

UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN
Student Council - Monday 5th



STUDENTS' UNION
October, 6pm, MB1009

Present:

Chair: Will Fry (Acting Chair)

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 | | | | |

School Representatives

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|---|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Architecture and Design – Lorna Lovatt | ✓ | | | | |
| Business – Stephanie Nock | A | | | | |
| Chemistry – Fraser Kelly | A | | | | |
| Computer Science – Emma Huntley | ✓ | | | | |
| Engineering – Andrew Hislop | ✓ | | | | |
| 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 | | | | |

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| History and Heritage – Megan Lee | x | | | | |
| Law – Erin Cook | ✓ | | | | |
| Life Science – Scott Bonner | ✓ | | | | |
| Mathematics and Physics - | NF | | | | |
| Pharmacy – Tamjit Singh Rama | A | | | | |
| Psychology – Samuel Jones | ✓ | | | | |
| Sport and Political Science – Christian Worley | ✓ | | | | |
| Sport and Exercise Science – Melissa Poole | A | | | | |

Representatives of Societies and Sports Council

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| Societies Zone Rep (Events) - Jammil Ahmed | ✓ | | | | |
| Societies Zone Rep (Academic) – Jacob Carse | ✓ | | | | |
| Sports Zone Representative (BUCS) – Matt Cooper | x | | | | |
| Sports Zone Representative (Varsity) – Victoria Goodwin | x | | | | |
| Sports Zone Representative (Non-Competing) | NF | | | | |

Also Present:

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

James Brooks - Chief Executive, Hannah Coleman – HR and Office Manager, Laura Crouch - Communications Co-ordinator, Jennifer Barnes – Student Voice and Impact Manager and Lindsay Westgarth – Student Voice Administrator.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Stephanie Nock – Business School Rep, Danyal Khan – English and Journalism School Rep, Natasha Bailey – Fine and Performing Arts School Rep, Tarnjit Singh Rama – Pharmacy School Rep, Melissa Poole – Sport and Exercise Science Rep, Fraser Kelly – Chemistry School Rep and Alexandra Parkin – Health and Social Care Rep, Nyasha Takawira-VP Academic Affairs.

2. International Student of the Year Award

UKCISA/NUS International Student of the Year Award was presented to Angeline McCall (International Officer 14/15) by Hayley Jayne Wilkinson.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with amendments.

4. Matters Arising

No Matters Arising.

5. Reports:

- Reports were taken as read with time for questions. No questions proposed and reports were approved.

6. Standing Orders

- Standing Orders were taken as read with time for questions. No questions proposed and Standing Orders were approved.

7. Discussion: The SU Stance on PREVENT

Noted:

- James Brooks summed up what PREVENT is for Council members. There is an obligation on the SU to support the University in their responsibilities but also that all our staff are to be trained in PREVENT. If voted against the SU would still have this responsibility but could campaign against the PREVENT Scheme.
- Discussion points for against it:
 - PREVENT is terrible idea as it automatically views a person who has been talking to certain people as a means or a risk to that person. It's not reported to social or welfare services but to the Police, suggesting you are a security risk. The idea of the scheme has been around for five years and hasn't been effective. This should be put to a referendum.
 - Idea of people withdrawing from themselves or suspicious behaviour is similar to mental health. It could be that someone's suspected behaviour is a mental health issue and not linked to the PREVENT scheme.
 - As a Union we can't condone secret policing or someone spying on suspicious behaviour. Concerns that it could create a mob mentality between people were raised, and could lead to attacks on individuals people and these attacks being backed by the police.
 - Lecturers/Seminar Tutors don't see enough of students to know if they're acting suspicious or going through a rough time and promotes islamaphobia.
 - Concerns that this would make students less likely to bond together and talk to each other.
- Questions were raised as how PREVENT would deal with these people. Also why do a referendum when representatives were in the room.
- Wade Baverstock clarified that if the SU votes against the PREVENT scheme then could join the national campaign. Referendum would show that it's more than just reps who feel this way but a majority from students.
- Raised that awareness amongst tutors would allow for more safeguarding at HE level – something which is already happening for under 18's in FE.
- Question as to how this would affect the SU? James Brooks answered that the University has to do it and the Students' Union has to support the University in fulfilling their obligations where possible. Clarified that this is a different set of legislation to Charities Act, this is that the Anti-Terrorism Bill that was recently passed.
- Hayley Jayne Wilkinson updated Council that the Vice Chancellor had recently asked what the SU's stance on PREVENT is. Hayley Jayne was proposing at this point to have a referendum on this to let students decide whether to join the national campaign or not. Asked to vote on this.
- Chair accepted policy to go to vote for or against holding a reference. No speech for against the policy. A speech for abstaining was given, questioning the purpose of a referendum when everyone who can vote in Council is a representative.
- Vote for a referendum passed: For – 15 Against – 6 Abstain – 4
- Question was then discussed and Hayley Jayne Wilkinson asked for suggestions.
 - Suggestion 1: Samantha Storey suggested "I believe that the Lincoln SU should support the NUS position on opposing and campaigning against the PREVENT policy of the UK Government or oppose the NUS position.
 - Public Vote to this: For – 8 Against – 1 Abstain – 10

