



## UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION SOCIETIES COUNCIL

University of Lincoln Students' Union Societies Council Wednesday 22nd  
April 2015, 6-8 pm in Cargill Lecture Theatre

### Present

ABEAST; ACS; Anime; Assassin; Biochemistry; Business; Christian Union; Comedy; Comic Book; Computing; Conservative; Creative Writing; Debating; Disney; Drama; Electronic Music; Enactus; Engineering; English; Fashion & Design; Forensics; Forensic Psychology; Gaming; Harry Potter; Health & Social Care; Illustration; Islamic; Juggling; Labour; LARP; Law; League of Legends; Musical Theatre; Palestine Solidarity; Pharmacy; Politics; Rock; Sci-fi; Sikh; Sing It; Stage Combat; Table Top; Real Ale; Vegan & Vegetarian Society.

### Also in Attendance

Sammi Storey, VP Activities Elect  
Sophia Bishell, Societies Officer (Chair)  
Tracey Revill, Activities Co-Ordinator  
Emily Baldwin, Activities Support Worker  
Aidan Mersh, Head of Membership Services & Marketing  
Mary Padden, Administrative Support Worker

### 1. Apologies

- Apologies were received from Psychology and Health & Social Care.

### 2. Minutes of previous meeting

**Approved: Ascension**                      Rejected:                      Abstained:

### 3. Matters Arising

- There were no matters arising to be noted.

### 4. Emerging Societies

- **Journalism £10**
- Students of Journalism, PR, Media and anybody interested in journalism can join.
- The membership costs will be reduced once start-up costs have been established.
- There will be socials, fortnightly meets and guest speakers.

**Approved: 44**                      Rejected: 0                      Abstained: 0

### 5. Development Fund Requests

- **Events & Tourism, increased from £200 to £300**

- Wanting to arrange an itinerary of events that will create a harmonious relationship between students and the host community.
- A variety of events have been considered that will employ the skills of the Society members and provide benefit for students, i.e. face painting by a makeup artist at Halloween.
- There will also be prizes for the Photography competition.
- **Approved: Ascension** Rejected: Abstained:

- **Debating, £100**

- Cost for a stand-up banner that will help promote the Society during Welcome Week.
- **Approved: 35** Rejected: 1 Abstained: 9

- **Enactus, £300 increased to £355**

- There are 3 projects and they each need their own website, hosting & domain.
- They need to be separate as they each have their own needs, necessities and branding.
- Funding is needed for training over the summer based in Leeds and Leatherhead.
- **Approved: 44** Rejected: 0 Abstained: 0

- **Islamic, £100**

- Feedback from the Discover Islam week highlighted a need for an interfaith event.
- St. Barnabas are struggling to connect to the wider society and have asked the Islamic Society to help.
- **Approved: Ascension** Rejected: Abstained:

- **Law, £359.49**

- Mooting is a courtroom simulation and allows members to improve their advocacy skills.
- Currently members have borrowed gowns from a lecturer, but the society would ideally like to possess their own gowns.
- **Approved: Ascension** Rejected: Abstained:

- **Musical Theatre, £400 increased to £975**

- The Society are going to London to see a West End Musical and participate in a workshop.
- Funding will cover all costs for transport; those attending the trip will pay for their own show tickets.
- **Approved: Ascension** Rejected: Abstained:

## 6. Activities By-Election

- An email will be sent to confirm all dates for by-elections.

## 7. Annual Membership Survey

- The Annual Membership Survey results have been analysed.
- **Headline Results**
  - Increase of members 'Agree' that communication is effective
  - Decrease in members that are 'Very Concerned' about Isolation, loneliness or bullying
  - 97% of members feel Student Union events are safe
- **Development Areas**
  - Members to feel they can Influence what the Students' Union does
  - Members awareness of who the Sabbatical Officers are
  - Improve employability with the opportunities the Students' Union provides its members
  - To provide an independent Support Service
- **Key Recommendations**
  - Employability plan which would focus on providing better access to workshops, Job Shop and trips to employability events
  - Open Advice Centre

## 8. Societies Clothing Supplier

- **A motion was put forth to not have a sole kit supplier for Societies.**
  - It was implied that having a sole supplier would strip Societies of their autonomy.
  - It was suggested that a recommendation of supplier should be made but ultimately the decision is down to the individual Society.
  - **There was an argument presented against this motion.**
  - It was implied that a sole provider would reduce costs due to bulk buying and certified branding guidelines.
  - It was suggested that a supplier and contract offer has yet to be found and the Societies Committee should not say no to a suggestion before it has been made.
- Motion Approved: 15      Motion **Rejected: 19**      Motion Abstained: 7

## 9. Societies Zone Representatives

- There are two positions available within the new zone structure for the academic year 15/16; Academic Engagement Officer and Events Officer.
- **Academic Engagement Officer**
- **Jacob Carse, Comedy Publicity Officer 15/16**
- Had difficulty previously with the SU regulations and would like to offer help in regards to content & contact with members.
- **Leanne Sinclair, Biochemistry Academic Liaison 15/16**
- There is a lack of understanding in regards to the academic needs of Societies and would like to remedy the problem.

- **Shannon Baxter, Assassin Treasurer 14/15**
- Will promote academic societies, encourage the University to take more responsibility of academic pursuits outside of the classroom and engage communication between the SU and University.
- **Academic Engagement Officer for 15/16 – Jacob Carse.**
- **Events Officer**
- **Georgia Harris, Musical Theatre President 14/15**
- Student Ambassador at Walkabout and want to encourage similar societies to work together and interact.
- **Jammil Ahmed, Islamic and Events & Tourism President 15/16**
- Has good connections with the marketing team within the University and has arranged many SU events in the past.
- **Results were equal, revote to take place.**

#### 10. Evaluations (Membership)

- There will be a discussion with New Elects at the end of May.

#### 11. Constitutions

- There will be a discussion with New Elects at Drop-in.

#### 12. Societies Officer Update

- There has been a significant development within the social aspect of Societies, with great participation within the Societies Showcase, Musical Theatre show and Electronic Music.
- Tower Bars will host the final Sunday Social of the year, the details will be posted on the main page of the event, shortly.

#### 13. VP Activities Update

- There was no update provided.

#### 14. Student Open Discussion

- A motion was brought forth to create a 3<sup>rd</sup> Officer for the Societies Zone 15/16.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Officer should be formed through need and necessity, not simply because the Sports Zone has requested 3 Officers.
- Suggestions were made for Social Media Officer and a Charity Officer.
- The motion was amended so that the suggestion of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Officer is discussed at the first returning committee meeting.

**Motion Approved: Ascension**

Motion Rejected:

Motion Abstained:

#### 15. Any Other Business

- There was no Other Business.

**Date of next Council: Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015, 6-8pm, Cargill Lecture Theatre –  
Minerva Building.**

Confirmed