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<b>Manifesto Point</b>	<b>Updates</b>	
<p><b>Objective 1</b> Create an Academic Societies Program.</p>	<p><b>Progress this month:</b></p> <p><b>Plans for next month:</b></p>	<p>Attended Academic Societies Hub and was able to start understanding what students want from an academic society.</p> <p>Whilst I have been doing course rep training, I have been asking schools that do not have an academic society if they want one and how they would want one to look.</p> <p>Abi and I have met with Jess from activities to discuss how we form a programme and what should actually be involved in it.</p>
<p><b>Objective 2</b> Inspire a sense of community and belonging in collaboration with the university and their access and participation efforts.</p>	<p><b>Progress this month:</b></p> <p><b>Plans for next month:</b></p>	<p>Myself, Cassie and the manager for student insight and development have been in LEAP meetings with Xiatong the lead discussing how we as the union can support the university in their aims to reduce attainment gaps and enhance a sense of community at the university, but also what we can do as a union to help make all students from a variety of backgrounds feel comfortable and welcomed into the students community at Lincoln.</p> <p>Myself, Farhan the Dean of Postgraduate Education and Jordon Watson from the Doctoral School had a PG Week review to identify the strengths of the week and the weak points. We decided we needed to refocus the PG Fayre and that we should look into doing a refreshers week for PG students for the social aspects e.g. the coffee morning, the PG in the Pub event and the quiz at the end of the week.</p>
<p><b>Objective 3</b> Supporting and enhancing the experience of student representatives.</p>	<p><b>Progress this month:</b></p> <p><b>Plans for next month:</b></p>	<p>School Rep Group (SRG) has now started meeting and we have had productive discussions about the NSS results and how we can support students in receiving the best experience they can whilst in Lincoln.</p> <p>The first rep forum is taking place on the 28<sup>th</sup> of the month and this is a great opportunity to meet any course reps I have not been able to meet at their course rep training, not only this but all of the college officers, school reps and course reps will be in one room able to ascertain their goals for the year and any college wide projects they want to work on for the year.</p> <p>Rep action cards will be used at the rep forum to help celebrate rep successes and identify where we can help the reps achieve in their roles.</p>

<p><b>Objective 4</b> Review academic representation in line with the new union strategy.</p>	<p><b>Progress this month:</b> <b>Plans for next month:</b></p>	<p>We have been finalising the plans for Speak Week including the plans for the student leaders to go out and talk to as many students as we can, to get organic feedback from students about their experience at university and anything we can help them with. I have plans for the future to trial different methods of representation such as Village Hall type meetings, running forums differently dependant on who our demographic is (this mainly relates to the postgraduate forum).</p>
<p><b>Objective 5</b> Enhancing learning spaces around campus.</p>	<p><b>Progress this month:</b> <b>Plans for next month:</b></p>	<p>I have met with Drew Cook from the university ICT team to talk about setting up satellite study areas in places with the computer labs in INB during exam and assessment deadlines period to help provide alternative study spaces to students. I plan to make some digital posters to advertise the learning lounges around campus to further advertise the different spaces available to study including the different opportunities in our commercial venues e.g. the computers in Tower Bar.</p>

<p><b>Student Interactions</b></p>	<p>I went to the Architecture studios in NDH to chat with the students about any issues they had or anything they wanted help with and got some good feedback to work on. Course Rep training and rep elections. School Rep Group (SRG). PG Week – meeting postgraduate students at the social events and getting to know what they want from their time here and how I can best represent them.</p>	<p><b>Committee &amp; University Staff Interactions</b></p>	<p>LIBS Academic Board Academic Affairs Committee Accountability and Insight Committee Digital Education Sub Group Lincoln Medical School Course Management Committee Portfolio and Oversight Group LALT Academic Board College of Arts Academic Board Mentor meeting with Liz Mossop PG Week – doctoral school, Dean of Postgraduate Education Met with the university HR department</p>
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