- Suggestion 2: Wade Baverstock suggested "Should Lincoln SU support the NUS Position on opposing and campaigning against the PREVENT strategy of the UK Government?"
- Public Vote to this: For – 22 Against – 0 Abstain – 1. Question Passed.

Agreed: For Hayley Jayne Wilkinson to arrange a referendum on the questions "Should Lincoln SU support the NUS Position on opposing and campaigning against the PREVENT strategy of the UK Government?"

8. Motion: The Creation of a Commercial Services Advisory Group

Noted:

- Connor Muir explained that the motion is calling for an advisory group to feed into commercial services. Currently at Lincoln this is only done through the AMS but other Unions have other mechanisms for constant feedback. The group would be to improve the commercial services for you as it's your SU and your venues. Opened for questions:
 - Question as to whether the members would include staff members.
 - Idea of group is to be impartial but nothing to stop student staff joining.
 - Question as to whether the group would own decisions and what information would be fed back to students.
 - This would depend on the regulations around that information.
- Asked whether they were aware of the types of procedures commercial staff and side of the Union have to do, whether it would be better to have different students every time and how would students be picked for this.
 - Ideally would like Executive Committee to select in same way as Brian Alcorn's democracy review group.
- It was mentioned that feedback could be given by AMS but why not through information from previous focus groups or students talking to the Union.
 - Group would be just to make sure feedback is getting through and coming back to students, to feel listened to.
- Questioned whether there were matters big enough to form a new committee when students can talk to the SU.
 - Advisory want student members on this for feedback purposes.
- Question as to where this want for this group has come from as feel staff know better to make certain decisions as there are financial implications.
 - Every student spoken to wanted this – ten in one hour over facebook.
- Speech Against the motion – Cameron Smith stated that the SU already has a good resource of 60+ students behind the bar and on quack and propaganda promo teams, so use this before setting up a new group.
 - Comment that there are team members who may not want to say things and others who may be biased.
 - Question of whether he agrees that to form an opinion based on staff opinions that are paid by that company would be biased.
 - No as can say comments to staff when they feel it, and use the resource that is there and change if needed once tried.
 - Comment that opinions may not be biased but that there should be a third party to have an opinion to avoid reprimand. There won't be a need to pay staff for this group as they could get volunteers.
 - Cameron Smith comment back with facts that there aren't any problems, successful business and second in country for SU commercial facilities.
 - Comment from student that any venue/business of this type would not have a group to advise, it's customers would email in to do this.

- No abstain speech.
- Vote: For – 11 Against -12 Abstain 1. Motion falls.

