



**UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION**  
**Student Council meeting - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 6pm, BL1101**

**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 <sup>th</sup> Oct	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	29 <sup>th</sup> 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 ( <b>CHAIR</b> )	✓	✓	✓		
Disabled Students Officer - Tasnim Hassan	✓	✓	A		
International Students Officer – Wendy Ly	✓	✓	A		
LGBT Students Officer – Cameron Smith	✓	✓	✓		
Mature Students Officer – Nikita Kaliroy	✓	✗	A		
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	NF	NF		

School Representatives

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Architecture and Design – Lorna Lovatt	✓	✓	✓		
Business – Stephanie Nock	A	A	A		

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

#### Representatives of Societies and Sports Council

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Societies Zone Rep (Events) - Jammil Ahmed	✓	x	x		
Societies Zone Rep (Academic) – NF	✓	✓	NF		
Sports Zone Representative (BUCS) – NF	x	x	NF		
Sports Zone Representative (Varsity) – Victoria Goodwin	x	x	A		
Sports Zone Representative (Non-Competing) Rose Law	NF	NF	A		

#### **Also Present:**

Hayley Jayne Wilkinson – President, Nyasha Takawira - VP Academic Affairs, Samantha Storey - VP Activities.

James Brooks - Chief Executive, Jennifer Barnes – Student Voice and Impact Manager, Elizabeth Smy – Academic Representation Worker & Minute taker.

Matthew Smeeth – Student Trustee, Thomas Mitchell - Student Trustee, Benjamin Higgott – Student Trustee, Georgia-Louise Grayburn – Student member, Holly Allaway- Student member, Jack Maddock – Student member, Michael Daniell – Student member, Tara Emery – Student member, Laura Dean – Student member and Verity Harris – Student member.

### 1. Welcome from the Chair

Council are now following the new rules and format. Motions can be taken to zone rather than this meeting. There will be an open discussion session in each Council meeting. Staff cannot be held to account and this is a safe space.

## **2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Stephanie Nock – Business School Rep, Natasha Bailey – School of Fine & Performing Art Rep, Iona Carter – School of Film & Media Rep, Victoria Goodwin – Sports Zone Varsity Representative, Megan Lee – School of History & Heritage Rep, Wendy Ly – International Students Officer, Nikita Kaliroy – Mature Students Officer, Rose Law – Sports Zone (None Competing) Rep and Tasnim Hassan – Disabled Students Officer.

## **3. Minutes of Previous Council**

Passed by ascension.

### **Part A**

## **4. Presidential Report**

Report taken as read.

- Employability campaign underway in collaboration with College Officers. Module evaluations have also been launched. VC has asked the SU to do these; no other SU in the country does this.
- Michael Daniell- asked about by-election for the welfare and community position. Hayley Jayne Wilkinson – none will take place due to time in the year as this would be unfair on potential elected officer. March election winner may take post earlier. Staff support has been increased in this area in the interim.

## **5. Motion to hold a referendum on the SU position in regards to the Prevent Strategy**

Only 55 votes cast. Coincided with SU strategy.

Motion passes by ascension.

## **6. Motion to lobby the University to block the use of Yik Yak on its servers.**

- App is a particular issue in School of life science. Council would like to prohibit use on campus servers. The app provider won't block on campus, and only do this in Secondary Schools.
- Known issues at other universities were discussed with no specifics campus based solutions mentioned.
- As comments are anonymous, students feel targeted. Staff have also been affected.

- Concerned raised that the small group that is council are making this decision for all students. Outcome will need good publicity on this and opinions gathered, if this motion were not to be successful.
- There have been meetings over this issue with some other institutions.
- The motion would have equal resource dedicated to the local problem and lobbying NUS.

Speech against:

- Although the bullying and comments on the app. Are not condoned, the app can also do good. People can ask questions that they are too shy to ask, particularly to do with personal issues, such as sexuality.
- Raises issues with other social media platforms, this could lead to other bans. Doesn't prevent use off campus or by 3G/4G, so bullying can still happen.

