

**University of Lincoln Students' Union Societies Council**  
**Held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> of April 2013**  
**12-2pm MB1009**



**UL STUDENTS' UNION**  
**Sports and Societies**  
[www.lincolnsu.com/sportsandsocieties](http://www.lincolnsu.com/sportsandsocieties)

**Minutes**

**Present**

Chair

Gooleswari Seeburn (Societies Officer)

Society Representatives

ACS

Aegis

Amnesty

Animation

Architecture

Business

Chinese

CU

Creative Writing

Debating

Enactus

Film Making

Glee

Harry Potter

History

Hong Kong

Irish

Islamic

Juggling

LARP

Law

Liberal Youth

Life Sciences

MAPR

Musical Theatre

Orchestra

Photography

Politics

Psychology

Emerging Societies Present

Investing

English

Fashion and Design

Journalism

Also In Attendance

Ian Johnston (Membership Services Manager/Deputy CEO)

Tracey Revill (Activities Co-ordinator)

Dan Sam (VP Activities)

Emily Hill (Activities Support Worker)

Ian Spenton (Engine Shed Club and Promotions Officer)

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Medical, Anime and Art

## 2. Minutes to vote the minutes of the previous meeting

Vote to agree

For **24**                      Against **0**                      Abstain **1**

## 3. Emerging Societies

### Bright Futures

Postponed until 13/14 academic year

### English

#### **Noted:**

- Aims are stated as to see plays/go to the theatre, hold workshops
- Stated to not solely be for English students
- Stated that the English department have said they will help with workshops, trips and the LPAC
- Stated that trips will be funded by members
- Idea for a book swap scheme
- Hoping to achieve a society for English, performance and drama
- Confirmed that membership is £5
- Creative Writing suggested the idea of collaborating

For **23**                      Against **1**                      Abstain **0**

English Society are ratified

### Fashion and Design

#### **Noted:**

- Have a committee of 7 people in place
- Have events lined up
- Question put forward as to what members would members do?
- Ideas of taking photos of people wearing quirky clothes around campus, a fashion show, trip to London fashion, talks from industry experts, have spoken to Birdies Boutique in regard to discounts, talks on how to break into the industry
- Question put forward by council member if the £5 membership fee is enough
- Stated that costs that a member faces are not great and the membership fee is sufficient
- No further questions

For **25**                      Against **0**                      Abstain **0**

Fashion and Design Society are ratified

## Investing

### **Noted:**

- Stated that the aim is to help people understand how the market works
- Idea to host a fantasy share competition with other universities
- Have set up a committee
- No questions put forward

For **25**                      Against **1**                      Abstain **0**

Investing society are ratified

## Assassins

### **Noted:**

No one present

## Journalism

### **Noted:**

- Stated there is a need for this society
- Way to bring people together on the course
- Stated they want to hold guest lectures and talks from industry experts
- Aim to hold subject specific events for areas such as sport, fashion and music journalism
- Clarified that the society open to everyone
- MAPR stated that it would be good to link up as some of their events span across to journalism
- Islamic and Aegis stated that it would be good for all societies to link up for publicity

For **26**                      Against **0**                      Abstain **0**

Journalism are ratified

## **4. Development Fund Requests**

## Debating

### **Noted:**

- Request is for the purchase of 2 stand up banners
- Leafleting and poster costs are mostly covered by their current funds but need some extra funding
- Question put forward of why does membership not cover the costs?
- The money going to be used for an event being planned for next year
- Debating clarified that the request is for 2 standing banners and advertising

For **25**                      Against **0**                      Abstain **1**

Request Granted

## Politics

### **Noted:**

- Money is for advertising
- Banner and leaflets with main events highlighted
- Stated that they have political figures coming in next year and want to advertise this early
- Clarified that the Scotland trip is planned to happen in about three weeks

For **20**

Against **1**

Abstain **6**

Request Granted

## Islamic

### **Noted:**

- Aim of the trip to the zoo is to take photos and video to create a wall planner to advertise the society and Islam and highlight the duty towards animals and dispel misconceptions
- Stated that they are also organising a talk on animal rights and hope to feed the animals
- Stated that this year the society have already covered rights of men, women and children and this is the next step to cover animals
- Clarified that the money is for a coach, members will be paying for their own entrance fee
- Question put forward asking how the calendar describes misconceptions
- Photography and quotes on the calendar will highlight issues
- Council member asked if transport comes under development.
- Ian Johnston clarified that it is for basic essential transport but the interpretation of this is for the council
- Islamic confirmed that the trip is open to 53 and aims to be educational for members
- Photography advised that they will need for correct permissions to use the photography
- Islamic stated that this has been organised

