



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION
Student Council - Monday 13th October at 6pm in Moot Court

Present:

Chair Alexandrya-Carmen Mbu.

Key
 ✓ = Attended
 NF = Position not filled
 A = Apologises sent to Chair
 ✕ = Did not attend or send apologies

Volunteer Members

| | 13 th Oct | 17 th Nov | 5 th Dec | 16 th Mar | 20 th Apr |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| College of Art Officer – Mark Sowden | A | | | | |
| College of Science Officer - Connor Muir | ✓ | | | | |
| College of Social Sciences Officer - Jake Baker | ✓ | | | | |
| Societies Officer - Sophia Bishell | ✓ | | | | |
| Sports Officer - Sammi Storey | ✓ | | | | |
| Disabled Students Officer - Tasnim Hassan | ✓ | | | | |
| International Students Officer - Angeline McCall | ✓ | | | | |
| LGBT Students Officer - Holly Marriott | ✓ | | | | |
| Mature Students Officer - Mutani Yangwe | ✓ | | | | |
| Women's Students Officer Natasha Chapman | ✓ | | | | |

School Representatives

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|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Business - Gee Mattison | ✓ | | | | |
| Computer Science - Jacob Carse | ✓ | | | | |
| Design and Architecture – Daniel Orford | A | | | | |
| Design and Architecture – Sara Killelay | A | | | | |
| Engineering | NF | | | | |
| English and Journalism - Eleanor Bryan | ✓ | | | | |
| English and Journalism - John-Paul Dickie | ✓ | | | | |
| Film and Media - Wade Baverstock | ✓ | | | | |
| Fine and Performing Arts - Alys Brown | ✓ | | | | |
| History and Heritage | NF | | | | |
| Law - Thomas Mitchell | ✓ | | | | |
| Life Science - Ellie Burroughs | ✓ | | | | |
| Pharmacy | NF | | | | |
| Psychology - Daniel Richardson | ✓ | | | | |
| Social and Political Science – Megan Nolloth | A | | | | |
| Sport and Exercise Science - Jess Darnell | ✓ | | | | |
| Chemistry – Paul Logan | ✓ | | | | |

Isaac Jones replaced Sara Killelay and Rosa Milan replaced Megan Nolloth.

Representatives of Societies and Sports Council

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| Societies Committee Rep - Calum Watt | ✓ | | | | |
| Societies Committee Rep - Rebecca Fowler | | | | | |
| Sports Committee Representative - Will Fry | ✓ | | | | |
| Sports Committee Representative - Thomas Pendle | | | | | |

Non-Voting Students in attendance

David Drummard, Jack Maddock, Louis Harmen, Matt Smeeth, James Loveday, Reece Horsley, Marie Vicent, Robn Edwards, Benjamin Higget, Paige Coleman, Michael Daniell, Andre Adams, Abimbola Akanle, Camgilo Ert, Gregor Smith, Kelly Pyort, Chris Gray, Piotv Psuty, Jake Airey, Jim Mellows, Patrick Colauhoan, William Caupbell-Jones, Shannon Baxter, Grace Richards, Laura Richards, Emma Riasbeck, Thomas Davies-Vichler, Beverley Mpfou, Rebeka Lewis, Liam Wilson, Beth Lunn, Megan hall, Morgan Hall-Roberts.

Also Present:

Brian Alcorn - President, Hayley Jayne Wilkinson - VP Activities, Nyasha Takawira, VP - Academic Affairs, Olivia Hill -VP Welfare and Community.

James Brooks - Chief Executive , Aidan Mersh -Head of Membership Services and Marketing, Hannah Coleman - HR and Office Manager, Scott McGinn - Communications Co-ordinator, Lindsay Westgarth - Student Voice Administrator, Liz Smy - Course Representation Worker.

1.1 Apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received from College of Arts Officer Mark Sowden, Design and Architecture School Representatives Daniel Orford and Sara Killelay, Social and Political Science Megan Nolloth.

2. Minutes from the previous meeting:

- The minutes from the previous meeting had not been circulated.

Agreed:

- The minutes from the previous meeting held on 28th April 2014 and the meeting held on the 13th October 2014 to be circulated at the next Student Council for confirmation.

3. Election of a Deputy Chair of Council

Agreed:

- Societies Committee Representative Calum Watt was elected by ascent as Deputy Chair of Student Council.

4. Matters Arising

Discussed:

- No amendments to be made to Agenda Items B,C,D,E,F
- Proposed amendment to Agenda Item A; 4001 Academic Representation Committee to add 'lead and support the school reps in their role' to the description of what a college rep does.
- Proposed amendment to Agenda Item A; 4001 Academic Representation Committee to change the quoracy level of the decision making ability of the committee to a simple majority of 50% plus 1.
- The Sabbatical Officers lead overall, the college reps lead their individual remit.

