



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

University of Lincoln Students' Union Executive Committee 12th December 2016
at 10:00am in the Students' Union Boardroom.

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:

Laura Crouch (LC) – Marketing Coordinator – Until agenda point 6
Eilidh Faccenda (EF) – Office Assistant
Joshua Charles (JC) – College of Social Science Officer

1. 1.1 Apologies for absence

None

1.2 Declarations of interest

- None declared.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Noted:

- The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th December were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

Noted:

- SS met with the Spanish students, and is to meet again in January.

4. Weekly Report

Noted:

- It was noted The Swan have upcoming Christmas parties in the next few weeks.

5. Weeks Event

Noted:

- JB noted that there are a lot of private external functions booked in the SU venues, which is a good sign, commercially.

6. Refreshers Fayre

Noted:

- Natasha Smith, Graphic Design Assistant is finalising designs for the Refreshers Fayre, and will get these approved by Executive Committee once they are finished.
- LC suggested that local businesses be approached to attend the fayre.
- JB agreed and suggested that the more businesses who attend, the better the experience for students who attend.

7. Annual Confidentiality Agreement

Noted:

- The document was taken as read.
- It was suggested that the document was good practice.
- All in the meeting were asked to read the agreement carefully and sign it.

8. Peace of Mind Morocco Trip

Noted:

- It was noted that the date that the deposit for the trip needed to be paid was the 8th December 2016, 4 days before this meeting.
- JB noted that since Will Fry, former VP Activities left, some applications have taken longer to get through the system, as his emails were not checked.
- This trip application was previously declined by Executive Committee previously, as the government travel advice was that the threat of terror in Morocco was too high.

Agreed:

- The terror threat in Morocco is now less severe according to government travel advice, the committee voted that the trip go ahead, as long as all travel policy is adhered to: 3 votes to 0.

9. Student Leader verbal updates

9.1 VP Academic Affairs

Noted:

- Modular Evaluation is currently on 52%, and is open another week and a half.
- The Learning Spaces survey closed with 3057 participants, or 22.21% of students.
- JPD thanked all the SU team for helping make The Learning Spaces survey the 3rd highest survey in terms of participation from students.
- There are currently 2 senior Rep vacancies to be filled.
- JPD stated that the positions are not to be filled until February.
- JPD is meeting Mary Stewart, Vice Chancellor to discuss the writing and submission of a paper for Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE).
- Noted that students can now access their attendance via Blackboard.
- JPD tweeted about this, as the IT services did not widely publicise this to students.
- The new ID cards are to be switched out in the new year.

9.2 VP Welfare and Community

Noted:

- TH updated the committee on upcoming Liberation Events.
- There is to be a “Reclaim the Night” march, on 8th March 2017.
- It was discussed that there be a speaker arranged for mature students.
- The Afro Caribbean Society are potentially holding a debate about the effect of Brexit on BME.

Actioned:

- JC to send through lecturers’ names to TH as potential speakers for mature students.
- TH to keep the committee updated on all Liberation Events.

9.3 President

Noted:

- Thanked the Activities department for all their work on the Bake Off event.
- Attended the BUCS Annual General Meeting.
- Attended the launce of the Lincoln Institute for Agri-food Technology.
- Fed back that Swan’s Den went well, and commended the students on their pitches.
- It was recommended that one team to do a little more work, and then the money would be awarded.
- One team was awarded money to do market research.
- Another team is to re pitch in the new year.
- SS attended the All Students Meeting.

10. Chief Executive update

Noted:

- Suggested that the issue of the Swans on the Brayford slowly disappearing would be a great campaign for the student leaders to get behind and promote.

11. Health and Safety

- Nothing to note.

12. Any Other Business

12.1 New Societies Applications

Noted:

- The Thai Society application was taken as read.
- It was noted that on the application that the society was meant “only for Thai students”, which is illegal. It was recommended that the society be open to all students.
- The Health and Social Care society was taken as read.

Actioned:

- SS to contact the students who submitted the Thai Society application and explain that it is illegal to have a society open to only one nationality.

Approved:

- The Executive Committee voted to approve the he Thai society application was approved, pending the change recommended 3 votes to 0.
- The Executive Committee voted to approve the Health and Social Care society application 3 votes to 0.

15. Date of Next Meeting: 16th January 2017

Chair

Signed

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