

University of Lincoln Students' Union Societies Council
Held on Friday 1st of February 2013 12:00 – 14:00
In The Platform



UL STUDENTS' UNION
Sports and Societies
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Minutes

Present

Chair

Gooleswari Seeburn (Societies Officer)

Society Representatives

ABEAST

ACS

Amnesty

Animation

Anime

Architecture

Bioscience

Business

Chinese

Christian Union

Computing

Creative Writing

Debating

Enactus

Gaming

Harry Potter

History

Irish

Islamic

Juggling

Labour

LARP

Law

Liberal Youth

Life Sciences

MAPR

Medical

Musical Theatre

Orchestra

Photography

Politics

Rock

Sci-fi

Emerging Societies Present

Disney

Hong Kong

Also In Attendance

Dan Sam (Activities Officer)

Emily Hill (Activities Support Worker)

Teri Richardson (Young Potential)

Clayton Barfoot (Tower Bar Manager)

1. Apologies

Received from Art and Forensic Psychology

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Vote to accept

For **28** Against **0** Abstain **2** (Amnesty and Bioscience)

3. Young Potential

Talk from Teri Richardson

Noted:

- Various events being held during student volunteering week commencing 11th Feb
- Sports and societies invited to take part

Action:

- Teri Richardson to email information to Student Officer Frankie Anderson
- Frankie Anderson to email information to Activities to circulate to Sports and Societies

4. Flash mob

MAPR

Noted:

- MAPR stated that post a meeting with Elly Sample (Marketing) they are holding a zombie style flash mob in London
- Currently in the planning process
- Also if societies would like help getting any particular speakers in please contact mapr@lincolnsu.com
- Flash mob to be held in March time pre examinations

5. Emerging Societies

Disney

Noted:

- Disney stated their aims are to screen films, have talks from animators and hold trips
- Animation stated there may be some clashes with their society
- Suggestion from the council to merge the two societies
- Juggling queried if Disney is a more social society
- Chair takes ratification to a vote

For **23** Against **1** Abstain **9**

Disney Society are ratified

Health and Social Care

No Show

Hong Kong

Noted:

- There are more Hong Kong students coming to Lincoln
- Clarification that there are cultural differences between Hong Kong and China
- Other universities have Hong Kong societies
- Aim to exchange experiences, hold orientation camps for new students to settle better in Lincoln, communication with international office and an education exhibition
- Question raised on their stand point on allowing non-Hong Kong students to join
- Hong Kong are happy for anyone to join

For **29** Against **0** Abstain **1**

Hong Kong Society are ratified

Model United Nations

Withdrawn for re-submission next academic year 13/14

6. Development Fund Requests

In the development fund pot £4772.30

History - £300 for transport

Noted:

- Money to be used for a coach to Stansted airport
- History state quotes for coach transport are estimated to be £600

For **31** Against **0** Abstain **0**

Request granted

Islamic - £400 for Islamic awareness week

Noted:

- Islamic awareness week annual event running for the last 4/5 years
- Event being held in the week commencing 18th Feb
- Looking to pay for 5 speakers. Average price for each speaker is 160 pounds including travelling cost
- Clarification to the council that the costs for event activities are coming out of the society's funds and are happening on campus

For **27** Against **0** Abstain **4**

Request granted

Irish - £650 for St Patrick's Day Event

Noted:

- Presentation delivered on the event
- Event is a cultural celebration
- Proposed budget handout passed to the council
- Bioscience asked if there is going to be a charge for the night
- Irish stated that they are still planning out the costs, but estimate £4 for non-members and £2 for members
- Bioscience asked whether it would be possible to charge the same for all to make it fair
- Irish stated that they see point but members already pay in funds and you get more for your money if you join

For **29** Against **1** Abstain **1**

Request granted

Photography - £425 for Photography and Imaging trade show

Noted:

- Take members to photography show. Using own funds towards cost and development money is to be used for transport
- Money left in the accounts is earmarked for a trip to Paris and also for their end of year show
- History queried if they have any self-raised funds?
- Photography stated that all self raised money would be going towards the end of year show
- Reasoning is to not wanting to charge members anymore
- They already charge for other events and want to make it accessible to members

For **15** Against **2** Abstain **11**

Request granted

7. Motions

a. Room Bookings

Submitted by the Debating Society and seconded by Politics Society

Noted:

- Debating stated that problems exist in the current venue such as hearing council members
- Departments are supposed to be supporting student experience
- Problem with booking rooms amongst societies and room bans
- In summary debating are asking room bookings to review processes, and if not call upon exec to investigate
- Dan Sam (VP Activities) commended debating for putting the motion forward. As council is the platform for this and it is encouraged
- Dan Sam (VP Activities) stated that the university is already working on the issue
- Dan Sam (VP Activities) reiterated that tables and chairs are put back properly and litter is tidied up
- This issue has gone to the vice chancellor and she has asked for an audit of room bookings and timetabling
- New system should be implemented in September
- Enactus stated their issue was based on circumstantial evidence and they now have a process of having

a security/staff member to sign off that the room was okay

- Dan Sam (VP Activities) stated that if you go into a room and it is a mess please alert someone and take pictures
- Juggling queried if meets of society/clubs could be added onto timetables on blackboard
- Dan Sam (VP Activities) stated that the new website is more user friendly; for queries with blackboard there is a session at 2pm in the Main Building today
- LARP stated issues with getting rooms unlocked and booking confirmations not being accepted as proof of booking the room

Agreed:

- Motion to be sent to student council 8th February

Action:

- Debating to present motion at student council 8th February

b. Sponsorship Policy

Submitted by Dan Sam (VP Activities) and seconded by Andrew Twagira (VP Welfare and Diversity)

