

University of Lincoln Students' Union Societies Council
Held on Friday 2nd November 2012 12:00 – 14:00
In The Platform



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Sports and Societies
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Minutes

Present

Chair

Gooleswari Seeburn (Societies Officer)

Society Representatives

ABEAST
ACS
Amnesty
Anime
Architecture
Art
Baking
Biosciences
Business
Chinese
Christian Union
Computing
Creative Writing
Criminology
Debating
Enactus
Forensic Psychology
Forensic Science
Gaming

History
Irish
Islamic
Juggling
Labour
LARP
Law
Liberal Youth
Life Sciences
MAPR
Medical
Musical Theatre
Photography
Politics
Psychology
Rock
Sci-fi
Secular

Emerging Societies Present

Harry Potter
Graphic Design

Also In Attendance

Ian Johnston (Interim Deputy CEO/Activities and Development Manager)
Tracey Revall (Activities Coordinator)
Dan Sam (Activities Officer)
Emily Hill (Activities Support Worker)
Elly Sample (Director of Communications Development & Marketing)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from Horse-racing and Article 25

Noted:

- Make sure apologies are sent 48 hours prior to council otherwise the fine will still be implemented

2. Minutes for Approval

For 25 Against 10 Abstain 0

Noted:

- Query raised as gaming stated they were present at the last council
- Islamic queried the abstained and against votes in regards to their development fund request
- Query raised on the 'odd' voting numbers

Action:

- All queries will be checked and relevant amendments made

Outcomes:

- Apologies sent to Gaming as they were present at the last council
- Abstained and against votes for Islamic development fund request matched the records taken
- Activities will be reminded to vote on every instance as all votes that are seen are counted

3. Marketing

Talk from Elly Sample about engagement and promoting the University

Noted:

- Aware that there is a negative portrayal of Universities and Higher Education
- Teachers need to be up to date and if asked by parents be able to explain fees
- Misinformation and bad information
- Student's from 90 countries at the University
- Students often select University based on word of mouth
- Want to promote awareness and HE opportunities
- The idea of promoting the University through challenging the RAF
- Elly Sample asked the council for interest in this idea
- LARP, Gaming, Sci-fi and Anime stated that they are planning a zombie event on campus
- Elly Sample proposed the idea of going to London and getting politicians to refer to the top 50 Universities instead of just Universities associated with certain groups
- Debating stated that events go on that students don't know about, we could get politicians up to Lincoln
- Speakers come into the University, such as the great mind series, idea to invite students to the events
- Idea of a flash mob performance
- Creative writing stated their idea of an anthology of work, this could be Lincoln themed

Action:

- Elly Sample to be passed on contact information
- Societies to contact Elly Sample with any ideas and if they want support

4. Emerging

Lincoln Expedition Society

Did not show to council

Harry Potter Society

For 24 Against 4 Abstain 6

Harry Potter Society ratified

Graphic Design Society

For 32 Against 0 Abstain 3

Graphic Design ratified

5. Development Fund Requests

Islamic Society - £250 to run a Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be upon Him) week

Noted:

- Politics asked if they can pull on community/fundraising money
- Photography asked when the event is being held
- Islamic stated within the next month looking at the week commencing the 19th of November with a speaker on the 21st
- Irish asked if they could push the event back and do self-raising
- Islamic explained that they do collect money at Friday prayer
- ACS asked where it would be held
- Islamic stated that it would be a lecture theatre and in the main building
- Rock asked what their current funds are
- A breakdown of their current funds was given by the chair
- Photography asked the difference between Islamic awareness week
- Islamic stated that they want to trigger a debate and get in a knowledgeable speaker following the YouTube film that was released
- Medical queried what the rest of the money is used for if the speaker is £90
- Islamic explained that they wanted to purchase supported leaflets and literature
- It was raised that could this not be circulated online
- Islamic explained that the cost is cheap and these can be given out at lectures
- SIFE questioned why use the development fund
- Islamic replied because of the nature of the event and what the development fund is allowed to be spent on
- Debating stated that whilst they recognise the good work that the Islamic society do, and they voted for their request at the last council, they felt that they could not vote for them this time
- Gooleswari Seeburn queried whether they can charge for the event or charge for food
- Islamic stated that they felt food was a hook to get people to come to the event

For **6** Against **21** Abstain **8**

Development fund request was not granted

6. Society Name Changes

Noted:

- Biology and Life Sciences have changed their name to Bioscience

SIFE to change to Enactus

For **34** Against **0** Abstain **0**

Name change request granted

Juggling Madness change to University of Lincoln Juggling Society

For **29** Against **2** Abstain **0**

Name change request granted

7. Snowflake Ball

By Dan Sam

Noted:

- Dan Sam started by clarifying that it is a Christmas event at the end of the year
- Last year feedback was about the act not being recognised
- This year Tinchy Stryder is the PA
- Nominations for Snow King and Queen can be done at the SU reception where there is a voting box
- 250 Early Bird tickets were sold out; these were only promoted through social media
- Tickets are £17 and can be bought from the SU reception not the Engine Shed Box Office
- There are 1200 standard tickets available
- Student societies are taking part in the event, Dan stated he wants to encourage student involvement in events

8. RAG

By Dan Sam

Noted:

- Fundraising opportunity in the community aimed doing charitable events and raise awareness
- Currently there are about 4000 students involved with activities and volunteering so there is a lot of scope

Action:

- Contact Dan Sam dsam@lincoln.ac.uk about being involved in RAG

9. Societies Varsity

By Sam Dan

- Dan Sam stated that societies are not represented as well as they should be
- Proposed the idea of a societies varsity
- Need for a collective idea to take forward

Action:

- Dan Sam to send out email and contact in regards to societies Varsity

9. Elections

By Dan Sam

Noted:

- Students have been voted in for the positions of Groups Officer and Student Officer
- First time there has been a full executive committee

10. Society Elections

By Dan Sam

Noted:

- Aim to standardise the election and handover process
- Make it more accessible with more information
- This is so the committee know what needs to be handed over and what the roles involve

Action:

- Dan Sam to email out what information is needed

11. AOB

Noted:

- Debating stated that the room has bad acoustics and they have struggled to hear
- Liberal Youth stated that they would like a reminder to be sent prior to the development fund request deadline
- Amnesty asked to clarify who the society's student council representatives are
- These were stated to be Gareth Salter (Anime) and Abi Osundairo (ACS)
- Irish stated that they are going to a barn dance tonight (2nd November) at Imp Art and meeting at the Ritz at 7pm
- Dan Sam asked societies if they could write a mini-review of events so people can see what the societies are doing
- Dan Sam stated that the NUS Demo is being held on the 21st of November, if people want to go it is £5 non-refundable fee for the coach trip.
- From Monday you can pay for the coach at the SU reception
- The demo is a march to campaign on student employability, empowerment and education

Action:

- To get a microphone for the next council
- Activities Team to send out a reminder for development request applications prior to the deadline

- Email mini-reviews to dsam@lincoln.ac.uk

12. Date of the next meeting

Friday the 30th of November 12-2 in The Platform

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