

# University of Lincoln Students' Union Executive Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee Held at 10.30am on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012 In the Students' Union Board Room

## Present [shown in bold]:

Kayleigh Taylor - President, Chair (KT)

Jennine Fox - VP Academic Affairs (JFox)

Andreas Zacharia - VP Activities (AZ)

Gemma Cobby - Non Portfolio Officer (GC)

Kelly Nicholls - Non Portfolio Officer (KN) from item 3.

Maryam Saghir - Liberation Officer (MS)

John Fernandez - Sports Officer (JF)

Obiageli Oguru – Postgraduate Officer (OO)

Laura Goodliffe - Societies Officer (LG)

### In attendance:

Rebecca Pocock – Democracy Worker (RP)

Rebecca Rock - Acting General Manager (RR)

Ian Johnston - Acting General Manager (IJ)

# 1. Apologies for Absence

None received

# 2. <u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>

• The minutes of the previous meeting 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012 were accepted as an accurate record.

# 3. Matters Arising

**Teaching & Learning** 

# Action:

• **Library – JFox** to confirm and circulate dates of extended opening times.

### Student Feedback from GOATING

## Noted:

• **Sports Hall:** Students remarked on improvements in the removal of equipment from courts promptly after sessions.

### **Executive Reports**

# Agreed:

 Written reports of 1-2 A4 sides are to be submitted by Officers for month-end committee meetings.

## **Refreshers Fayre**

### Noted:

- 70 new members were recruited at the Fayre.
- Students were pleased with the Fayre and have submitted ideas to AZ for improvements to next years Fayre.

# Discussed:

Moving the date to the month following Freshers Fayre.

 There should be provision for students joining in the second semester after Christmas.

#### **Atrium**

#### Noted:

• **KT** has made several appointments with John Plumbridge to discuss the doors in the Atrium, however a meeting has not yet taken place.

### **MAPs**

#### Noted:

- All places have been filled on the MAPs committee following their first election.
- The committee has completed Health & Safety and Finance training.
- Further training is required on representing students.

#### Action:

 JFox is to circulate contact details of MAPs committee members to Executive committee.

### 4. TOP 6 Feedback

#### **Board of Governors**

#### Noted:

• An update was given from the Board of Governors meeting. The information is embargoed at this time.

# 5. Student Feedback from GOATing

None received

## 6. Campuses

#### Hull:

# Noted:

JFox did not attend due to adverse weather conditions.

# Riseholme:

### Noted:

- Campus busses are creating ongoing issues for students.
- There was a strong sense of agreement from Staff that the bus should be paid for by students at £1 per journey.
- The SU voiced concerns over charging for this service and will raise this issue at Student Experience Committee.

## Agreed:

- The SU do not agree with charging for the Riseholme Bus.
- Students at Riseholme need to be informed of a possible introduction of a charge.

### Noted:

- There are ongoing problems in the accommodation with a minority of students disrupting other residents.
- The Student warden system is nor proving effective in dealing with complaints against other students.
- There were no FE reps in attendance at the meeting to contribute to this discussion.

# Action:

• **JFox** to highlight at Student Experience Committee and Riseholme Committee that there may be a conflict of interests for Student wardens in monitoring fellow student's behaviour.

# 7. Democracy Update

### **Elections:**

## Noted:

- Officers have been promoting elections to students by encouraging them to stand for election.
- A few students have made appointments to speak to Officers about standing for election.
- The SU has planned a series of workshops designed to provide information for students interested in running in the election.

 The Executive Committee thank AZ and JF for their elections presentations to Students Councils.

### Agreed:

• To utilise the upcoming Open day on 6<sup>th</sup> March to promote both the SU and the elections as Staff will be actively promoting the SU on campus.

### Action:

• AZ to approach Ross Ironfield regarding the purchase of flag backpacks and extra large t-shirt for Horace the Hippo for election promotion.

# 8. Board of Trustees Appointment

# Agreed:

To ratify JFox as a Trustee, Board of Trustees to approve at their next meeting.

# 9. <u>Executive Team Reports</u>

Month end item

### 10. Project Updates

#### S&S Awards:

#### Noted:

- Nominations have now closed.
- Tickets are on sale, teams and clubs are bulk buying tickets.
- Tickets that have been bought but not allocated to a named member of the SU will be re-sold.
- The event is open to SU members only.

#### Action:

The Executive Team to promote S&S Awards to students.

### SU Awards:

#### Noted:

- Nominations are now open.
- There will be a dedicated webpage for the SU Awards on the SU website www.lincolnsu.com
- There are 6 teaching awards and 7 student awards this year, there will also be awards for non-academic staff.

## Action:

• The Executive Team to promote SU Awards to students and encourage nominations of staff/students for awards.

## **Student Volunteer Week**

### Noted:

- There are some excellent activities planned for students to get involved in.
- Volunteer week has been promoted through Student Council and and via e-mail.
- The Executive team extends their thanks to Jane Kilby and Emily Marshall for their efforts in organising volunteer week.

# 11. Campaigns

# Did You Know?

#### Noted:

- A new designer is needed for the posters for this campaign.
- Potential candidates to be referred to RR.

# 12. <u>SU Calender Review</u>

#### Agreed:

• The date of the SU Awards was changed by agreement of the Officers via e-mail prior to this meeting. The SU Awards will now take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

# 13. Communications Priorities

# Noted:

- Elections
- SU Awards, S&S Awards
- Varsity

# 14. Any Other Business

# Varsity Noted:

- To be held on 28<sup>th</sup> March at Derby University.
  - This is the day prior to dissertation deadlines for some students, however was the only date available.
  - The SU will need to find funds for some transport. Buses cost around £800 each to Derby and there will be places for approximately 200 students. Teams will be encouraged to pay for their own buses out of club funds.
  - T-shirts will be on sale soon with a slightly modified design for 2012.
  - There will be no Fever Pitch on the 28<sup>th</sup>, however students will have access to the Platform for a post-Varisty event.

# **Links to Events Management Course**

# Noted:

• IJ has been approached by the course leader of the Events Management course run at the University. They would like to work closely with the Union to put on student-led events.

# Agreed:

 The Executive committee feels this would be a positive connection and look forward to working with them in the future.

## **Election Results**

### Noted:

• To be held in the Tower Bar on 12<sup>th</sup> March at approx 6pm.

# 15. Next Meeting

Next meeting will be on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 10.30am in the SU Board Room [month end].

	accurate summary of the meeting held on 16 <sup>th</sup>
be publicly available.	e Executive Committee. These minutes will now
Kayleigh Taylor (Chair)	Date