Noted:

- Overview of the current by-law 7.6 in the union constitution stating that entering into agreements with bars and nightclubs (except for engine shed) are prohibited.
- The union currently has a working relationship with the Engine Shed
- Dan Sam opened a discussion as to whether the by-law is out of touch and the impact of removing the by-law and having a free market for sponsorship
- Debating were unaware of this by-law, and stated that many societies will benefit from it. It can protect societies in entering arrangements as they will not do it in secret
- Question posed by council member as to whether opening up a free market may impact on the grant received from the university and could this impact bigger/smaller activities differently
- Council member stated that they should embrace the student scene of campus, shouldn't penalize some societies if they are working harder than others, should embrace off campus life and it would allow activities to flourish
- LARP reiterated that societies may need to be careful as could affect grant and development funding
- Juggling stated that the rules surrounding Alcohol should therefore be reviewed as it may cause a grey area
- voting rights at council go to vice chairs Gareth Salter and Abi Osundairo, as well as Dan Sam (VP Activities) and Gooleswari Seeburn (Societies Officer)

Agreed

Motion to be sent to student council 8th February

Action

- Dan Sam (VP Activities) to present motion at student council 8th February

8. Activities Update

Update by Vice President for Activities Dan Sam

Volunteer Logs

Noted:

- Activity committees are all volunteers
- Please complete your volunteer logs
- Hand in date is the 8th of March. If they are not handed in committee will only get a bronze award
- Get logs signed on a weekly/fortnightly/monthly basis

Student led projects

Noted:

- £500 pot for students to lead projects to encourage entrepreneurship
- Can bid for £100 at a time
- Want to encourage societies to partake in student led projects
- Profits are not allowed to go directly to them but for example to a charity

Sports and Societies Awards

Noted:

- Friday the 26th of April
- Heavily dominated by sports, want for this to be equally representative
- This year, idea to take videos to support nominations
- Voting process to change due to resources going into the website. Nominations will be normal and voting process done by a panel. Panel to include students, sabbatical officers and staff
- Nominations can happen more efficiently next year

Open discussion to the change of voting system: no questions asked or amendments suggested

Agreed:

- Award winners to be decided by a panel

Chicken Run

Noted;

- Charity event happening in April
- Route is through the university
- Encourage activities to get involved

Varsity

Noted:

- Screening of the teaser video
- Want promotion to be led by students
- Date is to be set
- 200 T-shirts are being done and sold at £5 each
- 1000 wristbands are being sold at a £1 each, 25% of the profits are going to the charity Lincoln City

Education Trust

- Wristbands are available at reception

National Student Survey

Screening of Lincoln National Students Survey Video

Elections

Noted:

- Nominations for society elections start today 1st February and date is 8th March
- Proposal and rationale for holding training prior to the summer
- Period 8th March to July the 1st is a shadowing period; new committee becomes active on July the 1st
- Liberal youth queried the use of fines in regards to societies not submitting committee lists within the deadlines
- Dan Sam (VP activities) stated that the fine would be based on a % of a society's budget

9. Mascot Discussion

Open discussion on ideas

Noted:

- Suggestion from the council of a Durkey, Swan or an Imp
- Dan Sam (VP Activities) stated that the Imp is designated to Lincoln but Lincoln City Football Club has this mascot already

10. Engine Shed

Clayton Barfoot (Tower Bar Manager) Overview of £1 meals offer and sample tasting

Noted:

- £1 for Margarita pizza and chips
- £1.50 for extra toppings on pizza and chips, chilli and chips or vegetarian chilli and chips
- Any other dietary requirements then email them in
- Minimum of 4 people
- Question asked from the council if chips can be swapped for something else like rice. This was noted by Clayton Barfoot
- Question asked if they can do curly fries. Clayton Barfoot stated that curly fries would be a £1.50 option as they are more expensive

Action:

- Email sportteams@lincoln.ac.uk with numbers what options you want and what time at latest 3 days prior to your booking

11. Laser-tag

By Dan Sam

Noted:

- The Engine Shed is holding laser tag sessions in the Engine Shed every Tuesday
- £10 per person, good social opportunity
- Book at the box office and enquire about pricing etc.

12. Stamp it out

By Dan Sam

Noted:

- Campaign came from NUS research into LGBT participation in sport
- Campaign is to run year on year to tackle different forms of discrimination
- Petition is currently being run
- Free t-shirts at the SU reception

13. Month End Accounts Summary

By Dan Sam

Noted:

- Overview shows block grant allocations
- Union block grant is split to directly fund a lot of activities
- Emerging clubs do not get funded in first year as they prove they are sustainable
- Not all sports and societies get block grant allocations
- In the constitution to provide this document at council
- Proposal of the idea to do a workshop on how the finances work
- Review is an Indicator of how activities are funded

14. Any Other Business

Noted:

- Liberal Youth stated that they are holding a flash mob at the Cathedral next Saturday the 9th of Feb 1pm to celebrate the equal marriage bill passing through parliament
- Liberal Youth holding a meeting 1st of February MB1009 at 6pm about the event
- Liberal youth asked for the support of Brayford Radio
- Liberal Youth state an open Invitation to societies to be involved in the event to celebrate historical change
- Creative Writing stated that they have launched a book club to meet once a month, meeting on the 12th of Feb TBC, please visit Facebook page oulcreativewriting
- Creative writing Journey Anthology is being worked on to release a paperback and eBook on the 1st of May
- Council Chair stated that Go Green Week is commencing on the 11th Feb
- Dan Sam stated that Student Union Election nominations are currently open

15. Date of the Next meeting

Friday the 1st of March 12-2pm in The Platform