



## UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION

### President Report July 2019

Now into the second month of being your President, I have been involved with numerous new committees, events and training. Getting ready for Freshers, looking at our actions for the environment, sustainability and accommodation.

This month I have worked with the University on their Academic Offences panels and Fitness to Practise but also, a new oversight group myself and our Vice President Welfare and Community have a seat on. This new group is the 'Climate emergency oversight group'. This group is to set strategies and themes looking into how we as a University and Students' Union can support our environment since both declaring a climate emergency. The group is made up of Students' Union representatives, academics, PVC's and Estates with new focus groups being made up of students on them. This will see academics and students alike working together to make a change to our campus, contributing to saving our planet.

Keeping on the theme of the University I have also been in discussions and negotiations in regards to the new student accommodation, including soon to be visits to all the new accommodations, seeing how they are progressing.

At the beginning of the month, myself, our CEO and our VPE travelled down to London to attend a WONKHE conference named 'Counting the Cost – Augar, HE and The Future of Post – 18 Education'. As mentioned in the title, this conference looked at HE and in particular, the Augar Review. This event had key speakers from key areas such as 'London Economics', 'UCL', 'The Open University' and the man himself, Philip Augar. If anyone is interested in the findings of the conference, please do not hesitate to email me at [President@lincolnsu.com](mailto:President@lincolnsu.com) and I will happily discuss.

From Augar to NUS; at the end of this month, myself and the other officers had a productive and respectful visit from two NUS representatives, one of these representatives being Ms Kat Stark, Director of Student Voice and Democracy at NUS and not, the wife of Ned Stark from HBO's 'Game of Thrones'. In this visit, NUS wanted to hear our plans for the year ahead including what their new structure will look like starting June 2020. It was a pleasure to meet both representatives, wishing them every best of luck with their new restructure. As mentioned in last month's report, with myself leading, the sabbatical team will carry on talking to students about their opinion on NUS with a final notice to leave NUS in December if this is what our students still want.

I am happy to announce that this month I became a Student Governor for the University's Board of Governors. This includes also sitting on three of their sub-committees. I am very much looking forward to working as a governor, representing students.

As well as being a governor for the University, I am now the chair for the Students' Union Board of Trustees including chairing sub-committees such as the 'Finance and Risk Sub Committee' which happened this month. In this committee we discuss the finances of the Students' Union, making sure that the Student experience is being delivered correctly financially but also, making sure the charity is sustainable for the years ahead.

Finally, for the month, I have been working internally on Sabbatical team bonding with John Day and also been a member on the panel for the new Student Voice Manager for the Students' Union.