



## UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

University of Lincoln Students' Union Executive Committee 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 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:**

Susan Rigby (SR) – Deputy Vice Chancellor until agenda point 14  
Hannah Coleman (HC) – Head of HR/Deputy CEO until agenda point 7 only  
Charlie Garrod (CG) – Head of Commercial Services until agenda point 7 only  
Lorna Cruickshank (LC) – Activities Manager agenda point 9 only  
Scott McGinn (SM) – Student Voice Coordinator  
Eilidh Faccenda (EF) – Office Assistant  
Natasha Bailey (NB) – College of Arts Officer

### **1. 1.1 Apologies for absence**

None.

#### **1.2 Declarations of interest**

- None declared.

### **2. Declaration of Any Other Business**

#### **Noted:**

- JB declared "Office Move" as another agenda item.
- SR declared "Sport at Lincoln" as another agenda item.

### **3. Minutes of the previous meeting**

#### **Noted:**

- The minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

### **4. Matters Arising**

#### **Noted:**

- TH is currently working on the report regarding community engagement, and this is ongoing.
- TH updated all student leaders' diaries with the "Never Ok" filming dates.

- JB and SS to try and engage with Karl McCartney further.
- TH did not receive a list of a lecturers from Joshua Charles,
- The students who submitted the Thai Society application were contacted.

**Agreed:**

- TH to update the committee with a timescale in which the community engagement report will be finished.
- TH to ask JC for a list of lecturers who could potentially be guest speakers.

**5. Weekly Report**

Nothing to note.

**6. Weeks Event**

**Noted:**

- It was noted that Quack and Propaganda are back on in the Engine Shed ready for students returning.

**7. "Our Sector: Looking Ahead Again"**

**Noted:**

- The document was taken as read.
- It was noted that the representation of students is an issue across the country.
- JB noted that Brexit indicates a shift to the right in politics, and that student unions are becoming increasingly important to represent the more liberal views.
- It was noted that the article encourages discussion about the general direction in which all student's unions and universities are heading.
- It was discussed that student unions are seen as "weak" and "liberal", and that the sector needs to move away from this idea.
- SR expressed that the union should play a big part in shaping the university's philosophy.

**Actioned:**

- SS to feed back to SR in future catch ups about the ongoing discussions within the SU about its future.
- EF to email the "Our Sector: Looking Ahead Again" document to NB.

**8. GOALing**

**Noted:**

- SS proposed that all the student leaders commit to having a stand in the Minerva building every other week.
- SS expressed that all student leaders should have more face to face contact with students, and that she is committed to making this more of a priority.

**Agreed:**

- All the student leaders committed to GOALing every other week.

## 9. Varsity

### Noted:

- LC presented to the group about Varsity.
- Varsity is to take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017.
- It was suggested that the Varsity logo developed should include the Lincoln Students Union logo instead of the "We are Lincoln" logo.
- It was discussed whether Akuma should attend Varsity and sell their goods.
- It was suggested that Akuma be charged a fee to attend, as they did not keep promises they made at the start of the year.
- LC expressed that there may be an overspend on budget, but is unsure of final figures as there are many things to confirm before an accurate figure can be shared.
- LC fed back that staff at Hull Students' union are not engaging with Lincoln.
- It was suggested that calling the Varsity after party "Quack" would cause confusion amongst students.

### Agreed:

- That Akuma be uninvited to Varsity.
- That the "Quack" varsity club night's name be changed to "Varsity After Party".

## 10. Learning Spaces Survey

### Noted:

- SM presented his report to the group.
- The document was taken as read.
- It was noted that the language used in this type of report has been historically passive and suggestive.
- It was suggested that in future, reports written by the SU and given to the university with recommendations should be more forceful, and challenging.
- SR suggested that the recommendations from the survey be sorted into short, mid and long term suggestions.