For **18**

Against **0**

Abstain **7**

Request Granted

## Juggling

### **Noted:**

- Juggling stated that their current box for the equipment is not suitable or secure

For **23**

Against **0**

Abstain **1**

Request Granted

## Hong Kong

### **Noted:**

- Holding a food-sale in the atrium
- As they are a new don't have funds for a big event
- Going to make Hong Kong style food to promote the society and Hong Kong food culture
- Stated their budget is around £80-100 and the request is for ingredients
- Question put forward by a council member in regards to the development fund being allowed to be used to buy food
- Ian Johnston clarified that this is because it is not commercial or a ticketed event and they are not making money but is a taster
- Hong Kong clarified that the date of the event is the 26<sup>th</sup>
- Question asked as to how many members they currently have
- Hong Kong stated that they are still recruiting and the event is aimed to get more members

For **25**

Against **0**

Abstain **0**

## LARP

### **Noted:**

- Stated they want to grow the society and start the year with a solid baseline
- Stated that it is expensive for individual members and therefore are wanting a shared society kit box
- The current funds are going towards this
- Equipment is being bought from a current member
- Question put forward by council member to clarify what LARP is
- LARP stated that the activity is somewhere between fencing and table top role play using foam swords
- Enactus suggested talking to Nottingham University for advice on development as they have a really large LARP society
- LARP clarified that money from development fund is going to buy kit from an online store
- Clarification that the kit includes specialist LARP weaponry

For **19**

Against **3**

Abstain **4**

Request Granted

## Business

### **Noted:**

- Money currently in their accounts is being used to publish the University of Lincoln Journal
- The money requested is for 3 years hosting and having the website professionally made as part of a whole re-brand of the society
- The website aims to have a professional look for the society
- Stated that every week they aim to have an employability workshop advertised on the website
- Aim is to help to build a network of companies
- Already have secured sponsorship of £2000
- Irish stated that the journal is a great idea but questioned why the university not helping with funding
- MAPR stated an idea to push through a petition for the university to fund it
- Creative Advertising asked if a student could not create the website cheaper
- Enactus stated that the journal is a fantastic idea and that their marketing made their website for free and then just paid for the domain, costing about £10

- Enactus stated that they would be happy to design it for business
- Council member stated that it would look good if website is made by students
- Business clarified that their membership is £7
- Business stated that the website is costed to £3.95 per member but current members are not willing to pay any more towards the website (following a survey conducted)

For **7**

Against **10**

Abstain **8**

Request Rejected

### Creative Writing

#### **Noted:**

- Society have written an anthology that is being published professionally on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May in the format of an e-book and paperback
- The money requested is wanted for a trip to the Lake District and also to purchase discounted copies of the anthology
- Next year they want to do a weekly writing magazine
- Clarified that the trip will involve visiting museums, holding workshops, murder mystery event, confidence building and bonding with members, as some are reluctant to share their work
- The funding is for the cabin, and the members are paying their own transport and food etc
- Enactus asked how many the trip accommodates
- The cabin holds around 8-9 people
- Council member stated that if members are paying £50 why not pay £100 as it seems to be a holiday
- Creative Writing stated that it is not a holiday but a working trip and they will be continuing work on their skills
- Creative writing stated that there is a large difference between 50 and 100 pounds

For **24**

Against **1**

Abstain **3**

Request Granted

### ACS

#### **Noted:**

- Money is for the heritage event
- Spoken to 2 special guests
- 1 DJ who has featured at other ACS cultural events
- Other guest is a speaker who is a spoken word artist
- Money is for accommodation and appearance costs
- Hoping this event will promote the society for next year
- Question put forward by council member as to what is the heritage ball
- Aim is to educate on African culture, this year they are focusing on the students who are performing
- All are welcome to come: £10 members and £12 non-members
- Membership fee is going towards the catering
- The event is on the 6<sup>th</sup> May

For **22**

Against **0**

Abstain **2**

Request Granted

## 5. Finance

By Tracey Revill

### Noted:

- Block grant needs to be spent by the end of May ready for year end in June
- This includes development fund money
- Membership and self-raised funds continues on to next year
- This is a little bit earlier as a new finance system is being introduced

## 6. Inventory

By Tracey Revill

### Noted:

- Inventories to all be confirmed by the 31<sup>st</sup> of May
- This is any equipment or kit that belongs to the society that has been purchased by the society  
Clarified that societies should state if they state where it stored is
- Issue highlighted with storage
- Talking to the university to redesign the building to have storage space
- No answer currently for storage problems

### Action:

- Activities to send in their inventories to [sportsandsocieties@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:sportsandsocieties@lincoln.ac.uk)