- Remove 'lead' from the amendment and replace with 'guide'.

Agreed:

- Add 'guide and support the school reps in their role' to the description of what a college rep does in the Standing Order 4001, passed by ascent.
- Amendment to change the quoracy level of the decision making ability of the Academic Representation Committee to 50% plus 1 passed by ascent.

5. Sabbatical Key Points

a. Presidential Report

Noted:

- The Students' Union won NUS Union of the Year award.
- Article 4 Directive is progressing which is an Agenda Item for discussion.
- Welcome Week was successful, 6500-7000 attendees at the Commercial Fayre, 3000 attendees at the Sports Fayre and 4000 attendees at the Societies Fayre.
- College of Science Officer Connor Muir was commended for his assistance at the International fayre.

b. Vice-President Activities Report

Noted:

- The Students' Union has so far given £465 back to activities as part of the £1 back scheme for each activities member who goes to Quack.
- 178 advanced tickets were purchased for Quackactivities.
- A new activities drop in has been scheduled for Wednesday's.
- The next trip is to The Deep. The sports tour will be in Salou and a trip to Amsterdam is being planned for societies

Discussed:

- Societies can approach the Commercial Services of the Students' Union should they wish to get sponsorship similar to the Law Society from The Shed.
- The Shed's sponsorship of the Law Society is a trial.
- Sports Teams are being sponsored by the Commercial Services.
- Activities should email venues@lincolnsu.com if they are interested in sponsorship.

c. Vice-President Academic Affairs Report

Noted:

- Senior reps have been trained.
- Course rep Training is currently being delivered.
- A feedback campaign is to be launched within the school of Psychology with the potential of it being delivered to wider schools.
- Rep hoodies can now be collected.
- The Vice Chancellor has advised that students will now receive feedback within 15 working days.
- Members of Student Council should email the Chair of Student Council should they wish to use a different email for Student Council correspondences.
- Nine Post Graduate Reps have been elected.

d. Vice-President Welfare and Community Report

Noted:

- Carholme Community Gala went well.
- Two out of the four Meet the Street events have occurred. 1000 invitations to the events were delivered in the West End area.
- The Students' Union is working in partnership with the University Accommodation and Advice service.
- A meeting has been scheduled to meet with Lighthouse Property's ltd.

- Two housing campaign booklets have been produced including a legal booklet for housing.
- The Housing Fayre will be held in December. The Housing Campaign will over a five week period with five stages to it.

f. Sports Council Report, g. Liberation Reports, h. College Officer Reports

Noted:

- Motion from Sports Council has been submitted to Student Council.
- The international Committee held a 'meet and mingle' event and have been helping students with accommodation and timetabling issues.
- The Women's Committee are organising a conference.
- The Disabled Committee has held social events and are planning to do more.
- The LGBT Committee promoted Gay Blood UK at Pride, has lots of new members and are working on different events.
- The Mature Committee is hoping to become a main point of contact for mature students.
- College of Social Science Officer reported that the college held an international event with 100 students in attendance. A new intern has started at the college.
- The International Committee could work with the College of Arts should the number of international students within the college be large enough to make it viable.

e. Societies Council Report

Noted/Discussed:

- The Societies Officer report was not circulated due to a technical issue with having the wrong email for the officer.
- Deputy and Deputy Vice chair of Societies council were elected in.
- Emerging Society Olympics was rejected.
- Society descriptions need updating on the Students' Union website.
- The times of the Council are being reviewed.
- The next Sunday Society event is occurring on the 19th November. This is a collaborative event that all societies are welcome to attend.
- The decision for The Shed to sponsor the Law Society was a commercial decision and not connected to the Charity. The decision was not discussed at the Trustee Board.
- The Chair of the Trustee Board has proposed that the Board of Trustees minutes be published online in a different format to ensure confidentiality is maintained. The proposal will be taken to the next Board of Trustees.
- The Board of Trustees have overall oversight of the Students' Union as per the Education Act.

6. Motion: Amend the ULSU Bye-Laws

Discussed:

- Amendments need to be approved at Student Council, Board of Trustees and at Executive Committee.
- Amendments were taken as read.
- Byelaw 3.2.2 amendment to be made to allow decisions to be made when Student Council are not in office if it is business critical.
- Electronic voting could be used if Student Council was not in office when a decision needed to be made which was business critical.
- Community Reps were not business critical and could be passed at the next Student Council.
- Electronic voting could take place should quoracy at Student Council not be reached when a business critical decision was needed to be made.

