

**University of Lincoln Students' Union Societies Council**  
**Held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2013**  
**12-2pm**  
**In The Platform**



**UL STUDENTS' UNION**  
**Sports and Societies**  
[www.lincolnsu.com/sportsandsocieties](http://www.lincolnsu.com/sportsandsocieties)

**Minutes**

**Present**

Chair

Gooleswari Seeburn (Societies Officer)

Society Representatives

ABEAST

ACS

Amnesty

Anime

Architecture

Art

Chinese

Christian Union

Debating

Glee

Harry Potter

History

Irish

Islamic

Juggling

LARP

Law

Liberal Youth

Life Sciences

Medical

Orchestra

Photography

Politics

Psychology

Disney

Hong Kong

Emerging Societies Present

Aegis Students Lincoln

Also In Attendance

Ian Johnston (Activities and Development Manager and Interim Deputy CEO)

Tracey Revill (Activities Co-ordinator)

Dan Sam (VP Activities)

Emily Hill (Activities Support Worker)

Elly Sample (Director of Communications, Development and Marketing)

Abbi Quinn (Venues Bar and Events Co-ordinator)

Aidan Mersh (Representation Co-ordinator)

## **1. Apologies**

Harry Potter, Amnesty, Animation, Law, Forensic Psychology

## **2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Vote to accept

For **19**      Against **0**      Abstain **0**

### **Noted:**

- Debating query of one person who is a representative of 2 societies holding 2 votes

### **Action:**

- Dan Sam to look at the constitution and email Debating with what is to happen in this instance

## **3. Emerging societies**

### Aegis

### **Noted:**

- Active group against war crimes
- Society activity would include education days and lectures
- Membership is £5
- Opportunity for funding from Aegis group
- Plan for fund-raising events
- Question from debating in regards to what events they plan to hold
- Education events, speakers and fund-raising
- Question raised and discussion on holocaust centre links

### ***Aegis are ratified***

### **Action:**

- Aegis to see activities after council for information on the next steps in setting up

## **4. Marketing**

By Elly Sample (Director of Communications, Development and Marketing)

### **Noted:**

- Elly Sample gave thanks and commended activities for the events that have taken place and for raising awareness
- Stated that applications to study at Lincoln are up 29%
- Idea for setting up a prize for activities who create the most publicity and awareness
- Activities would write to Elly Sample stating what they have done and why they deserve the prize
- Put forward for 2 prizes of £500 each for activities
- Idea for prizes well received by council
- Elly Sample stated that the Vice Chancellor wants to rename university buildings after great thinkers
- Discussion opened to the council for their ideas
- Societies asked to ask for member ideas
- Anime questioned if the names of the lecture theatres would be changing?
- Elly Sample stated that the lecture theatre names would not be changing

- Juggling stated would it not be easier to keep building names topic based
- Elly Sample put forward that the names could reflect what the buildings teach
- Idea to combine name and topic

**Action:**

- Elly Sample to email activities to confirm time period and details
- Societies to contact Elly Sample [esample@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:esample@lincoln.ac.uk) with feedback and suggestions for name changes
- To talk about help with event ideas and potential funding contact Elly Sample [esample@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:esample@lincoln.ac.uk)

**5. Development Fund Requests**

In the development fund pot: £3372.30

Afro-Caribbean Society - £558 for hire of the platform

**Noted:**

- Heritage and in-house talent event
- Aim to be inclusive and bring in other societies talent
- Money would cover hire of the facilities
- Entertainment is costing around £200 and food around £400
- Event will be £10 per head
- Current money will be used to fund the party
- Downfalls of a previous event means they have now decided to use a smaller venue
- Query on the costing of the hire of the platform
- Abbi Quinn (Venues Bar and Events Co-ordinator) clarified that the charge is for hiring external items such as the rental of tables, chairs etc and staffing costs
- Question put forward by council member as to what the current funds are being spent on
- ACS stated that current funds will be used to supplement the event
- Question asked by council member in regards to hiring entertainment when it was stated it would be in-house
- ACS stated that it is internal and external entertainment

