



**University of Lincoln Students' Union**  
**Student Council Minutes**

11<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 12 noon in the Cargill Lecture Theatre

Chair	Josh Leafe
Societies Officer	Connor Burton
College of Arts Officer	Linford Butler
College of Science Officer	Tom Candy
College of Social Sciences Officer	Charlotte Greenley
Officer for Students	Imogen Napper
International Students Rep	Shun Kamei

**School Reps**

Architecture	Daniel Orford
Art & Design	Mark Sowden
Business	Kate Withers
Computing	Brett J Knights
Engineering	Edward Fowles
Health & Social Care	Elizabeth Jones
Humanities	Spencer Nash
Journalism	Nyasha Takawira
Law	Jade Casey
Life Science	Daniel Addai
Media	Wade Baverstock
Performance	Tom Briggs
Psychology	James Ferrier
Social and Political Science	James Bevan
Sport	Katie Allen

**Societies Council**

Societies Council Rep	Calum Watt
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**In Attendance – Non Voting**

Jack Maddock	OXJAM	Sophie Bishell
Hannah Harvey	President	Dan Sam
Sophy Taylor	Vice-President Academic Affairs	Ian Antwi
Sam Gilbert	Vice-President Activities	Joe Burt
Victoria Waby	Vice-President Welfare & Community	Brian Alcorn
Alex Hill	Chief Executive Officer	James Brooks
Christian Rojas	Student Voice & Rep Manager	Aidan Mersh
Itiafa Akerejola	Membership Services Manager/	Ian Johnston
Sam Strickson	Deputy Chief Executive	
Alexandrya-Carmen Mbu	Communications Worker	Scott McGinn
Jammil Ahmed	Administrative Support Worker	Hannah Coleman
Jon Ashby		
Victoria Hackett		
Peter Lightbody		

**Apologies for Absence**

**Noted:**

- Apologies were received from Amy Womersley, Spencer Nash and Elizabeth Jones.

**1. Minutes from Previous Meeting****Noted:**

- Item 12 on pg. 4 states that "Joshua Leafe elected as Deputy Chair for Student Council". Joshua Leafe was elected as Chair for Student Council not deputy during Student Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2013.
- The minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2013 were agreed as an accurate record.

**2. Matters Arising****Noted:**

- A Deputy Chair for Student Council was required to be elected to perform the duties of the Chair in his absence.

**Discussion:**

- The Chair asked Members of the Council to volunteer to stand for election for Deputy Chair of Student Council.
- Societies Council Rep Calum Watt and Societies Officer Connor Burton volunteered to stand for the position.
- The Chair invited the candidates to perform a short presentation detailing why they should be elected for the position.
- Members of the Council were asked to vote to elect;  
Calum Watt: 10 votes.  
Connor Burton: 8 votes.

**Agreed:**

- Callum Watt elected as Deputy Chair for Student Council.

**3. Sabbatical Key Points****President****Noted:**

- All Sabbatical Officers started in office in July 2013.
- President Dan Sam is focusing on International students and wider participation at present.

**International Students:****Noted:**

- It was reported that a lot of issues arose at the start of term for international students including an increase in fees when entering their 2nd year of study which they were not aware of. The Union have contacted Registrar and University of Lincoln Deputy Finance Officer to discuss this increase in fees which reportedly is of £4,000.
- The Union is in support of making International Students aware of this and are currently setting up feedback groups with a range of international students from all demographics.
- The contracts between the University of Lincoln and international students are now going to be renegotiated.

**Agreed:**

- To report back to Members of Council who attended the feedback groups at the next scheduled Student Council within the Executive Report.

**Wider Participation****Noted:**

- President Dan Sam is continuing his work to increase the access for undergraduates and postgraduates into education. He is putting pressure on the University of Lincoln to lobby to give the same package to students.

**Rebrand:**

**Noted:**

- Logos for the Union's sports and societies will be phased out over the next 2 years. The Union's logo and the University of Lincoln's logo shall be featured on all kit after these 2 years.
- The Union has introduced their mascot of a swan over the last few months.

**Mentoring:**

**Noted:**

- It was noted that all the Sabbatical Officers are male and this may be a fact to consider when participating in the Mentor Scheme of visiting schools to widen participation.

