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Vice President Activities

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Report Summary	
<p>This month has seen the start of the new Academic Year at the University of Lincoln. Welcome Week was filled with move in weekend, walking tours, bike rides, twilight cafes, quizzes, bingo, crazy golf, cinemas, comedy, and a mixture of virtual fayres. Although welcoming students to Lincoln this year has been slightly different to those experienced in the past, as a Union we have shown initiative with our array of events we have had on offer and we have had to think differently about the use of our Engine Shed and other venues to provide a safe offering of events and opportunities. This month has also brought a number of challenges including the return to Sport at our University's Sports Centre. The Women's Basketball Team were fantastic in writing a letter to Mary Stuart about the importance of sport on the student population and the need for equipment and allocation. We have achieved a huge win and I want to thank all of the indoor teams who supported the letter. We have new procedures in place for Event Applications and Test and Trace attendance monitoring which have both been filling our inboxes over the last month. I am starting a project around supporting Movember this November, building upon Our Lincoln Community Campaign, we had our first Monthly Hubs with all of our Activity Presidents which was ran by our Volunteer Officers, and we celebrated our first Sport, Society and Academic Society of the Week. I want to say a huge well done to all of our committees who are being extremely flexible during this time and who have continued to provide a quality service to their members.</p>	
KPIs	Updates
<p>KPI 1: Have a 5% increase in unique membership in social sport by June 2021</p>	<p>Progress this month:</p> <p>The Feel Good Programme has been reviewed and we are currently working on an Virtual Programme of events including a mixture of crafts, quizzes, e-sports and yoga. The Snickers Just Play Leagues have begun at the Sports Centre which have had a great turnout and good reception from those involved.</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. As this month has been extremely busy, we are still looking at creating a potential flexible membership for exchange students and students who wish to try out a sport or society for the first time.</p> <p>I am waiting on promotional materials from the Lincolnshire FA Disability Football League which we will promote to our students over the next month.</p>
	<p>Plans for next month:</p> <p>My plans for the next month is to promote our Feel Good Programme and our new Cycle Hire Scheme.</p>



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		Create an action plan in relation to the feedback gathered from ISA members.
KPI 2: 100% of sports, societies and academic societies have one 'Look After Your Mate' Trained committee member by June 2021	Progress this month:	<p>We now have an online provision of Look After Your Mate Training. We are planning dates and workshop availability for our sports, societies and academic society committees to begin in November.</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.</p>
	Plans for next month:	<p>To work with Jess to confirm the dates available for the training and promote booking onto the Look After Your Mate Training through hubs, social media and targeted emails.</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 compulsory online training for committee members.</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	Progress this month:	<p>All of our Volunteer Officers have been absolutely brilliant this month, especially with the promotion of our sports, societies and academic societies online and pushing our fabulous virtual fayres. We have no recorded and published two weeks of Sport, Society and Academic Society of the week which have been widely received online.</p> <p>I am continuing to set our Volunteer Officers 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.</p>
	Plans for next month:	<p>I am going to publish the Volunteer Officers KPI's for the year on the Students' Union website so students can keep up to date with what they're working on.</p> <p>Once the mad rush of October is over I would love to work with marketing to create some digital signage for our Volunteer Officers to</p>



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		increase their promotion and awareness ready for the beginning of term.
KPI 4: 100% of ULSU Academic Societies to have Automatic Enrolment by June 2021	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 haven't made any progress on this KPI as of yet but this is something we can hopefully begin looking at in November.
	Plans for next month:	Work with Georgia to provide networking platforms for reps, ac socs and lecturers. I need to promote the new Academic Society Grant Funding to enhance Development and provide more opportunities this year. To begin plans for an online Job Fayre with external speakers for Academic Societies and Reps to attend. Work with our Careers and Employability Centre on these plans.
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	Progress this month:	We had our first Sports, Societies and Academic Society Hubs last week where our committee Presidents can 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. I have also began to promote the ULSU Badge Scheme to our sports, societies and academic societies on FB Hubs and Monthly Activities Hubs but more work needs to be done on this. The Virtual Fayres were all live from the 1 st of October and they were all brilliantly attending and supported by our Activities.
	Plans for next month:	I plan to encourage Sports, Societies and Academic Societies to send in their successes i.e. fixture results, how much money has been raised at fundraisers, match day pictures via HUBS. To be posted on the Lincoln SU Facebook, Instagram, Twitter.



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		I must prepare discussion topics for hubs about reward and recognition for November.
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.	Progress this month:	No New Update: 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.

Student Interaction update:	<p>I have been in regular contact with loads of our sports, societies and academic societies all asking a variety of questions and queries, and providing feedback. They have mainly been about Covid-19 restrictions, the Virtual Fayres and Event Applications.</p> <p>I have had a number of 1:1 video calls with our activities too, I have had my monthly catch-ups with my activities officers, Facebook Lives, and I attended all of our Welcome Week Events.</p>
Committee and University Staff updates:	Continuing to promote our SPOTS programmes for the 20/21 Academic Year with the School of Sport and Exercise Science, working with the Sports Centre to confirm equipment and allocation for our teams, Monthly Catch up with Student Support Services, and my Mentor meeting with Simon Parkes.
Any Other Business:	This month has seen the start of the new Academic Year at the University of Lincoln. Welcome Week was filled with move in weekend, walking tours, bike rides, twilight cafes, quizzes, bingo, crazy golf, cinemas, comedy, and a mixture of virtual fayres. This month has also brought several challenges including the return to Sport at our University's Sports Centre. The Women's Basketball Team were fantastic in writing a letter to Mary Stuart about the importance of sport on the student population and the need for equipment and allocation. We have achieved a huge win and I want to thank all the indoor



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