



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION

All Student Members meeting - Monday 20th March 2017, 6pm, MB1009

Present:

Chair: Scott Bonner

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

Volunteer Members

	30 th Nov	20 th March		
College of Arts Officer – Natasha Bailey	✓	A		
College of Science Officer - NF	NF	NF		
College of Social Sciences Officer – NF	NF	NF		
Lincoln International Business School Officer- Georgia Mattison	✓	A		
Societies Officer – NF	A	NF		
Sports Officer – NF	✓	NF		
Disabled Students Officer – Josh Grinsell	✓	✓		
LGBT Students Officer – Chris Scott	✓	x		
Mature Students Officer – Victoria Chambers	✓	x		
Postgraduates Student Officer – Bradley Allsop	✓	✓		
Women's Students Officer- Michaela Ormrod	A	x		
Black and Minority Ethnicity Officer – NF	NF	NF		
Carholme Community Rep – Connor Delany	✓	✓		
Park Community Rep – Chantelle Ho	NF	x		
Abbey Community Rep – NF	NF	NF		
Raising and Giving Officer – Emma Ord	✓	✓		

School Representatives

	30 th Nov	20 th March		
Architecture and Design – Stephanie Phillips	A	A		
Accounting, Finance & Economics – Joshua Reade	A	✓		
Chemistry – Arden Mower	✓	A		
Computer Science – Mark Pastuszka	✓	✓		
Engineering – Alex Dyson	x	x		
English and Journalism – NF	x	NF		
Film and Media – Ben Reynolds	✓	✓		

Fine and Performing Arts – NF	✓	NF		
Health and Social Care – NF	NF	NF		
History and Heritage – Jennifer Smith	✓	✓		
Law – Lucy White	✓	✗		
Life Science – NF	A	NF		
Marketing- Alex Bentley	✓	✓		
Mathematics and Physics – Harry Lloyd	✗	✗		
Pharmacy – Claire Hodge	✓	A		
People & Organisations – Rebecca Rivett	✓	✗		
Psychology – Tommy George	✓	✓		
Social and Political Science – Beatriz De Arcos Marin	A	A		
Sport and Exercise Science – Georgia Clay	✓	A		
Strategy & Enterprise – NF	NF	NF		
Tourism - NF	NF	NF		

Also Present: James Brooks (SU CEO), Jenny Barnes (Student Voice & Impact Manager, Clerk to Council), Liz Smy (Student Voice Assistant, Minute taking).

Other student members in attendance: Sammi Storey (SU President), John-Paul Dickie (Vice President Academic Affairs), Tasnim Hassan (Vice President Welfare & Community), Philip Fletcher (student member), Thomas Eason (student member), Jamie Bartch (student member), Harry Smith (student member), Thomas Dyer (student member), Katherine Lynne (student member), Anna Frohnwieser (student member), Francine Baron (student member), James Dorling (student member), Bradley Froggatt (student member), Thomas Cooper (student member), Callum Bailey (student member), Kudzai Muzangaza (student member), Grace Corn (student member), Rio Foster (student member), Russell Cass (student member), Mary Allen (student member), Caitlin Paterson (student member), Niamh Tame (student member), Rebecca Marrows (student member), William Harmston-Ella (student member), Lydia Cawsey (student member), Shannon Loades (student member), Katy Dearden (student member), Sabina Dobb (student member), Rhiannon Gunn (student member), Joshua Charles (student member), Elouise Blanchflower (student member), Megan Roberts (student member), Michelle Yates (student member), Grace Needham (student member), Mairi-frances McKay (student member), James Peat (student member), Elizabeth Simpson (student member), Michael Barwise (student member), Carol Macrae (student member), Jarrad Johnson (student member), Liam O'Dell (student member), Kerrie Beech (student member), Isaac Jackson (student member), Jack Dos Reis Silva (student member), Samuel Trendall (student member), Robin Greaves (student member), Gabriel Miles (student member), Reema Butt (student member), Jacob Bradbury (student member), Oliver Hemming (student member), Nathan Bromham (student member), Connor Roberts (student member), Rosanna Roures Salvador (student member), Gabriel Mansell-Thorogood (student member), Lewis Wright (student member), Joseph Simmons (student member), Michael Daniell (student member), Natasha Chapman (student member), Calum Watt (student member), Alexander Hanney (student member), Tamika Gayle (student member), Daniel Dixon (student member), Jacob Vause (student member), Miles Martin (student member), Benjamin Breame (student member), William Smith (student member), Harry Lack (student member), Joshua Wilson (student member), Benjamin Robinson (student member), Jiachen Liu (student member), James Hamilton (student member), Adam Griffiths