**Discussion:**

- Female Reps could go with the Sabbaticals Officers when they visit the schools.

**VP Academic Affairs**

**Course Reps**

**Noted:**

- Course Rep elections closed on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013. The results of which will be collated and released after this meeting.
- There have been 480 nominations this year with 187 elections running online. 115 Course Reps were elected last year.
- Training of Course Reps will commence over the next two weeks which Senior Reps will be involved in.
- Heads of Schools and their administrators have been met with. It was reported that there had been miscommunication regarding the role of Reps. An mail was circulated to programme Leaders informing them of the role of Reps.
- VP Academic Affairs Ian Antwi thanked all Senior Reps for all their hard work during Course Rep Elections. Senior Reps sourced a total of 130 nominations between them all.
- The Union scored 69% from answers of question 23 featured in the National Student Survey. The sector average of which was 67%. The National Student Survey will be discussed with Senior reps.

**Discussion:**

- It was unclear if Year 2 in Politics had any Reps yet.
- It was reported that there had been a misunderstanding over times/ venues of lectures for courses where Union representatives did lecture shout outs publicising Course Reps.
- A fact sheet is going to be produced detailing Union's Reps structure and a staff Handbook on Reps was produced and distributed which should minimise miscommunication between the Union and Academics.
- There was confusion over how Course Rep Elections were being carried out either online or within class.
- Student Engagement Officer Dan Derricott has recruited Student Engagement Champions within each school to ensure communication breakdown doesn't occur.
- There are positions which yet to be filled as no Senior Reps have been elected for it and Course Rep elections have not occurred been completed as yet.

**Agreed:**

- A report which details which courses do not have any Reps to be brought to the next scheduled Student Council.
- Look at populating the unfilled positions and provide an update of this at the next scheduled Student Council

### **Representation Charter:**

#### **Noted:**

- Former Sabbatical officers Kayleigh Turner and Dan Derricott produced the Representation Charter which is currently being amended and updated to detail the University of Lincoln's structural changes which have occurred. This will include postgraduate representation as it is not currently representative of cohorts.
- Senior Reps, the Graduate School and the Dean of Teaching and Learning Mike Neary are being consulted to gain feedback on the progression of the Representation Charter.

### **VP Activities**

#### **Activities**

##### **Noted:**

- At present there are currently 1005 societies members and 1045 sports members.
- The target for British University and Colleges Sports (BUCS) for 2013-2014 is 520 points. This is an increase of 40 points from 2013-2013.
- Netball has been shortlisted for Team of the Year by Lincolnshire Sports Partnership.
- There are new facilities at Nettleham and a new Cricket Ground has recently opened.
- The Union is currently writing a Sport Strategy in partnership with the University of Lincoln Sport Centre.
- Varsity will now be played against Hull in Hull.
- A key Performance indicator of the VP Activities details that 300 Lincoln spectators go to watch Varsity.
- More Societies are being welcomed to get involved with Varsity, with Gaming, Law and Life Science all showing an interest in competing.
- The change in sponsorship was discussed, now activities can source sponsorship from Clubs and Bars. NUS have contacted the Union to use the Union's Sponsorship Agreement as a resource bank.

##### **Discussion:**

- There will be a fee for the travel to Varsity, however the Union are planning to fundraise for the cost of travel as well.
- Groups now come under Welfare.

##### **Agreed:**

- Report back on the outcome of Netball's shortlisting at the next scheduled Student Council.
- Review the membership numbers of activities for the next scheduled Student Council.

### **Volunteering**

#### **Noted:**

- 23 volunteers went to India.
- At present there are currently 530 registered volunteers. 92 registered volunteers are already apart of projects.
- A media engagement group called Linc Tv has been formed and is a student led project affiliated with the Union.

