



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION

Annual All Student Members' meeting - Monday 2nd November, 6pm, MB3201-MB3203

Present:

Chair: Will Fry (Sports Officer)

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

Volunteer Members

	5 th Oct	2 nd Nov	30 th Nov	1 st Feb	29 th Feb
College of Arts Officer – John-Paul Dickie	✓	✓			
College of Science Officer - Connor Muir	✓	✓			
College of Social Sciences Officer – Abigail Pacey	✓	✓			
Societies Officer – Holly Band	✓	✓			
Sports Officer – Will Fry (CHAIR)	✓	✓			
Disabled Students Officer - Tasnim Hassan	✓	✓			
International Students Officer – Wendy Ly	✓	✓			
LGBT Students Officer – Cameron Smith	✓	✓			
Mature Students Officer – Nikita Kaliroy	✓	*			
Women's Students Officer- Jessica Bartholomew	✓	✓			
Gender and Sexuality Officer – Mary Alice Allen	✓	✓			
Black and Minority Ethnicity Officer – Marc Anthony Dataro	✓	✓			
Carholme Community Rep – Grace Richards	✓	✓			
Park Community Rep – Molly Moore	✓	✓			
Abbey Community Rep -	NF	NF			

School Representatives

	5 th Oct	2 nd Nov	30 th Nov	1 st Feb	29 th Feb
Architecture and Design – Lorna Lovatt	✓	✓			
Business – Stephanie Nock	A	A			
Chemistry – Fraser Kelly	A	A			

Computer Science – Emma Huntley	✓	✓			
Engineering –	✓	NF			
English and Journalism – Danyal Khan	A	*			
Film and Media – Iona Carter	✓	✓			
Fine and Performing Arts – Natasha Bailey	A	✓			
Health and Social Care - Alexandra Parkin	A	*			
History and Heritage – Megan Lee	*	*			
Law – Erin Cook	✓	✓			
Life Science – Scott Bonner	✓	✓			
Mathematics and Physics - Charlotte Tate	NF	✓			
Pharmacy – Tamjit Singh Rama	A	A			
Psychology – Samuel Jones	✓	✓			
Sport and Political Science –	✓	NF			
Sport and Exercise Science – Melissa Poole	A	*			

Representatives of Societies and Sports Council

	5 th Oct	2 nd Nov	30 th Nov	1 st Feb	29 th Feb
Societies Zone Rep (Events) - Jammil Ahmed	✓	*			
Societies Zone Rep (Academic) – Jacob Carse	✓	✓			
Sports Zone Representative (BUCS) – Matt Cooper	*	*			
Sports Zone Representative (Varsity) – Victoria Goodwin	*	*			
Sports Zone Representative (Non-Competing)	NF	NF			

Also Present:

Hayley Jayne Wilkinson – President, Nyasha Takawira - VP Academic Affairs, Samantha Storey - VP Activities, Wade Baverstock -VP Welfare and Community.

James Brooks - Chief Executive, Laura Crouch - Communications Co-ordinator, Jennifer Barnes – Student Voice and Impact Manager, Elizabeth Smy – Academic Representation Worker & Minute taker and Lindsay Westgarth – Student Voice Administrator.

Matthew Smeeth – Student Trustee, Thomas Mitchell - Student Trustee, Benjamin Higgott – Student Trustee.

Student members: Jack Maddock, Morgan Brown, Morgan Hall-Roberts, Hannah Alves - (Disney Society), Aysha Bellamy (Disney Society), Michael Daniell, Damien Beeby, Alice Flett, Chloe Rollings, Ben Nottingham, Matthew Hibberd, Alexander Sutton, Matthew Anthony, Alex Earle, Tom Oldfield, Jack Malone, Fraser Field, Rebecca Duncan, Jack

Taylor-West, Rebecca Henery, Kimberley Wallace, Jack Hallam, Paul Chappel, Adam Allcroft.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Stephanie Nock – Business School Rep, Fraser Kelly – School of Chemistry Rep and Tarnjit Rama – School of Pharmacy Rep.