## 7. Generic Risk Assessment

By Tracey Revill

### Noted:

- All to submit a generic electronic copy of their activity risk assessment

### Actions:

- Send to [sportsandsocieties@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:sportsandsocieties@lincoln.ac.uk)

## 8. VP Activities Update

### Noted:

#### NUS conference

- NUS conference has happened
- Work done by Islamic was praised
- This year there was a massive focus on activities
- This coming year will see more NUS involvement, i.e. debating setting up relevant events for national recognition
- When holding your events talk to the SU to maximize effect
- See DS after for any more info on conference

#### Volunteer Logs

- Volunteer logs deadline is next week
- Logs are to recognize work that is put into running societies
- Logs can be signed off by Dan Sam, Tracey Revill or Ian Johnston
- Book an appointment or come to a drop-in
- When you receive your certificate you can use it as proof of your award for employers

### Sports and Societies Awards

- Being held on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> April
- 30 spaces are still available
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to buy tickets

### Graduation Ball

- Being held on September the 5<sup>th</sup>
- Tickets on sale Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Headline acts will be announced shortly

### Committee Training Sessions

- Will be taking place soon
- Role specific training will be conducted following feedback
- Finance training is put on hold as a new finance system is coming into place
- Right now committee handovers should be taking place and new committees should be shadowing
- Please involve your new committees now so they can see what running an activity is all about

**Action:** Dan Sam to send out handover pack

### Varsity

- Lincoln Won the annual varsity competition
- Aim is to get societies more involved next year

### Freshers Fair

- Freshers fair planning happens over the summer
- Allocations will be given to all ratified activities
- Engine shed will fit everyone in for Freshers fair
- Clarified that each society has one table each

### Remaining Development Fund Money

- Money is reabsorbed and reallocated
- Will still be used by the Union for the benefit of student population

## **9. Societies Officer Update**

### **Noted:**

- Spoken to 1<sup>st</sup> years who have been amazed by the job done this year by activities
- Amnesty arms trade treaty got passed meaning human rights are put before the selling of arms
- Thanks to all that signed the petition

## **10. Month End Accounts**

By Dan Sam

### **Noted:**

- The accounts are not yet available
- This is due to the trustees meeting being out of sync with this society's council this year

### **Action:**

- Dan Sam to send out on email

## 11. AOB

### Noted:

#### Submission of New Committee Details

- Activities office are missing many societies new committee details
- These need to be emailed in ASAP
- Life Sciences stated that some members don't want to give phone numbers
- Tracey Revill stated that phone numbers are used only if there are any problems or if an activity is not responding to emails
- They do not have to submit them but facilitates communication if there are any issues

### Action:

- Activities to email in their new committees for 13/14 as soon as possible to [sportsandsocieties@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:sportsandsocieties@lincoln.ac.uk)

#### Motion: Sponsorship from Bars and Clubs

- Aegis put forward a motion for activities to be able to receive sponsorship from bars and clubs
- Aegis stated that the current by-laws state activities can't receive sponsorship from bars or nightclubs
- Stated that they have conducted a survey
- Results showed that:
  - 82% said yes they would like this motion changed
  - 84% stated it would be beneficial
  - 69% said it would not be detrimental to the university or activities image
  - 7% said it would need to be drafted properly
- Stated that it is currently a verbal motion
- Dan Sam stated that further research has been conducted by the SU and has shown similar results
- Dan Sam clarified that when the motion is written it is supported by the Societies Council for student council
- Dan Sam stated that if passed at student's council the motion will go to trustee board to see legal implications
- Statement put forward in regards to interpretation and if it would just be bars and clubs or anyone where their main business is an alcohol outlet i.e. hotels/jazz bar
- Confirmation of the aim to lift the ban on sponsorship from bars and clubs in the by-laws

### Agreed:

- Motion to be put forward to student council

### Action:

Motion to be written by Aegis and Dan Sam

#### Motion Update – disbanding under/non-performing activities

- Irish stated that the sub-group is still to meet
- See Brian afterwards if you are interested

#### Engine shed feedback

- Irish stated that apparently tower bar takeovers can't be done anymore
- Dan Sam confirmed that the platform is now used for activity events because the tower bar is a public space

### Feedback for potential motion on storage space

- Enactus asked for feedback on writing a motion for storage space
- Idea well received by council

### Get Lincoln Noticed

- Chair stated that Elly Sample has only received one application for get Lincoln Noticed Funding
- 2 societies stated that they have submitted applications but have had no response

### **Action:**

- TR to re-circulate email for Get Lincoln Noticed
- Activities to send their application emails to the Activities Office [sportsandsocieties@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:sportsandsocieties@lincoln.ac.uk) to chase a reply

### **12. Date of the next meeting**

Academic Year 13/14

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