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**University of Lincoln Students' Union**  
**Minutes of a meeting of the Student Council**  
held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 5.00pm  
in Meeting Room MB1019

**Present:**

Chair

Natalie Liddle (Sustitute for Esther Russel SLR Nursing)

Council Members

Kayleigh Taylor (President)  
Jennine Fox (VP Academic Affairs)  
Gemma Cobby (Student Officer)  
John Fernandez (Student Officer)  
Hugh Lound (SLR Social Science)  
Kelly Nicholls (Student Officer)  
Kirsty Barnes (SLR Performance)  
Laura Goodliffe (Societies Officer)  
Fen Kipley (MAPs organiser)  
Maryam Saghir (Student Officer)  
Michael Hansmann (SLR Business)  
Loryn Good (SLR Humanities)  
John Fernandez (Sports Officer)  
Andreas Zacharia (VP Activities)  
Komal Ramasawmy (Joint Honors Rep)

Students' Union Members

Rachel Sloper  
Dan Derricot  
Marcell Grant  
Jamie Freshwater  
Chris Whitwood  
Huseyin Kishi

Also in attendance

Rebecca Pocock (Democracy worker)  
Ian Johnston (Activities & Development Manager)  
Rebecca Rock (Representation Manager)

## 1. **Workshop Style Discussion “Employability”**

Facilitated by Mandy Jones, Careers & Employability Development Manager. .

### **Noted:**

- The careers service is now based in faculties.
- Careers would like student input about what students want and need from them. Students are invited to e mail Mandy Jones at [majones@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:majones@lincoln.ac.uk) with feedback.
- Students felt the introduction of standardised compulsory basic careers advice across the faculties with additional specialist advice available to students would be the most appropriate form of delivery.
- Despite a hostile employment market students still had aspirations to succeed in their chosen career path.
- Students observed that there is significant variation on careers advice from academic staff between faculties. Some lecturers strongly encouraged students to access extra-curricular opportunities and work placements to enhance their employability whilst others did not address this issue.
- Students felt that a careers module in the second year would be useful. Joint honours students should also be included.
- Postgraduate students and those planning self-employment would need a different form of advice but should still be able to access it from the careers service.
- Students suggested a careers tab on Blackboard.
- It was felt more support was needed for students on placement and students should be encouraged to take more work experience during their studies.
- Many Jones thanked the students for their input and encouraged them to keep giving feedback through their subject reps and courses.

## 2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Jarek Grebenik and Scott Davidson.

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

Council ratified the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011 and approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

## 4. **Matters Arising**

### **Noted:**

- There were no matters arising

## 5. **Executive Team Update**

### **Noted:**

#### Housing Fayre

- The Fayre proved to be the best attended to date. It was felt that this may be due to the issues with accommodation experienced last year.
- Students who attended found a variety of accommodation and Landlords filled places quickly.

#### Refreshers Fayre

- Footfall was not as high as last year.
- Feedback has been collated from Sports and Societies present at the Fayre and will be taken into consideration for next year.

#### Student Awards

- There will be 6 Union awards and 6 Teaching awards.
- Students can find further information about the awards on the SU website [www.lincolnsu.com](http://www.lincolnsu.com)
- Nominations will be online. Students will also be able to cast a paper vote in the SOAP centre.

### S&S Awards

- Tickets go on sale 23<sup>rd</sup> March.
- Nominations close 16<sup>th</sup> February for awards.
- Clubs can subsidise tables for the awards from their funds.

### Elections

- Nominations are now open and close on the 27<sup>th</sup> February.
- There will be a series of workshops run by the SU in the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> February. Students are invited to attend. More details can be found at [www.lincolnelections.com](http://www.lincolnelections.com)

### Library

- The President (Kayleigh Taylor) and VP Academic Affairs (Jennine Fox) are working towards more group working space for larger meetings in the Library.

### Healthy Campus Week

- 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> March 2012
- The SU will be participating in this week, events to be announced.

### Student & Staff Reps Conference

- To take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February in EMMTEC

### Volunteer Week

- Starts on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February
- Students are invited to take part in a series of events organised by Volunteering.
- More information on [www.lincolnsu.com/volunteer](http://www.lincolnsu.com/volunteer)

### Activities Update

- 3333 members of Sports, Societies and Groups.
- 44 teams and 47 societies
- Applications are still being received for emerging societies.
- Varsity may be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March. Finding a date for the event this year has been difficult, the date in March is yet to be confirmed.
- A tri-societies event is being organised by John Fernandez in May. This event will involve both men's and women's rugby, football and hockey.

### SU Internal staff review update

- SU Staff will be going through a TUPE process which will transfer staff employment from Lincoln University to the Students' Union. This is something that the Union has been working towards since registering as a charity.
- Interim management support from Max McLoughlin of Derby Students' Union has now ended and through an internal recruitment process Rebecca Rock and Ian Johnston have been appointed to the post of Acting General Manager. There will be a General Manager appointed in the coming months.

### **Noted:**

#### NUS Action on Higher Education Funding

- The Officers were asked if the SU had planned any action as there is a national walkout planned on the 16<sup>th</sup> March,
- At a previous AGM students voted to support such activities .

### **Action:**

- VP Academic Affairs (Jennine Fox) to co-ordinate.

## **6. Changes to the Bye-laws (Election Regulations)**

### **Agreed:**

- Students voted in favour of the amended version of the bye-laws.

## **7. Seats on University Committees**

### **Noted:**

- The Student Experience Committee seats have increased from 5 to 9 this year.
- There are currently two vacant seats for students; Part-time and International.
- Kate Parry (PGR), Emma Turvey (PGT), Lyndsay Westgarth (Undergraduate), Komal Romasawmy (Joint-honours), Tom Candy, Natalie Liddle and Kim Woodard (College Reps) have been selected for these roles.

**Agreed:**

- Members voted to accept the current reps on the Student Experience Committee.

**8. Student Union Elections**

**Noted:**

- Andreas Zacharia (VP Activities) gave a presentation on Elections.
- Students were encouraged to attend the workshops being run by the SU and participate in the elections. Further details and downloads can be found at [www.lincolnelections.com](http://www.lincolnelections.com).

**9. Student Open Session**

**Noted:**

- Fen Kipley congratulated Ian Johnston and Rebecca Rock on their recent appointment. She also thanked the SU for their continuing level of service through a difficult period.

**Noted:**

- The Officers were asked to investigate if there is a contingency mechanism in place in the event of a dissertation supervisor leaving.

**Action:**

- VP Academic Affairs (Jennine Fox) to investigate.

**7. Any Other Business**

**None noted**

**8. Date of next meeting**

**Noted:**

- The next meeting will take place on 12th March at 5pm in The Platform (Engine Shed) the topic for discussion will be Environmentally Friendly Campuses. The Election results will also be announced after Council in The Tower Bar.

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I certify that the above minutes are a true and accurate summary of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012, and have been approved by Student Council. These minutes will now be publicly available.

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Name (Chair)

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Date