

Officer report – Due 24.07.2020

UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION

Vice President Activities Report July 2020

Operational Plans

Over the past month I have been working on my KPI's and operational plans for the upcoming year. It has been interesting to review my manifesto ideas from February and work them into achievable targets for the 20/21 Academic Year. I have had incredible support from the SU Staff Team to help develop my ideas to ensure I can make genuine positive change this year. Soon, we will be presenting all our Operational Plans to the Senior Management Team to get the ball rolling.

Working On

I have been working with our Deputy CEO and Advice Centre to provide an online version of the Look After Your Mate Training to all Activities Committees. In addition, I have raised the Lincoln Together Workshops to our Executive Committee, and it has been approved. I need to work on developing an online workshop to make it accessible for our students.

I had a call with Rhino, our kit provider, to ensure that we understand the current processes during Covid-19 and what impact this has had on our processes. We just need to ensure that the overall kit application, quality and delivery process is improved and guarantee that risk is mitigated for our teams. In addition, TakeThatPhoto have been in touch about a new format for team photos for 20/21.

I want to improve communications with our Activities Committees this year, so I have numerous Teams calls next week to meet our committee Presidents, gather feedback and answer questions from our clubs about the 20/21 academic year.

The University of Lincoln Sports Centre and I have been working together on a social sport programme to include both in person and online sessions, a mix of sports and fitness classes, Para-Sport Opportunities and walking clubs around the local community. From research and discussions last year, I have written a Trans In Sport Policy for Lincoln Students' Union which has not been passed in Executive Committee.

Suggestions

I am currently working on two Suggestions to complete including CPR and AED training for students online and getting a climbing wall on campus. I have been in talks with our St John's Ambulance Society to utilise their resources and presentations around this subject, in addition, taking with the local St John's Ambulance for both staff and student training. Regarding the Climbing Wall on campus I organised a meeting with Simon Parkes who is the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Finance & Infrastructure at the University of Lincoln. I raised this SUGgestion to him and expressed the student interest in getting this facility on campus. He addressed the possibility of refurbishing one of the Squash Court areas at the back of the Sports Centre into a climbing wall which is brilliant. Simon was extremely transparent with me and said that a refurbishment such as a Climbing Wall would not be feasible in the next Academic Year, however, he recognises that by this time next year we can bring up these conversations again and potentially get a proposal in place for this refurbishment once the financial trauma has been restored.

Training

We have continued our in-depth training programme. As a group, we are given a weekly challenge to complete from a GOATing action plan, planning the risks and concerns around the life of being a student in 2020/21, SUGgestion Plans, and a prioritising exercise around events and campaigns for the next year. This is giving us the knowledge and tools we require to make genuine positive change for our students and work as an effective team.

The last 6 weeks has been extremely different, working from home, talking through Microsoft Teams constantly and trying to build a strong bond at the same time. But we are forming. It is fantastic to see Amina, Lucy, and Bailey finding their feet and starting to develop their projects and ideas for the next academic year. I look forward to what the next 12 months look like and the positive change we can make for our students. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at any point throughout the next year, my email is activities@lincolnsu.com so do send me any questions or feedback you may have.