



**UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION**  
**Student Council meeting - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016, 6pm, MB1010**

**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	✓	✓	✓	A	
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	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 – Douglas Collingson	NF	NF	NF	A	
Raising and Giving Officer – Simon Payne	NF	NF	NF	✓	

School Representatives

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

#### Representatives of Societies and Sports Council

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Societies Zone Rep (Events) - Jammil Ahmed	✓	x	x	A	
Societies Zone Rep (Academic) – Bradley Taylor	✓	✓	NF	✓	
Sports Zone Representative (BUCS) – NF	x	x	NF	NF	
Sports Zone Representative (Varsity) – Victoria Goodwin	x	x	A	A	
Sports Zone Representative (Non-Competing) Rose Law	NF	NF	A	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 & Clerk to Council, Elizabeth Smy – Academic Representation Worker & Minute taker, Lindsay Westgarth – Student Voice Administrator, Laura Crouch – Acting Communications Co-ordinator.

Matthew Smeeth – Student Trustee, Benjamin Higgott – Student Trustee, Michael Daniell – Student member, Josh Grinsell – Student member, Kathryn Brookfield – Student member, Jacob Carse – Student member, Damien Beeby – Student member, Lauren Kiley – Student member, Morgan Brown – Student member, Robert Taylor – Student member, Jack

Hallam– Student member, Paige Coleman– Student member, Jade Richardson – Student member, Charlie Keene – Student member and Arden Mower – Student member

### 1. Welcome from the Chair

### 2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Tarnjit Rama – School of Pharmacy Rep, Rose Law – Sports Zone (None Competing) Rep, Stephanie Nock – Business School Rep, Jammil Ahmed – Societies Zone Events Rep, Danyal Khan – School of English & Journalism Rep, Melissa Poole – School of Sport & Exercise Science Rep, Lorna Lovatt – School of Architecture & Design Rep, Nikita Kaliroy – Mature Students Officer, Douglas Collingson – Abbey Community Rep, Victoria Goodwin – Sports Zone Varsity Representative, Abigail Pacey – College of Social Science Officer, Emma Huntley – School of Computer Science Rep.

### 3. Minutes of Previous Council

Laura Dean missed off the list of Student members attending. With this amendment, the minutes passed by ascension.

### Part A

**School of the Month Presentation – Chemistry were the winners for December.**

January's winner is Life Sciences, this will be presented in a few weeks.

### 4. Presidential Report

- Report taken as read.
- Yik Yak update – Yik Yak is banned on University Internet Firewall. It was decided that the ban would not be publicised at the University's request. It was also to prevent negative comeback on members of council.
- Concerns were raised that this is not wholly effective as it can still be accessed on Mobile networks. As University students are over 18, we cannot have a complete network ban like Schools.
- Naming of the new Marina Courts will be discussed in Any Other Business.

### 5. Motion to 'Stand up for Student Survivors'

Speech For:

- Presented by Jessica Bartholomew. The content of this discussion could be upsetting. Members were invited to leave if they were uncomfortable.
- The University should reject the Zellick guidelines and create their own for Lincoln. Currently, the Zellick report recommendations do not protect vulnerable students.
- Concerns were raised that this could mean if someone was accused of such an assault, that they would be removed from the University, before any charges or conviction was brought against them. This is not the case. Action would be taken to separate the Suspect and victim, where possible, alongside the Police investigation.
- The new guidelines that this motions proposes, will be for all Genders and sexualities and not restricted to women, as with the Zellick Report.
- Currently, the University does not act until the Police state that they should or need to.
- As our legal system supports innocent until proven guilty, there were concerns that this will have a negative impact on the suspect and could negatively impact on their university experience, especially if they were not charged. However, suspects' names would not be made public. Both parties will be offered support and the situation will be treated sensitively.
- The Vice Chancellor has many demands on her time. We would not ask her to take a nationwide stance if this would impact her other duties, but feel that this issue goes beyond Lincoln students, and action does need to be taken at a more national level.

**Speech against:**

- This could set a dangerous precedent. While the need to protect the victim is important, it could have life changing consequences for any suspects, before or even without charges being brought against them.

**Point clarification:** This would mean the University takes action alongside the police investigation and not instead of. This should reduce negative impact on suspects that are not charged.

**No speech to abstain.**

**Votes:**

For: 12

Against: 2

Abstain: 6

**Motion passed.**

**6. Motion to support the action of NUS in regards to the Maintenance grants cuts.**

**Speech For:**

- Presented by Sammi Storey, on behalf of the Exec team.
- We will support NUS in their proposal to lobby the government. Many students will struggle without these grants.
- For those who do not receive the grant, or money from parents, this will give them options for further financial support. Having the repayment threshold frozen is a more significant issue. It was decided that this should be presented as a separate motion.
- Some Political societies may want to have external speakers to help campaign on this, but the external speakers' policy may prevent this.

**Point of Information:** we cannot support political parties, but as this affects students, we can support students to campaign on this.