- 72 hours for voting takes into account the weekend.
- A business critical decision would involve the overall organisation.
- 3.2.2.7 stipulates that the Executive Committee decision holds should quoracy at Student Council not be reached.
- The Union would facilitate an online discussion should an electronic vote be required by Student Council.
- A decision which is time sensitive to the organisation would be seen as business critical.
- 3.7 assumes that this is except in the event of the original vote holder leaving.
- English and Journalism Reps were elected under the old college system. The new college system means that two reps have been elected who hold one vote rather than individual votes.
- The situation with the reps and the new college system will only last for this year.
- The English and Journalism Reps represent two different groups.
- It was proposed that the English and Journalism Reps retain their votes and could stand as one if in agreement but would hold two votes if they disagreed with each other.
- Byelaws would need to be changed should this proposal be approved.
- A Procedural Motion was put forward to delay the vote on the proposal to allow Student Council time to consider.
- Delaying the vote on the proposal may cause issues for the elected reps.
- It was proposed that all reps including those in multiple positions keep their spare vote until March 2015 Elections.
- It was suggested that it would be unrepresentative to have more representatives within a smaller school compared to a larger school.
- An amendment to Byelaw 5.5.1.1 was proposed to state that a minimum threshold of 1% of voting members is achieved by the candidate. It is assumed that the candidate will have met the 1% of the voter turnout.
- It was proposed to remove 5.5.1 completely from Byelaw 5.
- It is not democratic should the Trustees be allowed to approve a bye-election and not the students.
- The votes within the election for the position would have been used during the process of appointing a new VP Academic Affairs.
- The new byelaws account for exceptional circumstances.
- Board of trustees will ratify the Byelaws.

Agreed:

- Amendments proposed by the Union to Byelaw 3 passed by ascent.
- Amendment to 3.7.2 passed by Secret Ballot vote; No: 5, Abstain: 4, Yes: 14.
- Amendment to remove Byelaw 5.5.1 did not pass.
- Amendments to Byelaw 5 including amendment to Byelaw 5.5.1.1 passed by ascent.

7. Motion: Approval of Community Reps

Noted:

- Three Community Reps in the Carholme, Monks Road and Sincil Bank areas.

Agreed:

- Motion passed by ascent.

8. Discuss Democratic Review

Agreed:

- Motion passed by ascent.

9. Motion to hold a Bye-election for VP Academic Affairs.

Noted:

- The Chief Executive noted that the previous VP Academic Affairs cannot be mentioned.
- The Union democracy details a right for membership to choose its leaders.
- The Motion was withdrawn as amendment to remove Byelaw 5.5.1 had not passed.

10. SU Logo Motion

Noted:

- The Students' Union has made it compulsory that all Sports kits must feature the SU Logo on which costs more to do.
- It was proposed that the Students' Union subsidise the extra cost it would cost sports to have the SU logo printed on their kit.
- This was raised at Sport Council; VP Activities was action to look into this concern.
- The development fund does not cover kits as it is specifically for facilitating the growth of a team.
- It was reported that it would cost £4.00 extra per player's kit for football to have the SU logo printed.
- Sports Teams could fundraise to cover the extra cost.
- The cost should be included within the membership fee.
- It is a legal requirement for the sport teams to have the University logo on their kit.
- National Student Survey question 23 reflects that students don't always associate Sports and Societies as part of the Union.
- Other Unions requires their sports teams to have their logo on their kits as they are representing the Union.
- It was questioned where the money to subsidise the SU logo on kits would come from.
- VP Activities is looking at a kit tender where costs would be reduced due to bulk buying.
- Kits are returned each year.
- It was proposed that voting should be delayed until the cost to the Union to subsidise the SU logo for all sports teams is calculated.
- An amendment was proposed to the Motion to action the Students' Union to look into the viability to subsidise the SU logo on sport kits and bring a report back to the next Student Council.
- It was proposed that the Motion should include societies as well.
- Society members retain their hoodies.
- The Law football club would be required to have the SU logo on their kit.
- Any hoody purchased through the Union will be required to have the SU logo on it.

Agreed:

- Amendment to include all societies and sports within the Motion did not pass through secret ballot; Ye: 3, No: 16, Abstain: 0.
- Amendment to action the Students' Union to explore and review the SU logo Motion and bring a report back to the next Student Council.

11. Article 4: Direction Petition

Noted:

- 652 online signatures have been obtained for the petition. Approximately 300 paper signatures have been obtained.
- Student Council was asked to support the petition against Article 4 Directive.
- The petition will go to City Council on the 12th November. The public can attend.

Agreed:

- Article 4 Directive interview to be circulated to Student Council.

- Article 4 Directive petition to be mentioned at Sports and Societies Councils.
- Circulate Article 4 Directive link to Student Council.

12. Student Open Session

Noted:

- There was no discussion.

13. Date of Next Meeting: 17th November 2014.

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Chair

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Date

Confirmed