9. Motion of The format for Council.

Noted:

- Amendment for the motion: Third bullet point for Council Resolves to remove the library room, Hayley to discuss outside of council for venue.
- Second amendment for the motion: to remove Part C of proposed format to move into Part A. So Part A is for discussion and Part B is for note.
- Proposing that in line with the democracy review, that relevant reports and motions go through zone meetings. Items approved here would go to Part B as starred items and if wanted to discuss at council members would email in to unstar the item.
- The venue for council needs to be more approachable. The suggestion is that it may be better for discussions to be around tables rather than in lecture space, and this could allow those who are not confident enough to speak to share their thoughts with people on their table to speak up.
- Relevant motions would go to relevant zones. Chair of Councils decision as to where motions would go.
- Concerns were raised that zone where there are smaller groups and if the majority would be needed for the motion to pass, individuals may feel pressured to vote a certain way. Hayley Jayne Wilkinson felt this would not be an issue as the motion at the zone would be relevant to everyone there so opinions would be valued.
- Clarification was requested that a council member could unstar a motion that had been to a zone meeting for discussion at student council.
- Concerns were raised over what would come to council if all motions went to zone. It was explained that only motions that were relevant to a specific zone would go there, but motions that didn't fit into those would go to Council.
- No against speech.
- No abstain speech.
- Motion passed by Ascension.

Procedural Motion to Adjourn Council for five minutes by Connor Muir and seconded by John-Paul Dickie. Passed by ascension.

10. Election of Council Chair and Deputy Chair

- Will Fry needed to vacate Chair as running for permanent position. Jessica Bartholomew replaced Will Fry for this vote.
- Candidates for Chair were: Will Fry, Cameron Smith and Emma Huntley and RON.
- **Will Fry met threshold with 14 votes and is elected into the role.**
- Candidates for Deputy Chair were: Natasha Bailey and Emma Huntley with the addition of RON.
- **Emma Huntley met threshold with 15 votes and is elected into the role.**

11. Additional Items for Discussion

- **Removal of Fines from Sports Committee – Emergency Motion by Samantha Storey**
- Will Fry vacates seat due to chair of Sports Committee.
- Procedural motion to send to zone, which was denied as bye-laws need to be changed.

- Democracy Review removed the fines, as an SU feel shouldn't fine. Sports Committee want to keep this so brought here.
- Questions raised as to whether it should be brought here or be referred back to Sports Committee for discussion. Chair mentions that can items only be discussed at one council in one academic year.
- Another concern raised that there is a level of understanding but as elected representatives of a sports club, should be fined if don't turn up. Comment back that the SU fines a club, even after encouraged them to fundraise and then take it away due to fine. There needs to make it more relevant so that it's more engaging and inviting to those who should attend.
- **Procedural Motion:** for this to be taken to the Sports Committee for the relevance of the people within that committee.
- Speech Against as it's linked to fines it could be linked to the budget which affects everyone.
- **Vote for Procedural Motion (Public Vote): For – 19 Against -1 Abstain - 2**
- **SU Stance on joining the Accreditation Scheme – Emergency Motion by Wade Baverstock**
- Emergency motion as Wade Baverstock needed to check some points with Residential Services. Amendment for the scheme to launch in December not October – amendment accepted.
- Stated that have been working with Residential Services to improve the scheme. Main points are that all agencies that join the scheme would have three starts so would all look the same quality wise. The scheme doesn't actively try to improve student living nor does it monitor the quality of Housing. It also doesn't tackle the current issue of persuasive language.
- Proposing to add that those who get below an average of 3 in the Housing Survey to enter into the accreditation scheme with one star, and have spot inspections to check standards. If changes are not met by 1st November, to action to hold a Referendum as to whether should join or not.
- No speech against.
- No speech for abstaining.
- **Motion passed by ascension.**

12. Any Other Business

- Wade Baverstock asked for Council to ratify Cameron Smith as LGBT Officer for the rest of the academic year. No Speech against, and no speech for abstaining so passed by ascension.
- Hayley Jayne Wilkinson informed council that all Students' Union year end accounts are online.
- John-Paul Dickie asked for update on Council Motions from last time. Intra mural sports, electronic voting and sanitary towel tax were tabled and approved at the Board of Trustees. Investigations and actions can now happen.

13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 30th November

Chair..... Date.....