2. Introduction from the chair (Will Fry)

Thanked everyone for coming. Chair introduced the Student Leaders, Chair of Council Trustees and other Union Staff members in the room. The Video showing the rules of Council was shown.

3. Ratification of minutes of the previous Annual Student Members' meeting 04/2015

- Minutes taken as read. Michael Daniell's name was included twice and spelt wrong.
- Minutes were approved.

4. Speech from NUS VP Higher Education, Sorana Vieru

Thanked the Student Leaders for inviting her. She spoke about the NUS and some of their aims and campaigns for the year.

Questions:

Questions were raised about the ethnicity gap in attainment, and how NUS might close that gap? Sorana responded that closing the gap is also about how we can measure the impact, whilst making sure that none BME students' attainment doesn't decline.

Questions were raised about how NUS can help Transgender students express their changes on their student cards without the charges of doing this legally. This is a priority for the NUS LGBT+ Officer. NUS are looking for to create a full time Transgender Officer. NUS does want to campaign on this.

Questions were raised about online support for applying for PG loans. The loan scheme has not been fully finalised yet, so it is difficult to say. There will be guidance once finalised.

5. Receiving the report of the Trustees

- Passed by ascension.

6. Accounts of the Union for the previous financial year

Noted/Discussed

Hayley Jayne Wilkinson (HJW) the SU President:

- Outlined the accounts for the previous year.
- Reported a significant increase in income for the SU over the previous year in comparison to 2014, where a loss was made.
- Reported that the SU needed to account for the liability for our pension schemes, so we had to increase our contribution. We were left with a profit in 2015.
- A question was raised about how the budget was allocated to liberation groups as it has only increased by £40 overall, which means there is an overall decrease for each group as there are 2 new groups this year.
- The Students Leaders have a combined budget this year.
- Wade as VPWC can ask the Exec to approve funding for campaigns, including conference travel.
- There is not enough within the budget of student leaders to send all liberation officers to conference.
- There needs to be money set aside for unexpected campaigns and costs.
- The extra amount seen on the accounts has contributed to other services, such as the Advice Centre.

Agreed

- Accounts approved
- Yes: 36 No: 9 Abstentions: 2

7. List of affiliations of the Union

Noted/Discussed

- Various sports and societies affiliate with their national body.
- Fees are paid to affiliate.

Agreed

- Passed by ascension.

8. Open questions to the Trustees by Student Members.

- Where did the decision of 10,000 come from for all student leaders?

- The SU President responded that this is based on previous years' figures as an estimate of spending this year.

9. Receive the Presidential report

Noted/Discussed:

- Taken as read.
- The SU President spoke about how our local MP voted in favour of the tax on sanitary products.
- This was brought as a motion to council last year, and was voted against, that sanitary products should not be taxed and the SU should lobby the MP to vote against the tax.
- Students wanted this to be policy.
- Hayley Jayne Wilkinson (SU President) tried to support this and did question the MP.
- Student leaders are considering the response if the MP responds.

Agreed

- Passed by ascension.

10. Motion 'Should the Students' Union lobby the University to ensure that Wednesday afternoons are kept free for sport?'

Noted/Discussed:

- Sammi Storey VP Activities spoke for the motion
- The sports committee raised that many students do have lectures running on Wednesday afternoons.
- Getting involved in Sport is linked to higher earning for graduates.
- The SU appreciates that there is limited teaching space, but feel strongly that there are other solutions.

Agreed:

- Motion: For the Students' Union to lobby the University to ensure that Wednesday afternoons are kept free for sport?
- Motion passes by ascension.

