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Report Summary		
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KPIs	Updates	
<p><b>KPI 1: Have a 5% increase in unique membership in social sport by June 2021</b></p>	<p>Progress this month:</p>	<p>Since June, our programme of events has changed considerably over the last six months due to the change in government restrictions. Our Virtual Programme of events has now been running for several weeks including a mixture of crafts, quizzes, e-sports tournaments and yoga.</p> <p>The SU Cycle Hire Scheme was established in October and has been used by over 30 students. Amina and I ran numerous cycle tours around Lincoln over the first couple of weeks of term, they attracted mainly international students which was brilliant. We are working on rerunning these cycle tours for when the lockdown restrictions are lifted.</p> <p>Amina has gathered feedback from international students about barriers to social sport and memberships. This term has seen a huge number of our sports teams creating Semester A and Semester B memberships as well as social memberships due to Covid-19 and the provision of competition. The feedback suggested that students wanted a flexible membership for students who wish to try out a sport or society for the first time. This has accommodated the students who enquired.</p> <p>Zoe Hoe and I began conversations with Lincolnshire FA Disability Football League. I am still waiting on follow up information and promotion from then which we will then promote to our students over the next month.</p>
	<p>Plans for next month:</p>	<p>My plans over the next month are to ensure our students have plenty of avenues for activities. Especially during the lockdown period, students are looking for things to make their day go by a little bit faster.</p>
<p><b>KPI 2: 100% of sports, societies</b></p>	<p>Progress this month:</p>	<p>We have ten Look After We have ten Look After Your Mate Workshops available between now and the end of December</p>



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<p>and academic societies have one 'Look After Your Mate' Trained committee member by June 2021</p>		<p>and they are available to any University of Lincoln Student. The workshops are on Microsoft Teams and last approximately three hours. They focus on empowering friends to open up about mental health, how to spot signs and signposting at the University and externally too. I have promoted this opportunity in all of our Sports, Societies and Academic Societies Hubs as optional training. We will keep a record of which committee members attend and allocate the training badge to their activity dashboard.</p> <p>In addition, our Safeguarding procedure has now been approved through our Board of Trustees so I can now finalising the Lincoln Together workshops to include this information. I am planning on promoting LAYM Training through our Hubs meetings, social media and targeted emails as the month goes on.</p> <p>As a Union we have supported Movember throughout the Month on November. Movember promotes and supports Men's Mental Health which ties in nicely with the purpose of this KPI. This campaign has been widely supported by our sports and societies and at the time of writing this report we have raised over £9,000!</p>
<p>KPI 3: 75% of Activities Volunteer Officers will agree that their role has been impactful, makes them more employable, and achieve their KPIs set out at the beginning of their term</p>	<p>Plans for next month:</p> <p>Progress this month:</p>	<p>I plan to work with the wellbeing network to promote wellbeing officers and the importance of completing this training. I plan to look at the Academic calendar for when the Lincoln Together Training can be booked in for online training for committee members.</p> <p>It is so difficult for our Officers to get their faces out as there are restrictions on campus. however, there social media presence, support via online meetings and the work they put in at the monthly Hubs is brilliant. They have consistently promoted all of our sports, societies and academic societies online and pushing our fabulous virtual fayres. We have now awarded and published six weeks of Sport, Society and Academic Society of the week which have been widely received online.</p> <p>All of the Volunteer Officers work on the fortnightly GOATing topics to gather feedback from students and report back to myself to make the appropriate improvements at the Students' Union and the University. This month I have worked with the Marketing department to publish the VO KPI's on the SU website so students can keep up to date with what they're working on. In addition, I have been working with marketing to improve the promotion of all of our Volunteer Officers. We have started to publish a VO Win of the Week which will be posted on social media to share with our student body.</p>