(student member), Luke Exton (student member), Moad Zardab (student member), Ikenna Odemelam (student member), Jasraj Dhaliwal (student member), Aaron Rollinson (student member), Millicent Smith (student member), Adam Long (student member), Nicola Harrison (student member), Joseph Hackett (student member), Hannah Barr and Oliver Smith (student member).

Apologies for absence:

1. Introduction from the Chair

2. Minutes of Previous All Student Members' Meeting

Minutes of previous meeting and account forum approved by assent

3. Matters and actions arising

- None

4. Motions

- Boycotting the NSS (National Student Survey)

Bradley Allsop (PG Students Officer). NSS is third year national survey which has a link to tuition fees as part of the Teaching Excellent Framework. A silver categorisation would allow a raise in tuition fees above inflation. The motion is not against the survey being supported in future years, just while it is linked to fees. The SU currently supports and promotes the survey. There is a current debate in house of lords – says it should not be linked to tuition fees but this needs commons approval, so this debate is still relevant.

Questions:

Calum Watt – this affects not only students that come after us but students as a whole. Universities with high rank in league tables can charge higher fees. Those that rank lower will charge less and less and won't get more funding from government.

Bradley - this will add to debt of students and may starve other unis of funding. All institutions should get proper funding.

Josh Grinsell- if this motion is passed at ASM, how would we it be passed nationally?

Bradley – it is up to the Students Leaders. The national campaigns are already planned, we could join, and consult our local MP.

(Unidentified student asked) - if we based it on last year's score, what would that mean for fees? We got 11 last year – this would be a gold rank - giving the option of fee rises.

Amendment – Michael Daniell - to change it to until another motion is passed, so that we will not support the survey until another motion, and not until fees are no longer aligned.

No questions.

No speech against.

Amendment passed by assent

(Unidentified student asked)- if we stop promoting the NSS we won't be in rankings, and won't this affect student numbers? Bradley Allsop - We wouldn't fall out of rankings as it uses 3 years' worth of NSS data, so it could be based off of the 2 years.

Sammi Storey- would you think it would be a good idea to take this to referendum? This would send a strong message to VC as she said she would not raise fees above inflation and with the motion to ban Yik Yak, there was back lash that only council voted - should all student have the chance to vote?

Bradley Allsop- there are worries about turn out of previous ideas.

Sammi Storey- It could be with Mod Val.

Bradley Allsop- it is currently timely due to commons debating it, so a referendum takes too long. If the referendum fails, it would count as a no vote, so would it not be better to vote now and maybe hold a referendum, so that it doesn't go automatic no.

This is an All Student Meeting, so all those interested are here, 50 is quorate, so a referendum is not needed.

What if commons vote against it? The next step would be to have the whole paper debated. Still chance for commons to debate.

Against:

Tom Dyer- Inflation affects everything and University incurs cost. Boycotting a national survey is not the way. The issue is that they have not publicised that it is attached to the NSS.

No Abstention speech.

Vote

For: 73

Against: 16

Abstain: 3

Motion passes.

- Freedom of Speech

Joshua Grinsell (Disabled Students' Officer) – Free speech is held dear by this country and this right comes with responsibility. It does not allow us to incite violence, or to say what we like without hearing the other side. There were issues with events from 6-10th March, regarding the Conservative Society. This Union does fantastic work, but this policy puts constraints on students. An external speakers' policy review would allow speakers to be more easily brought in and society membership could increase.

Handouts from charity commission were provided by the Student Leaders- as asked for in the protest as to what the SU has to adhere to.

