



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION SOCIETIES COUNCIL

University of Lincoln Students' Union Societies Council Thursday 26th March
2015, 7-9 pm in Cargill Lecture Theatre

Present

ABEAST; ACS; Amnesty; Anime; Assassin; Biomed; Business; Christian Union; Comedy; Comic Book; Computing; Conservative; Debating; Disney; Drama; Electronic Music; Enactus; English; Filmmaking; Forensics; Gaming; Harry Potter; Health & Social Care; Illustration; Islamic; LARP; Law; League of Legends; Medical; Musical Theatre; Palestine Solidarity; Pharmacy; Photography; Polish; Politics; Rock; Sikh; Stage Combat; UNICEF; Vegan & Vegetarian Society.

Also in Attendance

Hayley Jayne Wilkinson, VP Activities (Chair)
Calum Watts, Societies Vice Officer
Tracey Revill, Activities Co-Ordinator
Emily Baldwin, Activities Support Worker
Mary Padden, Administrative Support Worker

1. Apologies

- Apologies were received from Sci-Fi.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

Approved: 40 Rejected: 0 Abstained: 1

3. Chair Update

- Due to there being issues with kit suppliers a kit tender was launched to gain one kit supplier and eliminate these issues.
- There has been an increase in participation and trip and events.
- Currently working on Sponsorship for all Clubs and Societies.
- Thank you to the Clubs and Societies for all their hard work.

4. Matters Arising

- There were no matters arising to be noted.

5. Constitutions

- There were no constitutions to be noted.

6. Emerging Societies

- **Biochemistry £5**
- Every Life Science student needs to study Biochemistry, it is the bridge between the sciences.
- It will allow for social interaction and academic support.

- There will be support in finding experience in the Biochemical industry.
Approved: 42 Rejected: 0 Abstained: 0
- **Hope for Justice Abolition Group £5**
- Working toward the prevention and awareness of modern day slavery.
- There will on campus events and ongoing fundraising opportunities.
- Support will be provided from the Hope for Justice Charity.
Approved: 36 Rejected: 0 Abstained: 3
- **Nursing Society £10**
- Will promote cross school engagement spanning 3 cohorts of 70 students per year.
- Support with professional development and guest lecturers.
- Team building opportunities and a way for Nursing students to feel a part of the overall student body.
Approved: 42 Rejected: 0 Abstained: 0
- **Public Relations Society £10**
- A difference has developed from a business slant towards a journalistic perspective and therefore the MAPR Society is no longer as relevant as it was.
- Suggestions have previously been made to produce press-releases etc. but there is no such forum to help facilitate this.
- A buddy system will provide support from a practical standpoint.
Approved: 39 Rejected: 0 Abstained: 2
- **British Red Cross Group £5**
- Will raise awareness of humanitarian law.
- Provide training in Emergency First Aid and Response.
- Red Cross would like a presence on campus but does not approve of the term 'Society' as it could indicate an accidental essence of exclusion.
Approved: 40 Rejected: 0 Abstained: 0
- **The Real Ale Society £5**
- As part of the CAMRA Campaign there is a need to help preserve the decline of the industry.
- It will provide an alternative relaxed opportunity to socialise in a non-pressured environment.
- It is not about getting drunk, it is the appreciation and craftsmanship of real ales.
Approved: 35 Rejected: 0 Abstained: 6
- **Table Top £8**
- A mixture of role-playing, miniature war games, card games, and board games.
- There is already a rather expensive library of books that can provide support for all members.
- There will be explanations for those new to the concept of table top games and specific knowledge share that will allow for individual development.
Approved: 40 Rejected: 0 Abstained: 1

7. Development Fund Requests

- **Comedy Society £24**
- The Society hosted an event that raised money for charity but were charged for use of the Platform.
- They would like the costs to be reimbursed as it's a student venue.

Approved: 37 Rejected: 0 Abstained: 1

- **ACS £350**
- The money will go towards their Heritage Ball, that celebrates culture in its various forms.
- There will be specialist Afro Caribbean foods and awards for members.
- The event has been budgeted, leaving a small deficit that the fund will cover whilst not bankrupting next year's committee.

Approved: 37 Rejected: 0 Abstained: 2

8. Newly Elect Training and Handover

- Bye-elections will commence on 31/03/15.
- Activities Inductions will take place on 13th and 14th of April. Bye-elections will have a September induction.
- Training will be available from mid-April to June and is bookable via the activities dashboard. Refresher sessions will be available in the next academic year.
- If there are any queries then activities are invited to come to drop in or make an appointment with a member of staff.

9. Kit Suppliers

- Player Layer will be the new sports kit supplier as decided by the executive committee, contracts are in progress.
- Decided upon due to close votes, close pricing and feedback/rivalry from Hull who are provided by Surridge.
- If Societies want to acquire cheaper leisure hoodies or Player Layer can't provide uniform for the activity they will be able to go elsewhere.
- The next step is to find one provider for Societies that will cater for all and reduce costs due to a contract in place.

10. Democracy Commission

- Sports and Societies will now have two separate zones giving students more power over their activity.
- Changes include no more fines for non-attendance of committee meetings, the introduction of an Events Officer and an Academic Officer, who will attend the zonal meetings. Ratification of new activities will occur at the zonal meetings as opposed to committee meetings.
- A vote was taken on the following points-

- **Removal of fines from non-attendance**
Approved: Ascension Rejected: Abstained:
(There will be a removal of fines)
- **Addition of two Officers**
Approved: 39 Rejected: 0 Abstained: 2
(The roles have now been added)
- **Ratification of Activities to take place at zonal meetings**
Approved: 2 Rejected: 28 Abstained: 10
(Ratification will still take place in committee meetings).

11. Elections

- There were numerous problems with the online system which resulted in several candidates failing to register their interest in a committee position.
- The SU apologised to those who experienced problems and ultimately lost their opportunity. Bye-Elections can take place to rectify this.
- Just like street canvassing, social media and the manifestos advertised there with cannot be policed.
- There was a frustration that mobile devices were not equipped to support the process.
- Results will be sent to activities on 30/03/15 and individuals on 31/03/15.
- Bye-elections nominations are 31/03/15 – 16/04/15.
- Bye-election voting is 17/04/15 – 21/04/15.

12. SUMS Dashboard Feedback

- Suggested that an email members button be created.
- Generally good feedback but there are problems that need to be corrected.

13. Activities Award

- The event will take place on 24th April 2015.
- Tickets are now available online or at reception. £20 a ticket including 2 course meal and free photo.
- Shortlist will be revealed soon.
- The SU will ensure that those who buy a ticket will be seated next to their fellow Society members. If a student belongs to more than one Society, they should state a preference.

14. Student Open Discussion

- There was nothing further to discuss.

15. Any Other Business

- There was no other business.

Date of next Council: Wednesday 22nd April, 6-8pm, Cargill Lecture Theatre – Minerva Building.