For – 21      Against – 0      Abstain - 0

**Request granted**

Architecture - £380 for entry to the Sagrada Familia

**Noted:**

- Educational trip
- Rest of the trip has been all self-paid by members
- £11 per person for entry

For – 21      Against – 0      Abstain – 0

**Request granted**

## 6. Motion

### a. Disbanding Under/non-performing societies

Proposed by Brian Alcorn (Irish Society) and seconded by Jake Tasker

#### Noted:

- Brian Alcorn gave an overview of the motion
- Brian Alcorn stated that he wanted feedback from societies
- Brian Alcorn noted that some members report that they are 'upset' about paying membership and their being little activity
- Brian Alcorn noted the current societies council by-law 5.3.8 concerning activities who miss 2 councils have their accounts frozen
- Brian Alcorn proposed to add that the offending society be disbanded
- Anime queried what the definition of an event would be
- Brian Alcorn responded that events could be classed as by completing the appropriate paperwork
- Idea stated for a criteria to say which societies are not classed as active
- Brian Alcorn stated a want for a pro-active not re-active support mechanism
- Council member stated that most people sign-up at the start of the year and this could hinder activities who don't start early
- Idea for weak activities to start next academic year
- Debating stated that this topic deserves more debate and agrees with the principles but their may be finance issues
- Brian Alcorn stated that members are refunded money if an activity disbands
- Tracey Revill stated that the activities office have a list of membership numbers and are looking into it
- Anime proposed that the motion go to further discussion
- Chair proposed to form a sub-group
- Vote to agree forming a sub-group prior to taking this motion to council

For – 16      Against – 0      Abstain – 3

#### Agreed:

- To set up a sub-group and and discuss the issue further prior to taking the motion to student council

#### Action:

- Council members who want to be part of the sub-group submit their name to Emily Hill at the end of council

## 7. Block Grant Use

By Tracey Revill

#### Noted:

- Mid June is year end
- Block grant and development fund allocations need to be used by year end
- There are penalties for not using funding
- Anyone who thinks they are not going to use their block grant/development fund money please declare this so it can be put back into the pot

#### Action:

- Societies to declare if they are not going to use their funding by emailing

[sportsandsocieties@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:sportsandsocieties@lincoln.ac.uk)

## 8. Society Elections

By Dan Sam

### Noted:

- Deadline is the 8<sup>th</sup> of March for submitting committees
- Extenuating circumstances have until the 15<sup>th</sup>
- Prior to training sessions taking place this is a period to shadow the current committee

### Action:

- If you have extenuating circumstances please email these through to [sportsandsocieties@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:sportsandsocieties@lincoln.ac.uk)
- Email new committees through to [sportsandsocieties@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:sportsandsocieties@lincoln.ac.uk)

## 9. Sports and Societies Awards

By Dan Sam

### Noted:

- Chair stated a thank you for nominations and noted the large amount of society nominations
- 250+ nominations were sent in
- Event will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April
- The location and price etc will be available in the next few weeks
- Nominees will be contacted soon if they have been shortlisted

## 10. Varsity

By Dan Sam

### Noted:

- Aim for more student engagement
- SU helpers can volunteer in assisting with running the event
- Shuttle buses are running every 15 minutes
- Events are happening at the sports centre and Riseholme campus
- Shirts have sold out and are being re-ordered
- Wristbands are on sale with a % of profits being given to the Lincoln City Education Trust Charity
- Question put forward by council member as to what Varsity is
- Dan Sam stated that it is a sporting event between two rival Universities who compete in sports for an ultimate winner
- Lincoln vs. Derby
- Other University varsities such as Nottingham vs. Trent and Sheffield vs. Hallam have location as their strong point and can do it across the week in different venues
- Aim for Lincoln is to build on pride of the institution
- Please show your support
- Varsity is an avenue for students' to engage in the union

