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University of Lincoln Students' Union Executive Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee
Held at 15.00 on Tuesday 6th March 2012
Students' Union Board Room, Brayford Campus

Present:

Trustees

Kayleigh Taylor, President (Chair) (**KT**)
Andreas Zacharia, VP Activities (**AZ**)
Jennine Fox, VP Academic Affairs (**JFox**)
Maryam Saghir, Liberation Officer (**MS**)
Gemma Cobby, Student Officer (**GC**)
John Fernandez, Sports Officer (**JF**)
Kelly Nicholls, Student Officer (**KN**)
Laura Goodliffe, Societies Officer (**LG**)

Also in attendance

Rebecca Rock, Acting General Manager
Ian Johnston, Acting General Manager
Rebecca Pocock, Democracy Worker

1. Apologies for Absence

- Obiageli Oguru

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2012 were approved as an accurate record.
- The minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd February 2012 were approved as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

Exec Reports

Agreed:

- Officers to circulate reports by the end of this week

Staff Update

Noted:

- The Staff Team update has been sent to the whole team via e-mail.

SU Awards

Action:

- **JFox** is to put the VC's letter on the I:Drive.

**4. Top 6 Feedback
Board of Governors**

Noted:

- The presentation by Officers was received well.
- KT will write to the Board of Governors to invite them to view the Student Union office accommodation.
- Karl McCartney (Local MP) joined the meeting and discussed tuition fees with Officers. He stated that he wants to establish a good relationship with students in his constituency.

Executive Board

There was nothing of note from this meeting.

**5. Student Feedback from GOATing
Elections**

Noted:

- Officers had spoken to a large number of students who were unaware of what the SU does, why they should vote and what effect the outcome of the elections would have on them.
- Many students are apathetic to the Union and feel they are not involved in it.
- Some students were not aware that they were a member of the SU as they had not opted out.
- Students were happy with the single point logins.
- There were comments from students about the amount of posters/paper generated by the elections. Officers suggested that the allocation of printed resources should reduce in tandem with the number of candidates standing. There was also a suggestion that more online publications be explored next year.
- Some students had commented that posters and banners add to the atmosphere around campus.
- Question Time was well received but it was felt that better publicity, improvements in sound quality and a platform for the candidates would create a better atmosphere.
- Banners for Healthy Campus Week have covered candidates banners at the Sports Centre.

Agreed:

- The Officers will work to raise the general profile of the SU during elections by GOATing.
- It was felt that face-to-face contact with students will bring the best results.
- To consider continuing the "Did You Know?" campaign next year.

Action:

- Rebecca Pocock to e-mail candidates to offer recycling for their posters.
- Rebecca Pocock to take Officer feedback to the elections committee.
- Ian Johnston to contact sports centre to discuss moving the banners.

Masterchef

Noted:

- There has been some excellent feedback from this event, students enjoyed it.
- It was suggested that the event be moved to Fresher's week and be held in the Engine shed to accommodate larger numbers.

Open Day

Noted:

- 60 comments cards were filled in.
- The majority of students had used SU services but did not know what the SU was.
- Students were extremely satisfied with Job Shop.
- It was felt there could be some improvement in S&S but there was a good range of services on offer to students.

Riseholme

Noted:

- There was concern from third year students about who they would get references from after their courses are disbanded.

6. Campuses

There have been no meetings to report.

7. Democracy Update

Elections

Agreed:

- Officers will encourage students to vote.

8. Project Updates

S&S Awards

Noted:

- Approximately 150-200 tickets have been sold. Tickets have mostly been sold in bulk to teams and clubs.
- There have been 800 votes so far.
- A dignitary list is to be drawn up for allocation of free tickets.

SU Awards

Noted:

- The project group meeting was cancelled last week.
- It has been noted that some people found it difficult to fit the 150 word count into the space on the form.

Action:

- Ian Johnston to take feedback to project group.

9. Campaigns

Smoke Free Campus

Noted:

- Scott Davidson has approached **JFox** with regard to Executive committee's opinion on having a smoke free campus.

Discussed:

- The Engine Shed is a venue for the public which would make a smoke-free zone difficult to enforce.
- If there would be a possibility of having smoke-free areas around campus.
- Smoking is an emotive issue and students should be consulted on this issue.

Agreed:

- To consult students more widely on this matter.

Action:

- **JFox** to take feedback to Scott Davidson

Week of Action

Noted:

- Posters, leaflets and post cards have been designed.

- Wrist-bands, badges, T-shirts, and a post-it collage will be used to promote the event.
- Letters are to be drafted by **KT** and Amanda Marshall to be sent to local primary schools and secondary schools. Children will be encouraged to fill out emotive postcards and send them to Karl McCartney to support the week of action.
- The Debating Society is planning to run a rally outside the main building after the walk-out.
- There will be a stall in the Atrium to promote the week of action. A rota is needed to plan staffing requirements.
- A film will be made depicting the campus as deserted to reflect the impact of continuing rises in fees and associated course costs on future students.

Agreed:

- Officers are to walk out of meetings for the week with the exception of the Hull meeting attended by **JFox**.
- The SU will support students should they choose to walk out of lectures in support of the event.

10. SU Calendar review

- No changes

11. Communication Priorities

Agreed:

- Elections
- SU Awards/S&S Awards
- Week of Action

12. Any Other Business

Noted:

- The Debating Society is advertising a debate between Presidential candidates as part of their society's activities.
- The SU support society meetings and welcome the debating society to join the SU next year in organising candidate question time.
- The Tri-societies planning is going well. **JF** commends the students organising the event from the event management course.
- Motions were received from Dan Derricott for approval by Executive committee prior to submission at the NUS national conference.

Agreed:

- The motions were approved by executive committee.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Noted:

- Thursday 29th March, 14.00 in the SU Board Room.

I certify that the above minutes are a true and accurate summary of the meeting held on 6th March 2012, and have been approved by the Executive Board. These minutes will now be publicly available.

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(Chair)

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Date