



ULSTUDENTS' UNION
www.lincolnsu.com

University of Lincoln Students' Union
Minutes of a meeting of the Student Council

held on Monday 12th March 2012 at 5.00pm
in The Platform, The Engine Shed

Present:

Chair

Natalie Liddle

Council Members

Jennine Fox (VP Academic Affairs)
Gemma Cobby (Student Officer)
Hugh Lound (SLR Social Science)
Kirsty Barnes (SLR Performance)
Laura Goodliffe (Societies Officer)
Fen Kipley (MAPs Organiser)
Maryam Saghir (Student Officer)
Michael Hansmann (SLR Business)
Loryn Good (SLR Humanities)
Andreas Zacharia (VP Activities)
Komal Ramasawmy (Joint Honors Rep)
Samuel Thirkettle (Substitute for James Towers LGBT Rep)
Esther Russel (SLR Health & Social Care)
Jack Dobson-Smith (SLR Journalism)
Amy Ward (SLR Natural & Applied Sciences)
Angelica Fyfe (SLR Biological Sciences)

Students' Union Members

Jonathan Cresswell
Dan Derricott
Carly Norton
Emma Greagorex
Jamie Freshwater
Rachel Sloper
Anna Duggal
Carl Hockley
Tom Bembridge
Dale Weston
Rebecca Jones
Oli Tyler
Chris Whitwood

Also in attendance

Rebecca Pocock (Democracy Worker)
Ian Johnston (Activities & Development Manager)
Rebecca Rock (Representation Manager)
Mike Neary (Dean of Teaching & Learning)
Cara Tabaku (Carbon Reduction Manager)

1. **Workshop Style Discussion “Environmentally Friendly Campuses”**

Facilitated by Cara Tabaku, Carbon Reduction Manager Lincoln University.

Noted:

- The University is constantly looking for ways from an environmental management point of view to make the campus more environmentally friendly.
- Students were invited to form groups and note concerns and ideas around key environmental topics affecting the campus. Feedback will be taken back to the carbon reduction team for analysis.
- Cara invited students to send further suggestions to environment@lincoln.ac.uk
- The Low carbon Lincoln Conference is to be held in EMMTEC Building on Wednesday 14th March.
- A Vegan outreach group will be visiting the University on Monday to give out free vegan food and put on a showing of “The Animals” for students. All are welcome.
- Natalie Liddle thanked Cara for her attendance at council.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Jarek Grebenik, John Fernandez, Lindsay Westgarth and Scott Davidson.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th February 2012.

4. **Matters Arising**

Noted:

- There were no matters arising

5. **Executive Team Update**

Noted:

Tri-Societies

- Sports Officer, John Fernandez, is arranging this event with support from Andreas Zacharia, VP Activities. Students interested in this event should contact John at jfernandez@lincoln.ac.uk. The date of the event is to be confirmed.

Sports & Societies Awards

- To be held on the 23rd March.
- 2000 tickets sold so far
- 1000 votes
- There will be a 3 course meal, jazz band and a balloon modeller.
- Andrew David from Siren FM will host the event.
- The dignitaries list has been confirmed and replies are being collated.

Varsity

- To be held on Wednesday 25th April at Derby
- T-shirts will be on sale soon at £5. The design will be different to last year. Only students with current t-shirts will be able to get a place on the coach to Derby.

Election of Senior/College Reps

- Senior reps and College reps will be elected rather than selected this year.
- Election packs will soon be available for students.
- College reps will form part of the Executive Team.

Big Conversation

- Over 700 replies so far.
- Aiming to get over 800 replies before the survey closes on 13th March.

Staff-Team Update

- TUPE process is now underway and aims to be finished by April 1st.
- On completion of this process all Union staff will be employed by the Students' Union rather than Lincoln University.

- Services to students will not be affected during this time.
- A Head Hunting firm has been engaged to select candidates for the new Chief Executive role for the Students' Union.
- The recruitment process will involve students and staff.

Elections

- 23 candidates stood this year for roles.
- The Executive Team extend their thanks to all the candidates for standing in the elections. This process brings a lot of positive involvement by students in the Union.

Week of Action

- This is a national campaign by NUS which has been filtered down to the local level.
- A walk-out is planned on Wednesday 14th March. Staff and students are encouraged to walk out of timetabled activity. Participants will meet in the Atrium at 12.
- Letters have been written to 28 primary schools and 9 secondary schools encouraging pupils to write letters to Karl McCartney, their local MP in protest about the fees.
- There will be stall in the Atrium all week from 10-3 where students can fill out postcards, pick up wristbands, badges and t-shirts in support of the campaign.
- A video is being made depicting an empty campus to give the message that the future of higher education could be seriously affected.
- A post-it note collage is being made by students who are recording details of their hidden course costs. The notes will be taken to University Executive Board on the 22nd March for consideration.
- There will be a socialist students rally outside the SOAP centre, a debate organised by the debating society between student politicians, and sketches by the comedy club, all of which the SU are supporting.

6. Seats on University Equality & Diversity Committees

Noted:

- MAPs are happy to take one of the seats in the interim until representatives from LGBT or DSG come forward.

Agreed:

- The ratification of Sam Thirkettle (LGBT) and Fen Kipleby (MAPs)
- To investigate the possibility of securing further seats to ensure all groups are represented on the committee.

Action:

- Jennine Fox (VP Academic Affairs) to investigate the possibility of further seats.

7. Student Open Session

Noted:

- Members enquired as to the preferred outcome for the Union from the week of action.
- Officers hope to continue raising awareness of the negative impact of higher fees on future students.
- Officers hope to raise awareness of hidden course costs and to encourage the Vice-Chancellor to continue with possible plans to include these costs in course fees.
- Officers hope to support NUS to represent Lincoln's views.
- There may be a visit by Lincoln students to London in April to support this campaign.

Noted:

- Costs for the head-hunting firm were requested for the next meeting.
- Chris Whitwood, student trustee, estimated the costs to be around £10,000 plus expenses. This costing was the cheaper of two firms.

Action:

- Rebecca Pocock to e-mail figures for this process to Council attendees prior to the next meeting.

8. Any Other Business

Noted:

- There has been a slow improvement in the quality and selection of vegetarian and vegan food available in the Atrium and the University Shop since the motion was brought to AGM.
- Students requested a follow up about the difference in pricing between campuses.

Action:

- Jennine Fox (VP Academic Affairs) to feed back this information to the next Council.

9. Date of next meeting

Noted:

- The next meeting will take place on 23rd April at 5pm in MB1019 (Brayford Campus) the topic for discussion will be Students as members of their community.

I certify that the above minutes are a true and accurate summary of the meeting held on 12th March 2012, and have been approved by Student Council. These minutes will now be publicly available.

.....
Name (Chair)

.....
Date