11. Motion 'for "Blurred Lines" to be banned at Students' Union venues'

Noted/Discussed:

- Jessica Bartholomew (Women's' Officer) spoke for the motion
- Playing this song can give a bad presentation of the Students' Union.
- This has been raised before, and the venues have been asked to not play this, but it has not been removed. This is why we have moved to an official motion.
 - Songs of a similar nature will need to be discussed on a case by case basis which could lead to the SU having a very limited playlist
 - Michael Daniell (Student Member) gave a Speech against the motion

- If the motion passes, and it is not publicised, then students may have issues with this. They may feel that the decision has been made for them, without consultation.
- Students have voted for those in the room to represent them, so they do have a say. However, as an all students meeting, not everyone present has been elected and not all students are aware of such meetings.
- There was no official petition of all students on this issue, only some students asking others.
- There are no official complaints or numbers of students unhappy with this song.
- It was clarified that all students are welcome to this meeting to have their views heard.
- Sam Jones (School of Psychology Rep) spoke for abstaining from voting on the motion:
- It should not be the business of anyone at the ASM to be banning anything for the whole student body.

Agreed

Secret Ballot:

- Yes: 18 No: 22 Abstentions: 10
- Motion falls
- The Students' Union will not be banning blurred lines in its venues

12. Motion for 'Creating a Mental Health Rep on the Disabled Students' Committee'

Noted/Discussed

- Tasnim Hassan (Disabled Students' Officer) spoke for the motion
- Mental health is a growing concern at University, 1 in 5 students are affected by it.
- These students are under-represented.
- Anything under the category of mental health would be represented.
- This representative will not be giving advice; they will just ensure that the views of those with mental health conditions are represented at the disabled students committee.
- No speech against,

Agreed

- A Mental Health Rep to be put on the Disabled Students' Committee
- Motion passed by ascension.

13. Reports

- Taken as read
- No questions raised
- All approved by ascension.

14. Additional items for discussion

Noted/Discussed:

- 2 representatives from the Disney Society committee spoke on issues with TV licensing within venues.
- There is much more demand for venue space.
- Sammi Storey (VP Activities) asked what they would see as a solution.
- There has been no formal response as a decision has not been finalised.
- There is potential to use the Swan as well as the Platform.
- It would be good to use other local venues, or even lecture theatres, to help with demand.
- Laws prevent showings for the public.
- There are queries surrounding licensing around campus.

Agreed:

- The Disney Society to talk to the Student Leaders following this meeting to discuss moving forward.

15. Any Other Business

- Will Fry (Chair of Council, Sports Officer) will be putting together a summary of approximately 200 words for those that miss any Council meeting.
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Noted/Discussed

- Issues regarding the PREVENT Referendum were raised.
- The vote was extended by 2 days.
- Council had already highlighted their opinion.
- The referendum coincided with the strategy, and this was the SU's focus.
- There were concerns over the cost of the referendum from council.
- Council members were encouraged to pass this on to their networks, to create momentum.
- The lack of momentum was indicate that students are not been interested in this issue.

- The SU looks to students for guidance on whether we should work on such things.
- Lincoln is a low risk area and this may have led to students not being aware of wanting to vote.
- The SU won't put resources into things that the Students do not feel passionate about. Not all members of Council were aware of dates of the referendum, so it was difficult to spread to their networks.
- Emails were sent in advance of the vote, so council members should have been aware. Students have said that information was difficult to find on this. This made it difficult for students to decide. There was a news article on the website, and also an article on the all student member email. It was accepted that there were few posters, but there was a social media presence. Hayley Jayne Wilkinson (SU President) apologised for the confusion with this

Agreed:

- If the referendum was run again there would be a meeting of those interested, particularly council members. Alternatively, there can be a motion to re-run this.

Noted/Discussed

It was asked if all papers be submitted as one document, and not several.

Agreed:

This should be possible for the next meeting.

Wade Baverstock (VP Welfare & Community) advertised meet the street events, and the Wait to Rent Campaign.

Hayley Jayne (SU President) advertised the workshops in preparation for the Elections are starting tomorrow. Details on the website. If you would like to run in the elections, please speak to Nyasha (Takawira, VP Academic Affairs) and Hayley (Jayne Wilkinson, SU President), as they are unable to re-run.