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University of Lincoln Students' Union
Minutes of a meeting of the Student Council
held on Monday 17th October 2011 at 5.00pm
in Meeting Room MB1019

Present:

Chair

Natalie Liddle (Health & Social Care)

Council Members

Kayleigh Taylor (VP Welfare & Diversity)
Andreas Zacharia (VP Activities)
Jennine Fox (VP Academic Affairs)
Phil Krstic (Community Action & Student Fundraising Officer)
Chris Whitwood (Student Council Trustee)
Kim Woodward (SLR College of Arts)
Marcus Askam-Yates (Sports & Societies Council Chair)
Darina Stoda (Sports & Societies Council Vice Chair)
Kelly Nichols (SU Officer)
Ian Li (Rep Biomedical Science)
Jonathan Whitesick (Disabled Students)
Hugh Lound (SLR Social Science)
Gemma Cobby (Student Officer)
Ed Lambeth (SLR Art & Design)
Loryn Good (SLR Humanities)
Kirsty Barnes (SLR Performance)
Esther Russel (SLR Nursing)
Chris Ball (SLR Media)

Students' Union Members

Jonathan Cresswell
Jamie Freshwater
Carly Norton
Huseyin Kishi
Jonathan Holmes
Dan Derricot
Phil Krstic
Roxanne De Oliveira
Ryan L Kinslow
George Ellams
Narall Grant
John Fernandiz
Emma Rogers
Ian Hansford

Also in attendance

Scott Davidson, Deputy Vice Chancellor
Rebecca Rock (Representation Manager)
Rebecca Pocock (Democracy Worker)

1. Workshop Style Discussion “What does the university’s new structure mean to you?”

Noted:

- Scott Davidson was invited to discuss the evolution of the University structure into a college system. Faculties currently look after the quality of the academic experience but are a remote concept for students. The school structure will not change and will be the main point of reference for students.
- Colleges should help evolve the University’s academic development. Colleges will establish their executives to mirror the executive board. The SU President has a seat on the Executive Board, so it is envisaged that there will a student seat on Executive Colleges.
The move to Colleges is experimental.

Discussed:

- Students were not really aware that there had been a change.
- There was some confusion about which courses were in which schools and which schools were in which faculties
- Concern was raised about the management of students joint across two schools/faculties/colleges.
- Students felt they had not been consulted and were concerned about the lack of communication and involvement.
- It was recognised that students will still be in daily contact with the same people
- Some Students feel this change is positive, and are pleased that their degree transcripts will show that they have studied in the College of Sciences /Arts/Social Sciences .
- There was some uneasiness about what the structure is evolving from and to, which was compounded by a lack of clarity about what the problems in the faculties were. Students would like to know whether:
There will be any administrative job losses?
What the costs are to the changeover?
What will happens to the disciplinary and other procedures /processes currently directed to Faculties?

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Jessica Day, Sarah Hawkins, Chris Spendlove, Ben Martin

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Noted:

- The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th May 2011 were approved as an accurate record by a majority

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Statement from the Board of Trustees

Noted:

- The Board are currently reviewing serious HR concerns within the Union
- This situation is taking up a great deal of Officer’s time

- KT felt it appropriate to remind the Council of the Board's accountability to the Union, however due to the legalities of the situation confidentiality around this issue is essential currently.
- It is hoped to fill part-time posts in the by-elections to bring the officer team up to full complement

6. Election of Board Members

Noted:

- A paper had been circulated describing the role and the composition of the board
- Previous members of Council who had taken this role were keen to express the benefits they had experienced from it.
- Nominations were received from 3 candidates

Action:

- RR to organise online STV elections in the next few weeks

7. Student Open Session

Environmental Impact of The University

Noted:

- The University is currently ranked 47th for its environmental impact
- The SU will invite students to become involved in the process of green impact

Action:

- The Welfare Officer and Dan Clayton have responsibility for environmental impact. KT to encourage students to participate.

Power Supply in Lecture Theatres

Noted:

- Students requested more power supplies in lecture theatres for students using laptops.
- JF to take forward to ICT but requested room numbers and examples of where supply could be improved as this would make the enquiry quicker to deal with.

Lectures finishing in timely manner

Noted:

- It was requested that Lecturers finished promptly at ten to the hour so Students are able to reach their next lecture in time

Action:

- JF to use appropriate channels to remind Staff to finish on time

Mac's in the Library

Noted:

- More Mac's were requested in the Library for Student use.
This query is to be raised by Council with the University Librarian at Council in December

Student Question: "In the context of the Union's current difficulties and the President's additional seats on the Executive Board that can't be covered, and given the Code of Conduct that he signed, is the taking of photographs in the evening in clubs in Lincoln appropriate?"

Noted:

- Students discussed this question in groups
- There are two meetings that it is not possible to deputise: Board of Governors and Executive Board.

Discussed:

- Students were concerned that they were not notified that the president was on leave
- Students were concerned that the President could have interrupted his studies considering the situation at present. It was felt that his absence was not timely.
- Students less concerned about taking photographs in Clubs but some felt it might be a contravention of the Union's safe drinking stance if they were photographs of drunk students.
- Some Students felt that as this was done in his own time off it was his personal business, unless it brings the role or the Union into disrepute.
- Students felt that if the President was not being paid during his time off it would be reasonable to take on part time work.
- Council was concerned that the increased workload for the VP's may be too heavy.
- VP's confirmed that the absence was having a knock-on effect but that they were managing capably.

Action:

- Officers to find out if a deputy can attend meetings
- President to offer his own explanation to the next Council

13. Any Other Business

None

14. Date of next meeting

Noted:

- The AGM (All Student Meeting) will take place on Monday 14 November 2011, commencing at 5.00 pm in the Engine Shed.
- The next meeting of Student Council will take place prior to the AGM on Monday 14 November 2011, commencing at 5.00 pm in the Engine Shed.

I certify that the above minutes are a true and accurate summary of the meeting held on 21 October 2010, 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