

Abi Brown Vice President Activities 25th September 2020

Report Summary

This month we have been extremely busy planning and organising our run up to the start of term on the 12th of October and working on our KPIS and Operational Plans for 20/21. The Government guidance has meant that we have had to work extremely hard at Lincoln Students' Union to you ensure we offer the correct guidance to all of our student groups, including sports and societies whilst prioritising at all times the safety of our members and the wider Lincoln Community. We have been receiving an overwhelming amount of messages and emails regarding the impact of the governments new and previous restrictions on all of our student groups and the impact this has had on our Welcome Week events. We are working very closely with our Major Incident Team to establish a set of guidelines and expectations for students so when the 12th of October arrives everyone will know exactly how activities can function.

In addition, we have been working on a number of projects including the Feel Good Programme, BAME Focus Groups and Working Group discussions, working on Our Lincoln (our first Sabbatical Officer Campaign around the community and volunteering), BUCS Entries, BUCS East Midlands Regional, Race Equity Training, and NGB Updates. Recording guidance videos for all of our venues, our first in person welcome talk with the first year Medical Students, catch ups with Essex and Hull's VPA, WonkHE, a number of our sports, societies and academic societies, and chasing all risk assessments, constitutions, and virtual fayre content from all of our activities. Finally, the first welcome week events and some great talks with my new ULSU pen pal.

KPIs Updates The Feel Good Programme which includes sports, para-sport, volunteering and online activities for students to get involved in needs to be reviewed following the recent Government Progress this Amina has gathered feedback from international students about KPI 1: Have a 5% month: barriers to social sport and memberships. We are looking at increase in unique creating a potential flexible membership for exchange students membership in and students who wish to try out a sport or society for the first social sport by time. Zoe Hoy and I had a call with Lincolnshire FA about June 2021 promoting a local disability football league which also covers mental disabilities. My plans for the next month is to work with Activities to reform Plans for next our Feel Good programme plans based up on the new month: government guidance. Create an action plan in relation to the feedback gathered from ISA members. I have been working with Jess and our Advice Centre to provide Look After Your Mate Training online for our sports, societies KPI 2: 100% of and academic society committees for the new academic year. sports, societies This is being reviewed and altered to be provided online instead and academic Progress this of in person. month: societies have one 'Look After Your In addition, I have been finalising the Lincoln Together Mate' Trained workshops to be delivered online instead of in person like I had committee planned for. Once our Safeguarding Policy has been approved member by June by Board this will be added to the Lincoln Together Training. 2021 Plans for next To confirm the dates available for the training and promote month: booking onto the Look After Your Mate Training through hubs, social media and targeted emails. I plan to work with the



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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:	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. All of our Volunteer Officers have been working extremely hard over the summer period to get in contact with our sports, societies and academic societies to offer support and guidance. They have also been extremely proactive in their social media presence and this is great to see – such a great start. I have been setting the PTOs 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.		
	Plans for next month:	I intend to publish the PTOs KPI's for the year on the Students' Union website so students can keep up to date with what they're working on. I recognise how busy our marketing department are currently with Welcome Week Plans and Guidance so this might not be done immediately. Once Welcome Week is over I would love to work with marketing to create some digital signage for PTOS to 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 October.		
	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.		
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:	I have organised another online feedback sessions for all Sports, Societies and Academic Society Committee members to attend and provide an update on the situation of the Students' Union for the 30 th of September. Hopefully keeping in regular contact will help to build the relationships and provide a mechanism for feedback. I have also began promotion of the ULSU Badge Scheme to our sports, societies and academic societies on FB Hubs and Monthly Activities Hubs.		
	Plans for next month:	The Virtual Fayres will be live from the 1st of October and I am setting myself a target of messaging every society, sport and academic society on the live chat to ensure I can introduce myself properly and build a good relationship for the year		



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		ahead. 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. I must prepare discussion topics for hubs about reward and recognition for October.
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:	I have been messaged and emailed extremely frequently by our sports, societies and academic societies all asking a variety of questions and queries, mainly about the virtual freshers fayres and the impact of the recent government guidance. 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, BAME working group discussions, created a good bond with my ULSU Pen Pal.
Committee and University Staff updates:	Continuing work on our reformed SPOTS and COTS programmes for the 20/21 Academic Year, working with the Sports Centre to confirm Sports Centre allocation, Monthly Catch up with Student Support Services, Social Activities Working Group, Mentor meeting with Simon Parkes, and introductions with all University Staff with the new Sabbs.
Any Other Business:	I have been working on a number of projects including the Feel Good Programme, BAME Focus Groups and Working Group discussions, working on Our Lincoln (our first Sabbatical Officer Campaign around the community and volunteering), BUCS Entries, BUCS East Midlands Regional, Race Equity Training, and NGB Updates. Recording guidance videos for all of our venues, our first in person welcome talk with the first year Medical Students, catch ups with Essex and Hull's VPA, WonkHE, a number of our sports, societies and academic societies, and chasing all risk assessments, constitutions, and virtual fayre content from all of our activities. Finally, the first welcome week events and some great talks with my new ULSU pen pal.