Emma Ord (RAG Officer) – all for free speech but are you saying that Sports teams should be allowed to carry out initiations? Some of the behaviour is unacceptable? Motion states that this ban should continue. Joshua thought that Spike article was wrong to include this in rating.

Luke Exton - Point of information- BUCS requires initiation bans for us to compete.

Michael Daniell: amendment – to add to the resolves section: to keep initiation ban already in place.

Adam long – wouldn't keeping the ban mean that the current issue would still remain? Michael- This would only mean keeping a ban on initiations.

No speech for against

No speech for abstain

Amendment passes by assent

Nicola Harrison – how would we keep learning spaces safe for students? Joshua Grinsell- the safe space policy is not affected.

Calum Watt – This is a defence of political debate, not of safe space. This is to protect the right to dissent from the union. This does not allow racist, transphobic remarks.

Emma Ord (RAG Officer)– the SU believes it brought them in to disrepute – the university and SU should have a right to fight against something that brings it in to disrepute.

POI – Bradley Allsop – clarification for what disrepute means in the motion. Use of the term disrepute has been abused to the detriment of free speech and confused with disagrees with SU.

Michael Daniell- this should be clarified, some cases may be legitimate, but this should be clarified.

Jacob Bradbury- there are strict limits on outside speakers, is this included? The motion calls for a review of the external speakers policy.

Sammi Storey POI – a review is something we are already looking in to. We have to have an external speakers policy, but we are going to review it. We have explained this in a meeting with the MP, and clarified requirements of the charity commission.
Bradley Allsop – POI – the charity commission does not want to stifle free speech.
John- Paul- we are discussing this is only for external speakers.

No Speech against
No speech to abstain.
Motion passes by assent

- SU Disciplinary Procedure

Calum Watt – when this procedure was written the executive team was larger. There are only 3 members currently. Minutes are not available and the meeting is not fully representative. The trustees should review the procedure and come back to us after they have reviewed policies, with recommendations. Not enough information goes to student involved when they are in a disciplinary.

Michael Daniell – amendment-under point 1 add 'no student can be made as in breach of a disciplinary if they are not aware that the disciplinary exists'.

Amendment passes by assent

Ben Breames – Having been involved in disciplinaries, how would you go about providing representation? Is it just another student?

Calum Watt - As with other unions, representatives are allowed. This formalises what already happens.

Jared Johnson – is there anything to get it more open – who it is, what the issue is and who is making the decision? Calum Watt– this is potentially problematic – if abusive, the complainant might not come forward. If minutes exist, they don't always become available to either side.

Liam O'Dell –is anything to state who the panel are? There are some discrepancies with policies on the website and confusion as to who the panel are.

Calum – is not against this, but it may lead to intimidation or to issues with anonymity.

Josh Grinsell - amendment – if a hearing has to be held the defendant has to submit evidence to the panel.

Bradley Allsop – the accused are given 5 days to do so if they want to.

Calum Watt - can you justify why this amendment is needed?

Amendment withdrawn.

No Speech Against
No Speech to Abstain.
Motion passes by assent

5. Honorary Memberships (none to admit or remove)

6. Reports from Trustees

(These have been made available at lincolnsu.com/officer-reports in line with by-law 3.2)

Sammi to present.

Updates from commercial side of the SU? Screen not working – will be attached to minutes and made available.

Bradley – will there be a vote next meeting? This is not to be voted on.

Calum – thanks for your feedback – events such as the football, perhaps the platform should be opened up too. It was also good to have the Swan free of sport as an alternative.

7. Any Other Business

Joshua Charles- An SUGgestion got more than the required amount of votes – microwaves on campus. What is happening?
Sammi- it is being assigned to a Student Leader.

Joshua Grinsell – any open SUGgestions that people would like to discuss.
Bradley – properly advertise the ASM meetings. Turn out today is good, so please vote. The Chair added that turnout is great to see. These meetings are monthly, come along.

Sammi Storey– there is only so much we can do, you as the students sharing it has helped massively.

Michael Daniell – will the next one be AGM so bye-law changes allowed? Yes.

8. Official notes and announcements

9. Close of meeting **8th May AGM.**