

Student Council Minutes 26th April 2013

1. Apologies for Absence

Noted:

Nicola Sole, Spencer Nash, Beth Butts and Lizzie Jones

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

Noted:

Minutes from meeting of Student Council on 8th March approved.

3. Matters Arising

Update on actions taken since last meeting:

Noted:

AGM- Proposal for there to be two meetings next year. An all-student meeting in November and the normal AGM in early February.

4. Executive Team Reports

Welfare- Andrew Twagira

Noted:

Feedback from the Strategic Plan shows that the second biggest priority for students is support and advice. In response to this, a meeting is being set up with CAB and lawyers to advise students and possibility of bringing the advice service into the SU.

Activities- Dan Sam

Noted:

- Buck season nearly over. So far we are finishing 53rd which is the highest we have been placed so far. Hoping that we may get even higher and possibly finish in the top 50.
- Volunteering- Numbers of placed volunteers has increased significantly and getting closer to the KPI.
- Alton Towers Trip- Huge success. Resulted in more student engagement, specifically from international and part-time students who may not have engaged in the past.
- Grad Ball tickets have been on sale since Monday and are selling really well
- S&S Awards- Tickets have sold out
- Grad Ball acts will be announced by next Friday. The aim is to have several acts that will appeal to a wider range of students.
- Varsity- Congratulations on the win.

Academic- Wesley Wells

Noted:

- Report for NUS Conference- Presentation to record keepers
- SU Awards- These take place next week and we've received more nominations than ever before. There has also been a greater quality in the nominations.

- Blackboard- Due to be updated to the 2010 server for the next academic year.
- Contract with Blackboard expires next year but 9 companies have expressed an interest to take over. Meetings with the companies will take place over the summer.

Executive- Jennine Fox

Noted:

- SU nominations- Reiterated what Wes said. There were 37 nominations just for the Volunteering Award alone.
- Staff restructure- 3 staff accepted voluntary redundancy. There are 5 new positions available. Short listing process is happening now. Interviews will be taking place soon. Level of applications has been outstanding.
- Restructuring of the Communications Department will hopefully enable the SU to engage with more students, particularly part-time and distance learners.
- Aidan Mersh will now head the Student Voice Team
- Ian Johnston is the new Deputy Chief CEO.
- Wayne Granger takes on the role of Membership Services Co-ordinator.
- More Part time roles will be available with zero-hour contracts.
- SU Helpers application deadline extended.

Strategic Review- Analysing data and studying themes:

- **Academic**
- **Support**- Plans to bring support and advice service into the SU
- **Employability**
- **Representation**- At the heart of what we do. Plans to build on rep roles.
- **Social**- Events, sports, volunteering.
- **Community**- More community engagement.

Plans will be finalised within the next few weeks and due to go to Board of Trustees 11th June.

- Sage- to be introduced. Will allow Sports and Societies to manage finances more efficiently as it will update instantly. Plans to introduce online payment to make buying tickets/paying for membership etc quicker and easier.
- Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey 2013- University of Lincoln climbed 43 places, moving from 66th place last year to 23rd place this year.

5. Sports Council Chair Report

No report given.

6. Societies Council- Gooleswari Seeburn

Noted:

- Four new societies- English, Fashion, Investing and Journalism.
- £500 left in society budget.
- Cooking Society currently have a stall selling Chinese food.

7. Groups Council Chair Report

No report given.

8. Elections Review- Aidan Mersh

Noted:

- Record voter turn-out of 27%
- Changes for next year (see Election Review document)-Ideas discussed to simplify and streamline the election process, clarify areas causing confusion and amend language.

Amendments to Bye-law 9 were approved by unanimity.

9. Motion on Sports Club and Society External Sponsorship

Submitted by: Marcus Askam-Yates

Seconded by: Dan Sam

Discussed:

Proposal to amend bylaws 8 forbidding UL clubs and societies from entering into sponsorship arrangements with bars and nightclubs.

Motion passed.

10. Motion on fizzy drinks on campus

Submitted by: Josh Leafe

Seconded by: Linford Butler

Discussed:

Proposal for UL to adopt healthy eating/drinking practices by providing sugar-free/low calorie versions of soft drinks in all vending machines across campus and in the uni shop.

Recount was required.

Motion passed.

11. SU Logo

Discussed:

Feedback on the designs submitted by a former UL student:

Joe Burt- Suggested getting a current UL student to design the logo.

Callum Watt- Preference for the red logo as it's more striking and red is a recognised ULSU colour.

Connor Burton- Suggested holding a design competition for current UL students.

Any more feedback to be directed to Jennine and the Exec Team.

12. Election of Student Council Chair 2013-2014

Agreed:

Josh Leafe elected as Deputy Chair for student Council.

13. Student Open Session

Noted:

Bye-Elections:

- Trustees- Gooleswari Seeburn and Abs ?
- Officer for Students- Imogen Nash
- Art & Design Rep- Mark Sowden
- Business School Rep- Katie Withers
- Health & Social Care- Elizabeth Jones
- Architecture- Daniel Orford
- Psychology- Jamie Allen

14. AOB

Discussed:

Motion proposed by Josh Leafe and seconded by Linford Butler to clarify the rules around wheel-clamping on UL campus. Proposal to:

- Get rid of signs on campus that threaten wheel-clamping and parking fines
- Cease circulation of emails and leaflets warning of clamping and fines
- Accommodation Team to amend Halls of Residence Handbook
- All university staff and students to be made aware of the changes to the laws around wheel-clamping and parking fines.

Motion not passed

I certify that the above minutes are a true and accurate summary of the meeting held on 26th April 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