Questions:

- Studies have shown that anonymity and the internet are a bad mix. There is more harm than good done by this app. If even one person is contemplating suicide; this outweighs any positive impact.
- Banning on network is a step to show we are against the bullying. This is only the first step. Lobbying NUS is an important second stage.

Amendment:

- Propose a referendum to run alongside the Prevent referendum. This will get people involved in both as Yik Yak will draw people in.
- Concerns were raised that this is 2 major events at the same time and will be the same split as the last referendum.
- However, Module Evaluations has increased Employability Survey responses.
- The fact that the use of this app is causing suicidal thoughts in some would need to be included in the question.
- Council has been voted in as representatives of all students. A referendum is not necessary and members should vote.
- If moved to a referendum, it could be tagged on the end of main elections.
- Some areas that we represent are split so Reps could not vote here.

Speech against:

- This should be decided on by council.
- Bullying is the needs of the few that we are here to represent. Not worth the risk of someone committing suicide through bullying.
- Referendum will gather opinion, whereas with Reps, this may not be possible. By banning one platform, students may consider their use of other platforms. Just banning may cause people to transfer such behaviour to other platforms.

- Concerns that taking multiple items to referendum defeat the purpose of council. However, Council still represents, but referendum can help when unsure or unable to decide.
- The university are currently against banning this.
- Suggested that this is held in election week. Holding it separately, may only get 800, with elections you may get 3000.

By-law 8.2 says we cannot do this. Needs to be within 10 days of passing in student council.

First vote for the amendment to make this a referendum.

For: 3

Against: 14

Abstain: 2.

This will not be a referendum, but a council decision.

Vote to ban the app:

For: 11

Against: 3

Abstain: 5

Motion passes.

## **Part B**

### 7. All items in part B are taken as read.

Academic Zone Report \*

Welfare Zone Report \*

Sports Zone Report \*

Societies Zone Report \*

Community Zone Report \*

VPAA Report \*

VPA Report \*

Chair of Council Report \*

Academic Zone Standing Order \*

Referendum Standing Order \*

All reports pass by ascension.

No motions were passed in any Zone meetings.

By Law amendments:

- 8.3 changes the days that it takes to carry out a referendum. 30 days after decision instead of 10 working days.
- By law 3 – new format of council. Already approved, now being added to the bylaws to reflect this.

- No substantial changes. 1002 is student disciplinaries. By laws now aligned with zones structures.
- Board of trustees will take advice from the Exec committee to make decision on whether to run by-elections.
- Allowing for student trustees to be appointed and not elected.

Procedural motion to delay the approval of By-law changes until the next council as they were not published for all students to see. Chair stated that this is business critical.

For: 7

Against: 12

Abstain: 0

Procedural motion falls.

Speech against approval:

- VPWC the position exists for a reason, it is an important role. The bylaws seems to brush over the importance. However, an election at this stage would require someone to interrupt their year of study.
- The team have required a lot of training. This would take staff time and other student leaders' time away from what they were elected to do. There is also the cost to factor in. Trustees were against this as it would cost the similar amount of the June training period.
- The speech was retracted.

Speech against:

- The larger student body would not be aware of this as the papers were not published due to error, so student have not had chance to look set these. Students still need this choice to read the papers. It is not right to hold someone to account for something they do not know about.
- This is not the same as the Yik Yak motion. Members will be able to view this after it is approved. Reps cannot approve this when members have not been able to read them and comment on the changes. This affects the consultation stage of these proposed changes.
- We can only make one change in each year, so this could not be undone if students are unsatisfied.

Approval of the bylaws.

For: 18

Against: 1

Abstain: 0

By-laws approved.

## Part C

8. Following the approval of the motion in point 5, the Prevent Strategy was opened for discussion.

- No comments were raised.

9. Additional items for discussion

- Can the next Council be better publicised. Council felt that there was minimal social media presence for this meeting.
- RAG standing order passes by ascension.

10. Any Other Business

- Graduation Ball. There will be an end of year event and a graduation event. Nothing can be announced until acts are confirmed.
- It is not possible to upload all papers as one single file to the Website, as requested at the All Student meeting.

11. Date of the next meeting – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016, 6-8 pm.