### **VP Welfare and Community**

#### **Noted:**

- VP Welfare and Community role has changed due to the Unions Strategic Plan. The Union is seeking to engage the community further and VP Welfare and Community Brian Alcorn has attended residential meetings and has been in contact with representatives from Lincoln Council.
- One Community Action day has already occurred which was a Litter Pick. This was reported as a success with a Councillor tweeting a picture of the litter Pickers.
- Funding has been applied for to arrange a 'Meet the street' event to encourage neighbour interaction.
- The Student Buddy Scheme has commenced with further potential of introducing more specific Buddy's per area such as LGBT Buddy's or Finance Buddy's

**Discussion:**

- CCF and Article 4 directive was explained to the Members of Council which featured in the Executive Report. CCF refers to Carholme Community forum and Article 4 is a local government power which can restrict the number of houses of multiple occupancy (HMO). The CCF wishes to adopt Article 4 directive however it can take up to 2 years to complete and can be expensive as it would affect existing landlords who would need to be reimbursed for loss income.
- It was emphasised that the Union is publicising students in a positive way to encourage residents who may have had bad experiences with students to change their opinions of them.

**Carholme Community Gala**

**Noted:**

- There was good attendance in general at the Carholme Community gala held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2013. More student attendance would have been welcomed. A shuttle bus was provided to the event from campus.
- A debrief of the event occurred where the time of year when the event is held could be affecting student attendance.

**Discussion:**

- A Member of Council went to the event and reported that it was a good event.

**4. Report of Sports Council Chair**

**Noted:**

- In the absence of Sports Council Chair Amy Wormersley, VP Activities Joe Burt delivered an update on her behalf.
- There was 100% attendance at the Sport Council where Bobsleigh, pool and powerlifting were all approved as new sports.
- Canoe and Kayak, Women's Futsal and Cheerleading were awarded their development fund request out of the fund which totals £9,900.
- It was reported that Pep Rally went well.

**Agreed:**

- Sports Council Chair's report to be circulated to all Members of Council.

**5. Report of Societies Council Chair**

**Noted:**

- 2 Deputy Chairs of Societies Council were elected who are Callum Watt and Marcus.
- 10 emerging societies were approved, apart from Unicef all can now be joined.
- Islamic Society's development fund of £200 was rejected. £4,200 is the total of Development fund.
- Societies are encouraged to get involved in Varsity and can contact their Council Chair of their interest for further details

**Discussion:**

- There was a misunderstanding over if the Deputy Chairs of Sports and Societies Council can cast a vote at Student Council. It was confirmed that they do as they are a Member of Student Council once elected.
- A Member of Council suggested that they may have voted differently as it wasn't made clear that the Deputy Chairs held a vote in Student Council, specifically mentioning Societies Council.
- There was no mention of voting power in Sports Council and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Chair needs to still be elected.
- During the Societies Council, Calum Watt who was elected as Deputy Chair detailed the voting power of the Deputy Chair within his candidate speech.
- A motion was suggested to be held to overturn the elections of the Deputy Chairs and request that Sports and Societies Council Chairs rerun the elections at their next council meeting.
- It was suggested that the motion should detail a recommendation to clearly detail the Deputy Chairs voting power prior to electing a candidate so all council members are aware of it.
- Council is the democratic sovereign who represents the students and the Board of Trustees oversee the legal and financial aspects of the Union.
- The procedure of how a motion is passed was explained to Members of Council with reference to the Student Council Handbook which was handed to the Members.
- It was suggested that Student Council should not interfere with differing bodies as it was felt that it was important for the individual Council to make the decision regarding its structure. However it was noted that the end decision of this would lie with Student Council.

**Proposed Motion:**

To rerun the elections for Societies and Sports Council Deputy Chairs.

**Amendment:**

An amendment was suggested to recommend rerunning the elections and not enforcing it. The amendment was rejected.

No speech against the Motion proposed was made.

No abstention speech against the Motion proposed was made.

**Motion was passed.**

**Action: VP Activities to re-advertise the roles to S&S councils making it clear the deputy positions receive a vote on student council**

**Action: Run elections again for deputy positions in S&S councils on 1<sup>st</sup> November.**

**6. Motion to Commend the Officer's & Staff of the University of Lincoln Students' Union for Supporting Student Activism and the Local Community during 2013.**

**Noted:**

- Societies Council Rep Calum Watt proposed that due to the Union's support during the pro Equal Marriage demonstration and at the counter-demonstration when a racist organisation protested in Lincoln.
- Sabbatical Officers provided support and materials for the demonstrations.

No Amendments to the Motion was proposed.

No speech against the Motion proposed was made.

No abstention speech against the Motion proposed was made.

