



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

University of Lincoln Students' Union
Executive Committee 3rd April 2017 at 10:00am in
James Brooks' Office - Students' Union

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:

Rachal Lilley (RL) – Advice Centre Manager for agenda point 7
Eilidh Faccenda (EF) – Office Assistant

1. 1.1 Apologies for absence

None

1.2 Declarations of interest

- None declared

2. Declaration of Any Other Business

Actioned:

- JB declared "Taxpayers Alliance" as an agenda item for any other business.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

Noted:

- The minutes of the meeting held on the 27th March 2017 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising

Noted:

- TH's report regarding community engagement is ongoing.
- JB to check with Scott McGinn, Student Voice Coordinator whether cluster reps can still be invited to the SU Awards whilst Hannah Coleman, Head of HR/Deputy CEO is on annual leave.

5. Weekly Report

Noted:

- Budgets are being created for the next year at the moment.
- JB noted that the figures are impressive given the time of year.

6. Weeks Event

Noted:

- There is to be a sound check on Friday 7th April 2017 at 12pm

RL entered the meeting

7. Housing Survey Proposal

Noted:

- The document was taken as read.
- It was suggested that students should be asked if they would recommend a landlord to other students alongside rating them.
- RL noted that the new questions on the Housing Survey would allow for better data, which would benefit students.
- RL stated that there is no longer to be an embargo on landlords renting out properties before the housing fayre in January.
- It was suggested that when the survey is promoted, that it should be made clear that it is fully anonymised.

Approved:

- The Housing Survey Proposal was approved with a vote of 3:0.

RL left the meeting.

8. Senior Rep Coopts

Noted:

- The document was taken as read.
- JPD stated that all students are happy to start early in their positions.

Agreed:

- All current vacancies in the Senior Rep team be filled with next year's elected reps early.

9. School of the Month

Noted:

- The documents were taken as read.

Agreed:

- Pharmacy be the School of the Month for March with a vote of 3:0.

10. NUS Postgraduate Conference

Noted:

- The document was taken as read.

Agreed:

- £128 be taken out of the student leader budget to cover the costs of the conference.
- That an election be held to decide who will attend the conference.

11. Employee of the Month

Noted:

- The documents were taken as read.

Agreed:

- That Benjamin Tindall, Web Developer be Employee of the Month for March 2017, with a vote of 3:0.

Student Leader verbal updates

12.1 VP Academic Affairs

Noted:

- Is attending a meeting about mapping out the student journey.
- Attended a PG rep forum.
- Is looking at expanding learning spaces, and getting signs on campus directing students to the nearest learning space to them. JPD is meeting with Elly Sample Director of Communications, Development & Marketing about this.
- JPD is catching up with senior reps within the next few days.

12.2 VP Welfare and Community

Noted:

- TH is meeting with all the liberation and welfare officers to discuss ideas for the welfare restructure.
- Fed back that the Brayford Clean-up was well attended, and that positive feedback was received by all who took part.
- All the student leaders thanked Simon Parkes, DVC Finance and Infrastructure and his children for attending the Brayford Clean-up.
- Is attending multiple attendance panels in the upcoming days.
- TH is arranging the next de-stress week, with events including yoga, meditation, a bouncy castle and ice cream van.
- JB raised that some students complained that the animals brought to reception by Pets at Home were treated cruelly. The complaints also stated that using rabbits around Easter to attract students to the union gives the message that pets are only for Easter.
- The student leader team disputed these claims, and explained that the animals were well cared for on premises, and that the animals were then to be sold on at Pets at Home to loving owners.

Actioned:

- TH to feedback any ideas the liberation and welfare officers have to do with the new welfare restructure.

12.3 President

Noted:

- SS attended the Board of Governors meeting.
- Fed back that a student at the final Swan's Den pitch was assigned £2000 for their business.

- SS thanked Haydn Biddle and Will King, for sitting on the Swan's Den panel, and for their expertise.
- Is keen for the SU to meet with Santander, and for next year's president to build a good working relationship with them.
- Is in Croatia on Tour from the 9th April 2017.
- SS met with Mary Stuart, Vice Chancellor, to discuss Brexit and the student response to this.

13. Chief Executive update

Noted:

- JB is meeting with Chris Spendlove, University Registrar to discuss data protection.
- Met with the Sports Centre to discuss SUMS developing an online booking system on their behalf.
- JB stated that the Sports Centre also would like to buy tills through the SU.
- Discussed the idea of staggering the leaving dates of the trustees at the Board of Trustees.
- There is to be an internal audit in the union over the summer.

14. Health and Safety

- Nothing to note

15. Any Other Business

15.1 Taxpayers Alliance

Noted:

- JB stated that the Taxpayers Alliance may try and get in contact with staff at the union, and that if they do, staff should not engage with them.

Actioned:

- JB to send further information regarding the Taxpayers Alliance via email to all the student leaders.

16. Date of Next Meeting: 19th April 2017

Chair

Signed

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