



**Minutes of the Meeting of:  
University of Lincoln Students' Union Societies Council  
Held on Friday 29th of November 2013, 12-2pm  
Cargill Lecture Theatre, Main Administration Building**

**Present**

Chair

Connor Burton

Societies Representatives

ACS, Anime, Architecture, Assassin, Bright Futures, Business, Christian Union, Cinema, Comedy, Comic Book, Computing, Conservative, Creative Advertising, Creative Writing, Criminology, Debating, Diabetes, Disney, Drama, EDM, Enactus, English, European, Events & Tourism, FAD, Feminism, Forensic Psychology, Gaming, Gender Neutrals Support, Harry Potter, History, Hong Kong, Illustration, Investing, Islamic, Journalism, Juggling, Labour, LARP, Law, Liberal Youth, MAPR, Medical, Model United Nations, Musical Theatre, Orchestra, Paintball, Photography, Politics, Psychology, Rock, Sci Fi, SingIt, UNICEF.

Emerging Societies Present

None Attended.

Also In Attendance

Joe Burt (VP Activities)

Ian Johnston (Membership Services Manager/Deputy CEO)

Brian Alcorn (VP Welfare & Community)

Sabine Gerlach (Communications Coordinator)

**1. Apologies for Absence**

ABEAST, Life Sciences.

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

Approved: 38

Rejected: 0

Abstained: 10

**3. Matters Arising**

It was noted that the 'Get Lincoln Noticed' campaign applications need to be held back and not submitted until the deadline of 31/12/13 – Marketing are receiving applications too early.

Additional paper applications available after council for any Activities interested.

#### **4. Marketing/Communications Update:**

**Moved from the original agenda; point 10 as a last minute request.**

Sabine Gerlach (Communications Coordinator), Marketing and Communications update.

Logos and posters are looking great but can all Activities remember to remove posters 1 month from the date it is stamped please in order to make room for others and also to help the Communications Department as they are currently doing this.

Activities window notice board is now available to use, A4 only please when you provide material to display.

Su website will be publishing events, please forward all info to:

[communications@lincolnsu.com](mailto:communications@lincolnsu.com)

#### **5. Kids on Kampus:**

Brian Alcorn (VP Welfare & Community)

New campaign set up following feedback from the survey to improve engagement with the wider community, improve employability/graduate jobs, builds relations with community, gives students from low social background the opportunity to see what the University has to offer and widens participation & access to raise aspirations and prospects.

This will be student led – so Looking for volunteers to plan and organise exciting & Interactive sessions for Half Term Activities (17-22 Feb 2014), between 9-12 every day to make it more manageable (3 hours total).

You can gain great skills, experience and this can boost your employability!

Examples: Ultimate Frisbee – Intro/explanation of sport, drills, training & matches

Architecture – Creative & practical workshops, making structures out of ordinary household waste/materials.

Get your members involved & be inventive! Just need to volunteer, time, plan, organise & do!

DBS check (can take week's dependant on authority checks), will last for 3 years.

Commitment in advance! Interested? Get in touch!

[welfare@lincolnsu.com](mailto:welfare@lincolnsu.com) Facebook.com/ulsu.welfare Twitter: @ulsu\_welfare

#### **6. Emerging Societies**

Leadership International: DNA

Mental Health & Well Being: DNA

Nursing: DNA

Rotaract: DNA

Will contact all to see if applications to be presented at next Council 07.02.14.

## **7. Development Fund Requests**

None requested or submitted.

## **8. Bobsleigh**

To request changing from a Club to a Society as they do not compete nor do they actively partake in this as a sport, it is purely a social appreciation society who meets weekly.

Q: What would they do if they cannot actually bobsleigh?

R: We want to become an appreciation society, with a common interest.

R: JB mentioned the Film Cool Running's, a comedy based on a true story about the first Jamaican Bobsleigh team.

Q: Is there any point to change?

R: If there are enough interested members then why not? Harry Potter did!

Approve: 39      Reject: 2      Abstain: 7

## **9. Membership (Not reaching x15 member's minimum requirement), Joe Burt VP Activities**

JB explained that there are still a lot of Societies who currently have not completed the membership ratification.

A discussion to ascertain what the Council would like to do to address the situation?

Council did not want to name or shame anyone at present and suggested a little more time to try and get new members interested.

Council ask JB if Emerging Societies could vote at council. JB to check and update.

## **10. Varsity (VP Activities) Joe Burt**

**Named event: Humber Games**

JB asked Council if there were any Societies Interested in taking part in the Varsity tournament.

- Harry Potter
- Debating
- Law
- Illustration
- Business
- Computer (Computer Science)
- Game (Jams)
- Bright Futures

Q: Would Quidditch be classed as a sport? How would this be booked out? Health & Safety/supervision if it can be agreed?

## **11. Student Open Discussion**

- Debating discussed a proposed motion for the purchase of SU mini buses, are there any co-sponsors interested in supporting this?
- Do Societies get supplied with their own credit card? JB: no all expenditure is processed centrally and this method would not be feasible.
- Law Society proposed a motion for Activity credit cards to council.
- Harry Potter ask if council would support them by promoting and attending the Yule Ball held at the Engine Shed on 12/12/13, the tickets are available to purchase at the Students' Union reception.
- Liberal Youth suggested an Activities Facebook page for events? JB confirmed we already have one that is used.
- Council member suggested looking at Nottingham Trent page as it is very good.

## **12. Any Other Business**

- Refund requests sent to Activities generic emails are not being replied to by committees, can we ask for your support to reply to these ASAP in order for us to respond back within a given timeframe to process.

- Dan Sam gave an SU Elections update, and confirmed there would be training and information sessions (Be the Voice campaign), to be held 3/4<sup>th</sup> December in Business & Law – room number for any interested parties.

Meeting Closed.

**Date of Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will take place on Friday 07.02.14. To be held in the Cargill Lecture Theatre MB0302, from 1200-2.00pm.