**Motion was passed.**

## **7. Motion to deal with Anti-Social Behaviour in the local community.**

### **Noted:**

- If a complaint is received by the Union detailing anti-social behaviour within the community, one letter shall be sent out to the student/ household detailing the Unions policy over their behaviour. If the behaviour persists, then Sabbatical Officers will visit the student/household to further discuss the behaviour.

### **Discussed:**

- Concern was raised over the policing of this as it may be an individual student within a house share rather than all the students living there. The Union may not be aware of this so the household may receive the letter and not the Individual.
- The house where the student lives may not be identified correctly.
- It was suggested that if a student who receives a letter believes it to be unfair; they should contact the Union to discuss it.
- It was suggested that an informal chat with the student may be more beneficial than the distribution of a letter.
- Anti-social behaviour occurs outside the household as well which can promote students in a negative way and detract from students who behave in a positive way within the community.

### **Agreed:**

- To communicate this motion to all members if it is passed.

A speech against the Motion proposed was made by Calum Watt.

No Amendments to the Motion was proposed.

No abstention speech against the Motion proposed was made.

**Motion was passed.**

## **9. Student Open Session**

**An opportunity for non-Council members to bring items for discussion/resolution**

### **OXJAM Sophia Bishell**

#### **Noted:**

- OXJAM is a nationwide musical festival where the proceeds go to OXFAM. There is a Festival day costing £2.00 per entry happening on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2013 and a Finale event on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2013. There is an offer of 2 tickets for £5.00 for the events.
- Sophia Bishell asked if activities could get involved with the events and welcomed any students who were interested to get in contact with her.

#### **Discussion:**

- Media students may be interested in being involved as well.

#### **Proposed Motion:**

To promote and sell tickets from the Unions Reception for the OXJAM events of the Festival day and Finale event.

The Chair of the Student Council cannot propose a Motion.

Motion was proposed by a Member of Council.

#### **Amendment**

Include promoting to mean for the Union to find different ways of promoting the event, this could be through Social Media.

No speech against the Motion proposed was made.  
No speech against the Amendment was made.

**Motion was passed.**

### **Tennis Courts on campus Tennis club**

**Noted:**

- No representative from the Tennis Club was present.

**Agreed:**

- This agenda item will be scheduled on the Agenda for the next Student Council.

10. Any Other Business

To consider any other business that has arisen since the circulation of the agenda

### **Young Potential**

**Noted:**

- Terri from Young Potential based in Lincoln who works with the development and employment training of 15-19 year old disadvantage people asked the Members of Council if the Union would support and get involved in a fundraising event in aid of Young Potential.
- The fundraising event proposed would involve activities participating in a social pub quiz with the venue location and date flexible.

**Discussion:**

- The Members of Council was fully supportive of a fundraisers and request that VP Activities Joe Burt facilitates and communicates this fundraising event to activities.

**Agreed:**

- VP Activities Joe Burt to discuss the fundraising event to all activities and liaise with Young Potential.

### **Student Council Chair update**

**Noted:**

- The Chair acknowledged the Student Council Handbook and asked if all Members of Council had received a copy.
- There will be a 2nd General meeting which the date for is not featured in the Handbook. This is still to be confirmed.
- It is important that Members of Council scrutinise the Sabbatical Officers.

**Agreed:**

- Reports from Societies and Sports Council Chairs to be sent out prior to Student Council.
- Members of Council were asked to send their apologies if they were unable to attend Council. Rules of who can attend in the Members absence were explained.

### **Sabbatical Officer Pie Chart**

**Noted:**

- A week by week as well as month by month pie charts are being produced detailing each Sabbatical Officers percentage of time spent doing different activities ranging from office time to going out and talking (GOATING).
- The Sabbatical Officers activities during September were shown to Members of Council and welcomed any questions.

**Agreed:**

- Sabbatical Officer pie charts to be circulated with Agendas prior to each Student Council.
- The Sabbatical Officer pie chart for September's activities to be circulated with the Minutes of this Student Council.



**Student Staff Conference**

**Noted:**

- Student Staff Conference will be happening in November.

**Constitution**

**Noted:**

- NUS have produced a revised model of Constitution which will affect Unions opt outs. This constitution will go to the AGM in November.

I certify that the above minutes are a true and accurate summary of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 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

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