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	Plans for next month:	I plan on work with marketing to create some digital promotion for our Cluster Reps to increase their promotion and awareness. In addition, working with our VO's and Cluster Reps to provide a quote about why the SU is important to them and the impact it has had on their lives so we can share these as good news stories and promotional materials.
<b>KPI 4: 100% of ULSU Academic Societies to have Automatic Enrolment by June 2021</b>	Progress this month:	The preliminary preparation for this KPI has begun, the Rep Forums for 20/21 have been organised and we have scheduled in Academic Society committee members to attend to help to provide feedback and build the relationship between themselves and the reps. With everything that has been going on we have not made any progress on this KPI as of yet but this is something we can hopefully begin looking at when the mad rush of Semester 1 is over.
	Plans for next month:	Next month I need to promote the new Academic Society Grant Funding to enhance Development and provide more opportunities this year. I want to work closely with Georgia to provide networking platforms for Reps, Academic Societies and Lecturers. To begin plans for an online Job Fayre with external speakers for Academic Societies and Reps to attend and work with our Careers and Employability Centre on this project.
<b>KPI 5: 70% of sports, societies and academic societies feel as though Lincoln Students' Union Rewards and Recognises members wins in the Member Insight Package</b>	Progress this month:	<p>We have had two Sports, Societies and Academic Society Hubs since the start of the Academic Year. All of our committee Presidents attend and raise questions and feedback about the Students' Union. I have been keeping in regular contact via email and social media platforms and I hope I have created some good relationships with my committees so they feel comfortable approaching me with questions, queries and feedback.</p> <p>The ULSU Badge Scheme has been promoted and is being utilised by a handful of our sports, societies and academic societies. The Virtual Fayres were all live from the 1<sup>st</sup> of October and were live again in the first two weeks of November. They were all brilliantly attended and supported by our Activities. We have gathered feedback from our activities about what they want during the lockdown period and we have since purchased membership for Kahoot so our activities can use it.</p>
	Plans for next month:	Next month, more work needs to be done on the badge scheme to ensure at least 50% of our activities are using it. I want to continue to encourage Sports, Societies and Academic Societies to send in their successes i.e. weekly events, how much money has been raised at fundraisers, pictures via social media. To continue to post on my VP Activities Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and share the activities successes.



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<b>KPI 6: Complete a facilities and transport review of sports clubs and produce recommendations in line with reducing environmental and financial impact by Jan 2021.</b>	Progress this month:	No New Update: Since the start of the year, I have been working with Simon Parkes to fulfil my Suggestions. I need to write a proposal for ULSU owned Electric Minibuses for transport between campus and Riseholme and for Sports, Societies and Academic Societies to use for fixtures and events.
	Plans for next month:	I must continue to raise the importance of extending the University of Lincoln Sports Centre hours in Lincoln Sports Board as this is something I worked on throughout the last academic year and although I know there is no longer a great deal of funding for this project - hopefully if it can be kept on the agenda there is a possibility of progression throughout 20/21.

<b>Student Interaction update:</b>	<p>I have been in regular contact with the majority of our sports, societies and academic societies committees all asking a variety of questions and queries, and providing feedback.</p> <p>I have had over 100 1:1 video calls with our activities too, I have had my monthly catch-ups with my Volunteer Officers for the last five months, Facebook Lives, Welcome Talks, introduction to your SU talks, and I attended all of our Welcome Week Events.</p>
<b>Committee and University Staff updates:</b>	Activities HUBs, Lincoln Sport Board, Education and Student Life, Mentor meeting with Simon Parkes, meeting with Rhino, ICT Catch Ups, Academic Board, Sport Scholarship Interviews, Executive Committees, Cluster Rep Training, SPOTS and COTS Reviews, Training with Jim Dickinson, BUCS regional meetings, LSUT and Board of Trustees Meetings.
<b>Any Other Business:</b>	<p>This month has seen a huge change in direction in terms of support for our student body. We hosted the last Bingo event in the Engine Shed and the social sport football at the Sports Centre on the 4<sup>th</sup> December. We then unfortunately went into a Lockdown. I have been working on a number of projects this month. This includes supporting the Movember campaign, at the time of writing we have raised over £11,500 which is absolutely brilliant. Our sports and societies have shown a huge interest and motivation to raise money for such a fantastic cause. My Activities Volunteer Officers and I have relaunched Taskmaster 2.0 which has seen a three week programme of tasks for all of our student groups to take part in. I have been working on the self-isolation deliveries, took part in the School of Sport and Exercise Science Scholarship Interviews, Take That Photo Discussions, meetings with Rhino our kit provider, Academic Board, Lincoln Sport Board, Limited Company Board Meeting, a group meeting with ICT, the Social Activities working group with the University and my TRAP review with the CEO. Our sports, societies and academic societies have been doing some brilliant work this month but most notably our Black Feminist Society food drive and our Hockey club in preparation for the Grace's Memorial Week.</p>