### Action:

- Contact Dan Sam [dsam@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:dsam@lincoln.ac.uk) if you are interested in society involvement i.e. Lincoln debating vs. Derby debating

## 11. Alton Towers

By Dan Sam

### Noted:

- Dan Sam put forward the question to the council of what is the max price they would pay for a ticket and transport to Alton Towers
- Amounts suggested by the council ranged from £30-£50
- Idea for coach and tickets would be based on demand
- Dan Sam asked the council if £33 would be feasible, realistic and if people would be interested
- Proposal of £33 was taken to a vote

For – 16      Against – 1      Abstain – 0

- Juggling put forward that their against vote was due to the possibility of tickets costing £29 being put forward in sports council

## 12. Activities Update

By Dan Sam

### Noted:

- Dan Sam commended Calum Watt (debating) on putting forward his motion and inspiring others to put forward their views
- Dan Sam stated that as a consequence of debating's motion a meeting was held with Dan Sam and the universities planning department
- Proposal has been put forward for a new learning landscape room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the main building and potential for this room to be available for use for councils on a Friday
- Dan Sam stated that this meeting happened because of student involvement and the motion being put forward

### Action:

- If anyone wants help with writing a motion then please contact Dan Sam or [dsam@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:dsam@lincoln.ac.uk) or Activities [sportsandsocieties@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:sportsandsocieties@lincoln.ac.uk)

## 13. Societies Officer Update

By Gooleswari Seeburn

### Noted:

- Societies Officer commended Societies for their fundraising and events
- More people have turned up to the PEP rally
- Positive response from Freshers

## 14. Month End Accounts Summary

### Noted:

- Summary is to be confirmed

### Action:

- Dan Sam to email summary out to societies once confirmed

## 15. SU Elections

By Aidan Mersh

### Noted:

- Societies can endorse a candidate
- To endorse a candidate a poll must be opened to all members to vote and agree who they will endorse
- Vote must be recorded
- Vote can be online/at a meeting
- As leaders of societies please post links and encourage members to vote
- Question put forward from a council member to confirm that member votes for who they want to endorse can be taken online
- Aidan Mersh confirmed votes can be taken online

## 16. Any Other Business

### Noted:

- Question asked to how much is left in the development fund
- Chair stated £2434.30 with an estimated £450 accumulated from fines from societies who did not show
  - Idea put forward by council member to split the pot or give it to charity
- Tracey Revill stated that the Student's union is a charity and therefore can't transfer charity money to other charities
- Tracey Revill stated that Block Grant and Development Funding is awarded by the University
- Juggling stated that the sports pot is low and can it not be merged into one pot
- Tracey Revill stated that this is difficult as the comments and votes are different at each council
- Tracey Revill stated that this funding needs to be used by year end and this is part of the university stipulations
- Tracey Revill stated that the block grant accounts also have a time limit
- Idea put forward for a vote to be taken for the money to be split
- Tracey Revill stated that there are limitations with what block grant/development fund can and can't be spent on and some people will not turn up to council
- Irish society put forward the idea of using the money on a society showcase event
- Tracey Revill stated that there are bye-laws that apply so as long as the spending is justified this should be ok
- Council member put forward the question if there is no consensus what will happen with the money
- Tracey Revill stated that further advice will be sought
- Council member suggested spending the funds on an Alton Towers trip
- Tracey Revill stated that this is not development; it would be classed as a social event
- Irish society stated that on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March they are hosting a St Paddy's day event in the platform. Tickets can be purchased

### Agreed:

- More advice and information to be sought on the spending/distribution of development fund money

### Action:

- Societies to email ideas for a societies showcase to society's officer Gooleswari Seeburn [gseeburn@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:gseeburn@lincoln.ac.uk)
- Tracey Revill to speak to James Brookes (Chief Executive Officer) and Ian Johnston (Activities

and Development Manager and Interim Deputy CEO) to seek advice

**17. Date of the next Meeting**

12-2pm on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of April in MB1009

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