



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

University of Lincoln Students' Union Executive Committee Thursday 13th
November 2014 at 3:00 pm in the Upstairs Meeting Room.

Present:

Brian Alcorn (BA) – President
Olivia Hill (OH) – VP Welfare and Community
Hayley Jayne Wilkinson (HJW) – VP Activities
Nyasha Takawira (NT) – VP Academic Affairs

Also in attendance:

Aidan Mersh (AM) – Head of Membership Services and Marketing
Mary Padden (MP) – Administrative Support Worker

1.1 Apologies for absence:

- Apologies for absence were received from Chief Executive James Brooks (JB) and HR and Office Manager Hannah Coleman (HC).

1.2 Declaration of interest

- There were no declarations of interest.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

- The minutes from the previous meeting on 7th October 2014 were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

Noted:

- A pre-meet was arranged for the Sabbatical Officers and JB to discuss Exec Board.
- Sabbatical Officers are allowed to attend the University's Thematic Discussion Exec Board.
- The printing spreadsheet was sent to Student Voice Administrator Lindsay Westgarth.
- A request was submitted for the Marketing Manager to be added to the Marketing and Development Committee.
- A letter to PR agency of Jade Etherington to invite her to SU Awards to receive the life membership is pending Student Council Approval.
- Contact has been made with students interested in community rep scheme, 2 students have shown interest, and a 3rd position for the Abbey ward requires further promotion.
- Contact was made with the Advice Team to look for additional support with Student Buddies and Part Time Officers.
- An amendment in 3.3 of the Social Events and Initiations Policy was altered to "at social events, Clubs and Societies will have a responsible person who will not be in use of alcohol". JB was sent the update.
- A definition of 'Tour' states: it is for a Club and Society to advance their community by attending a trip that may involve competition.

4. Santander - Office Move

Postponed to next Exec Meeting Wednesday 19th November

5. Mystery Shopper

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6. Development Fund Request

Approved:

- The Surfing Society has been granted £200 for the purchase of 2 surf boards as they will have a financial benefit for the society.

7. SLP Proposal Form

Noted:

- A proposal was put forth for a project to donate a collection of unwanted hats, gloves and other warm winter clothing to the homeless. Minimal costs for printing posters for awareness.
- Homelessness Prevention Service, Framework was thankful for the suggestion but advised that their mission to help people off the streets does not involve handing out garments and such.
- Framework recommended that the donation, instead, goes to the vulnerable services users.

Agreed:

- HJW to speak to Volunteering Co-Ordinator Jane Kilby regarding an alteration to the Student Led Project.
- BA to speak to JB in relation to the possibility of ultra vires.

8. Text Santa Big Quiz

Noted:

- The annual three-hour Christmas charity appeal extravaganza on 19th December hosted by ITV, has created a Big Student Quiz and invited Universities throughout the country to participate.
- The SU will host the event, quiz format supplied by ITV, and if one of our student entrants achieves a high enough score they will then go on the next round in the studios.

Agreed:

- The event will go ahead, HJW to lead.
- BA to speak to JB in relation to the possibility of ultra vires.

9. Peace One Day

Noted:

- A noted event to encourage ceasefire and non-violence throughout the world. Universities in the UK are encouraged to hold minutes silence before each game held on 19th November.

Agreed:

- The Exec Committee acknowledges and commends the direction of this event however, the time restrictions more pressing matters on the Activities department does not cater for the efforts that this event requires to get it right this year. With more organisation this can happen in the future.

10. Sabbatical Officer Verbal Update

10.1 President

Noted:

- Fantastic response from the Always Skint Campaign, 700 within the first few days.
- A provisional meeting for Getting Started, with several prominent members of the University looking into the student journey and their interaction with their surroundings.
- The Democracy Committee is progressing well creating ideas for a more efficient system.
- City Council's Policy Scrutiny Committee assessing Article 4 was well attended and received positive feedback although the policy was recommended BA is set to meet with more Councillors to discuss costs of implementation and long-lasting reality.
- BA was on the interview panel for DVC'S EA.

10.2 VP Activities

Noted:

- Attended Sport at Lincoln Meeting, an agenda to review the sports strategy is needed.
- HJW met with Hull's Varsity Officer Laura Hutchinson to discuss the upcoming Varsity.
- HJW has a full day of meeting with kit suppliers, more to also be scheduled.
- Media training was helpful but too long.

Agreed:

- AM to check minutes of the Student Experience Committee.
- HJW to meet with Richard Merryweather.

10.3 VP Welfare & Community

Noted:

- Very active week with GOATing and the Housing Campaign, beneficial to have all the Sabbs working together.
- Had an Advice catch up with Jo Jeffries.
- Attended Article 4 Scrutiny Policy and will distribute notes taken.
- Communication with Green Synergy and developing an idea about a green gift for neighbours as way of a friendly gesture in the community.
- A meeting with Just Lincolnshire to look into conferences for Liberation Officers.

10.4 VP Academic Affairs

Noted:

- Discussion with Scott Davidson about Trail & Fail. A scheme where students can trail their peers instead of dropping behind an academic year, should they fail but then successfully complete a module.
- It was also discussed that a divisional Rep system was a strong idea for School of Business and Health & Social Care, as they are very big Schools.
- The Standing Groups for Education and Student Life Committee are progressing well.
- Senior Reps and are helping with Pound in your Pocket campaign.
- Well done to BA for all his ongoing efforts with the Article 4 policy.

11. Chief Executive Update

Noted:

- SUMS has been Trade Marked and running very successfully.

12. Health & Safety

Noted:

- At 00:00 a fire alarm was activated during Quack, the venue was evacuated in 5 minutes and 10 minutes later everyone had returned to the building. This was caused by smoke in the platform stair well and is one of the urgent issues that have been reported repeatedly.
- Whilst playing Handball a student landed badly on his right shoulder, he was taken to A&E where it was reported he had dislocated his shoulder. He will return to the Fractures Clinic for further investigation.
- Whilst playing Volleyball, one student was accidentally kneed in the ribs, play continued and she was then inadvertently kicked in in the head. The student passed out and was taken to hospital.

13. AOB

Noted:

- Children in Need takes place on Friday 14th November, a suggestion was made for raffle-like system to take place, where tickets are sold to win the opportunity to gunge a Sabb. This could take place during Quack.

14. The Date of the Next Meeting: Wednesday 19th November.

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Chair

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