**Proposed amendment to the motion:**

- Proposed By Connor Muir. Seconded by John-Paul Dickie.
- As this will affect every student whether they currently receive the grant or not, this should go to Referendum.

**Speech against the amendment:**

- This will not have much effect for those students who do not receive the grant.
- This will allow students who do not receive the grant to apply for more money on a loan.

**Vote on the amendment:**

For: 8

Against: 10

Abstain: 2

**Amendment fell.**

**Speech against the motion:**

- The maintenance grant fight has already been fought and lost. We should be trying to lower course costs, accommodation costs etc.
- We are deciding between having a large debt that we cannot pay off, or having a slightly larger debt we will never pay off.
- By scrapping the grant, it may affect those from lower income families. This change from grant to loan will not make a difference as a good job requires a good degree and education.
- We should consider those who do not have supportive families, are reliant on money that they do not need to pay back, and a grant take the pressure off as parents do not want their children to be in a large amount of debt.
- More information should be made available so that people can make an informed decision. Some colleges do not provide all information about financial support before students start to consider Higher Education.

**Motion vote:**

For: 7

Against: 9

Abstain: 4

**Motion falls.**

**7. Ratify chair of Students' union Election Question Time.**

By laws state that the chair of Question time must be ratified by council.

Andrew David has been proposed by Exec. He often presents at Graduation. He is the managing editor of Siren FM and has also presented on BBC radio. Some members were unaware who he was.

For: 18

Against: 2

Abstain: 0

**Andrew David has been ratified as the Chair and will chair elections question time.**

**Part B**

- 8.** All items in part B are taken as read.  
 Academic Zone Report December \*  
 Academic Zone Report January \*  
 Welfare Zone Report December \*

Welfare Zone Report January \*  
Sports Zone Report December \*  
Sports Zone Report January \*  
Societies Zone Report December \*  
Societies Zone Report January \*  
Community Zone Report December\*  
VPAA Report \*  
VPA Report \*

### **Questions:**

**Activities Zone report:** With the issues surrounding Player layer, we have taken action to terminate the contract at the end of the year. We will look to replace the supplier to continue the #sportlincoln ethos.

No motions were passed in any Zone meetings.

### **Procedure for the removal of elected committee members.**

- There is currently no policy for removing committee members of Sports and Societies.
- There is no precedent for votes of no confidence. The motion was late due to the issue only being raised on the day of the deadline for motions and papers. Support will be given to the committee to enable them to

### **Procedural motion:**

- To refer this to Sports and Society Sub-committee
- This is an important issue, but should be reviewed by those that it will govern. All members of the groups will be able to vote on the motion of no confidence.

**No speech against.**

**Motion is referred to Sports & Societies Committee.**

## **Part C**

### **9. Discussion of the main Students' Union Strategy:**

- Notes were taken by the Clerk of Student Council.
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### **Discussion Topics:**

**A review of the Zone Structure.**

- Academic Reps are happy with the format.
- Timing is not always ideal for zones. In theory it was a good idea, but in practice it has not worked. The idea was to make it more transparent, but this doesn't appear to be the case.
- It has been useful to prepare for larger meetings in areas, such as societies committee and Rep forum.
- The meetings do not need to be as formal or as often.
- The zones are not essential to hold Reps to account as committees can do this.
- The zones need to be more tailored to each area.
- Budgeting has been confusing between both Zones under the Welfare umbrella.
- There are too many positions and some positions are seen as not relevant and many people do the same job.

**How well does Council Function and what Could Be Changed? If it were to be replaced, what would it be replaced with?**

- Online forums would be good.
- Officers are good so that people that can ask questions that are more personal and sensitive.
- Many students don't understand how council works and do not understand why some things are voted on the way that they are.
- Council is too structured and some by-laws and rules are seemingly pointless, for example, that all points to a motion have to be questions, some information and detail cannot be added by this method.
- Council is not proportional. College Officers represent different sized groups.
- Council is the only direct point that Students and Reps can hold the Student leaders to account.

#### **10. Additional Items for discussion**

None.

#### **11. Any other Business**

- Concerns were raised about the amount of late emergency motions. Members do not have enough time to research the topic.
- Emergency motions are only submitted if they are time sensitive and could affect the running of the SU.
- This would be the purpose of Abstaining, if you do not have enough information to vote.



- Money matters events have been well attended. Over 80% have found it useful.
- NSS has launched. You can fill out your NSS in the Library, to get free coffee and cake.
- Cathedral Cup – tickets still on sale. Sports and Societies are raising money from the tickets that they sell. It is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February.
- Elections have 12 days remaining on nominations. Please talk to Hayley or Nyasha if you have any questions.
- SU award nominations are open online until 19<sup>th</sup> February.
- Marina Court - name suggestions for the new accommodation block. 4 shortlisted options will be given to the wider student body to decide.

**12.** Date of the next meeting – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016, 6-8 pm.