasnim Hassan (TH) – Vice President Welfare & Community

James Brooks (JB) – Chief Executive

Also in attendance:

Eilidh Faccenda (EF) – Office Assistant

1. 1.1 Apologies for absence

None.

1.2 Declarations of interest

- None declared.

2. Declaration of Any Other Business

Noted:

- SS declared "Societies Officer" as agenda item.
- JB declared an item for discussion in reserved minutes.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Noted:

- The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th January 2017 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising

Noted:

- TH is currently working on the report regarding community engagement, and this is ongoing.
- TH to email Joshua Charles, to see if he has a list of lecturers who could potentially be guest speakers.
- JPD spoke to Matt Grange about potentially sending through a manifesto, and is awaiting a response.

5. Weekly Report

- JB disappointed with The Swan figures, but stated that the figures were still ok.

- JB outline that the figures could still be out by a week on last year, which could explain the disparity.
- JPD pointed out that the ticketing section was blank.

Actioned:

- JB to speak to Alan Bage, Senior Web Developer to check if the weekly figures are out by a week on last year.

6. Weeks Event

Noted:

- It was noted it is Refreshers Week the 23rd to the 27th January 2017.
- De-stress week events are running from Monday 23rd January 2017.
- JB praised TH on the selection of events in De-stress events, and stated that from a wellbeing side, this is good for students.
- SS suggested that TH ask students at the events what they would enjoy at the next de-stress week.
- One suggestion for the next de-stress week was a cat café.

7. Varsity Marketing Package

Noted:

- The updated promotional material for Varsity was shared with the committee.
- JPD noted that the new designs were consistent.
- JB asked about the "quacker whistle" being advertised, and stated that the Quack brand should be protected and not used on unrelated SU events.

Approved:

- The designs for Varsity were approved.

8. School of the Month

Noted:

- SS asked the group who the School of the Month is awarded to, students, staff or representatives.
- JPD suggested that it is usually student reps who are recognised through these nominations.
- The document was taken as read, and all nominations were commended.

Agreed:

- That the school of the month for December be the School of Sport and Exercise Science with 3 votes to 0.

9. Student Leader verbal updates

9.1 President

Noted:

- SS attended the Lincoln Sports Board meeting, and fed back that it went well.
- SS informed the group that Susan Rigby (SR), Deputy Vice Chancellor will no longer be overseeing the Lincoln Sports Board, the new Deputy Vice Chancellor will take over from her.
- Attended the Carholme Community Forum, and invited its members to Varsity if they are able to attend.
- Discussed the Student Charter.
- Attended a Welcome Week Working Group Meeting (WWWG) and suggested that as this is a more operational meeting, that a member of staff would be useful attending this meeting alongside Emma Rouse (ER), Head of Marketing and Communications.
- Discussed her Vlog, and how this could have a wider reach with students. It was suggested that each vlog could have a "Where's Sammi?" slogan in which students can guess where on campus SS is filming the vlog.
- SS is meeting with SR to discuss the careers service being moved.

Actioned:

- SS and JB to discuss who would be best placed to attend the WWWG meetings alongside ER.
- SS to bring a report regarding the careers service to the Executive Committee for approval once it has been submitted.

9.2 VP Academic Affairs**Noted:**

- JPD attended the Academic Representative Committee (ARC) and discussed changing the questions in the Modular Evaluation survey with the representatives.
- JB suggested that Lincoln Students' Union raise the profile of school and senior representatives. It was suggested that the SU could put pictures of the reps up around the union to raise their profile, and make them more recognisable to students.
- TH suggested that the pictures could be put up around the appropriate schools for each representative's area.
- JB offered that because the University and the Students' Union work in partnership, that this discourages student lobbying over issues and means that students are less engaged.
- JPD informed the group that students have raised with him their concern with a potential rise in fees linked to the National Students Survey.
- It was suggested that a boycott of NSS could be put to referendum.
- JPD attended a Print Board meeting.
- Has been in discussions to supply a free printer in the SU reception area for students to use.

Actioned:

- SS, JPD, TH and JB to discuss the idea of putting the boycott of NSS to a referendum outside of this Executive Committee meeting.
- JB to update the committee about the potential free printing service in the students' union reception.

9.3 VP Welfare and Community

Noted:

- De-stress week started, TH unsure of how the Film Night event will be received by students, but is looking forward to hearing students' feedback after the event.
- TH working thinking of ideas for future de-stress events.
- SS and JB suggested that more physical activities may work well to de-stress students.
- There is to be a balloon release on Thursday 26th January 2017 by Peace of Mind, who are doing a "Release your insecurities" event.
- JB advised that the balloons should be non-latex environmentally friendly balloons.
- TH assured the group that the balloons were latex free.
- It was suggested that the fact that the balloons were environmentally friendly should be publicised, as the union has had complaints about balloon releases before.
- Is meeting with a student to discuss a student led project.
- TH fed back that the "Never Ok" filming went well, and that all students who took part were highly engaged.
- Outlined that RAG are organising a raffle.

10. Chief Executive update

Noted:

- Attended a CEO conference, and fed back that other students unions are having the same difficulties that Lincoln SU is having.
- New data protection laws to come into use in 2018 could block any access that the union has to student data.
- Expressed that governance is an issue at Lincoln, and explained that the All Student Members meetings are an example of poor governance.
- The free printing service to be offered to students will need fully approving by the committee on the meeting of the 6th February 2017.
- JB frustrated that the accounts for 15/16 are not finished.
- Suggested that there be a monetary collection for students who are in need of food packages instead of a foodbank.
- JB informed the committee that there have been more issues with the trademarking of SUMS.

11. Health and Safety

Noted:

- The curtain in the Engine Shed is to be installed on Tuesday 31st January 2017.

12. Any Other Business

12.1 Societies Officer

Noted:

- SS explained to the group that the Societies Officer is likely to resign in the near future.
- SS suggested that should this happen, the position be co-opted after the elections in February.

13. Date of Next Meeting: 30th January 2017

Chair

Signed

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Confirmed