



## UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION President Report June 2019

This month I write to you all not as Cassie, your Vice President Activities, but as your new President, taking over from Kudzai. I have had the best year being your VPA, and now I am ready to take on the challenge of being your president. This month has been an extremely difficult one; I have not only handed over Activities and started with a new team (complete with new training, discussions, and ideas), but have had to say goodbye to my old team.

### University

June began with having the opportunity to work with the previous sabbatical team and the amazing Vice Chancellor Mary Stuart. Here, we discussed the thought process and challenges behind the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Lab. This lab looks at what the university will look like in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and what its main objectives are. I was lucky enough to be included in these discussions, and look forward to continuing working with our Vice Chancellor on this complex discussion to improve and adapt with the times ahead.

[www.lincoln.ac.uk/home/researchatlincoln/21stcenturylab](http://www.lincoln.ac.uk/home/researchatlincoln/21stcenturylab)

### Handover Week – Board of Trustees

Handover week was more demanding for me than some others; I had the task of both handing over, and being handed over to. I have handed over Activities to Abi Brown and was handed Presidency from Kudzai. In this handover week, I talked through new projects with Abi and the rest of the new team, and learnt from Kudz what the role of President *really* involves. This has included going over training, such as the new boards and panels I will sit on, democracy and governance, among other things.

Within the handover week I also sat on my last board of Trustees as Vice President Activities. In this board we discussed the likes of NUS, participation vs the elite within sports, and new objectives for the year ahead looking at mental health and the environment. I look forward to chairing the next board in a couple of months' time.

## The Mighty Barge

It's finally here! The amazing Barge! And no, it isn't sinking, but is thriving! This month we have opened the doors to the legendary Barge, giving it a new narrative to be explored. This high-end cocktail bar will not only give you the most aesthetic picture for your Instagram, but beautiful drinks with a lot of character. Make sure to go follow all the Barge's social media accounts, where we hope to see you soon, student, staff and public.

<https://www.facebook.com/thebargelincoln/>

## Residential

Finally, in this month I attended Student Leader & SMT residential at Cave Castle. Here we worked on bonding as a team, going through different and exciting activities. We also looked in to working on Key Performance Indicators independently but also as a team, working on campaigns and how we all work.

I would finally just like to say a massive thank you to my previous team. You have all been so amazing to me, helping me grow both personally and professionally. I could not have been in this position without you.

And to my new team, I look forward to leading you, working together and growing together to create and continue to give the best student experience possible for the coming year. Finally, to our students, I am very excited to be leading your Students' Union. I'm ready to give you what will hopefully be your best year yet.

Cassie Coakley (President)

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