## 11. Streetlight Survey

### Noted:

- The document was taken as read.
- The group discussed that although students are unhappy about the street light situation in Lincoln, the council are unlikely to change back to full street lighting overnight.
- It was suggested that the SU take an advice driven approach, and support students and their safety concerns by giving practical advice. This would be instead of lobbying the council to change the lights back, as the council could not afford to do this, even if they wanted to.
- JB suggested that the SU could start selling personal attack alarms and torches.

## 12. NUS Executive Team Discussion

### Noted:

- SS suggested that the executive committee figure out an approach to the problems within the NUS Executive Team.
- Matt Grange has approached Lincoln Students' Union to back his bid to be Vice President of Union Development within NUS.
- JB warned that because Lincoln re-entered NUS under the proviso that there be change, and that there are strong political implications to backing any candidate.
- TH suggested that JPD speak to Matt Grange, MG and ask for a manifesto from him.
- The committee discussed whether Lincoln SU should make a public statement on the problems within the NUS.

### Agreed:

- That no public statement be made, as none of the student leaders have been approached by students at Lincoln about this issue.

### Actioned:

- JPD to speak to MG and ask for a manifesto from him.

## 13. RAG Charities

### Noted:

- TH brought the chosen charities of RAG to the committee for approval.
- The document was taken as read.
- TH noted that as RAG Lincoln is new, and being formed half way through the year, only 3 charities are being chosen, instead of the traditional 5.

### Approved:

- The 3 chosen charities: Nomad, National Cancer Research UK and Ridge 2 Reef trust were approved by the committee 3 votes to 0.

## 14. Student Leader verbal updates

### 14.1 President

#### Noted:

- Is working on a presentation about the complaints process in student's unions to be presented at the Higher Education Inside Government conference.
- Is helping the activities department with Varsity.
- Asked that the student leaders push the SU Awards nominations, as currently there have not been many submitted.
- SS is writing a report for the Board of Governors.
- Is meeting to review Swan's Den.

### 14.2 VP Academic Affairs

#### Noted:

- Co-chaired an ISA meeting with TH.
- Has submitted the TEF submission for review.
- There are 2 Rep Prep sessions this week.
- Co-opted Leanne Riddell into the position of PG Rep for PGCE Primary Education with a vote of 3:0.
- Co-opted Chidera H Okoye into the position of PGR Student Rep for Chemistry with a vote of 3:0.

### 14.3 VP Welfare and Community

#### Noted:

- Co-chaired an ISA meeting with JPD.
- Has 7 students taking part in her "Never OK" filming on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017.
- Expressed disappointment that Bishop Grosseteste have not engaged more with the Never Ok filming.
- TH is working closely with RAG.
- The De-stress events are now booked and confirmed.
- TH suggested a welfare week for mature students.

### 15. Chief Executive update

#### Noted:

- JB is working on Finance Regulations for the SU.
- Adrian Brown, Head of Finance is in post, which means Lincoln SU has a full finance team.
- Is meeting with the senior management team to go over the Health and Safety regulations.
- Is meeting with Ian Hodson, Rewards Manager to discuss potentially paying team members weekly.

### 16. Health and Safety

- The results of the Health and Safety audit have been received.
- The wall in The Engine Shed has now been removed and a curtain put in its place.
- The flooring problem in The Engine Shed has been linked to a problem with the air circulation in the building.
- An air handling unit was discovered to be broken, which has been reported and is due to be fixed.

#### Actioned:

- EF to circulate the Health and Safety audit to the committee.

### 17. Any Other Business

#### 17.1 Office Move

#### Noted:

- JB informed all that there is to be an Office reshuffle on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017, to make better use of the office space in the building.
- It was mentioned that college officers will be allowed space in the office to work, to help them feel more part of the students' union.

**17.2 Sport at Lincoln**

**Noted:**

- SR had to leave the meeting before this agenda item could be discussed.

**18. Date of Next Meeting: 23rd January 2017**

**Chair**

**Signed**

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Confirmed