



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION President Report

Executive Committee

Following from the previous report, the Executive Committee has had a predominant focus on facilitating campaigns on campus. Thus far this term, we have conducted two campaigns with the purpose of engaging with the student body on a wider scale beyond the current norm of engagement with the Students' Union. The first campaign (Sexual Health Awareness & Guidance) focused on ensuring that students were aware of the services available to them in and around Lincoln. The campaign involved multiple stakeholders including The Students' Union Advice Centre, Student Wellbeing, Terrence Higgins Trust, the University of Lincoln Health Service (ULHS), Lincolnshire Community Health Service (LCHS) and Skins Sexual Health. We engaged with 450+ students, giving packs that contained advice and guidance, contraception and sign posted students to services around Lincoln. A survey and competition were also run following the campaign which garnered interest from around 380 students.

'Less Stress More Success' was a campaign that looked to address students' concerns especially coming to the assessment period. It incorporated multiple events to offer advice and information as well as ensuring that we provided students opportunities to take part in 'de-stress' events. The central focus was on the information session workshops; however, these were the least attended. Stakeholders also involved in the campaign included the SU Advice Centre, Access Lincoln, Student Wellbeing, University of Lincoln Library and the English Language Centre. This campaign was very well received with considerably positive feedback. It is currently being looked at to assess impact and practicability.

The 2018 NUS Conference was held this year in Glasgow and I alongside three other delegates represented the University of Lincoln Students' Union. The conference gave opportunity to contribute to NUS' policies and plans for the upcoming year in office for the elected officers and despite issues experienced at conference including the suspension of Conference due to protests, it was an opportunity to

gauge the direction in which NUS is heading in and its standing and relevance with students and Unions alike. At the time of writing, NUS is an item on the agenda for an All Student Members meeting at the end of April, I will give a further update.

Visibility and Impact

We have had notable successes on improving the student experience this month. Successes to note include the new offerings of full Sexual Health Clinic appointments on campus for students. This has been facilitated predominantly through ULHS and LCHS with the Students' Union working to promote the facility to students. Discussions are ongoing to assess how the service can be made as efficient and sustainable as possible.

Through SUGgestions and feedback from students as well as recommendations from the Vice Chancellor, work is undergoing to further assess how lecture recording is facilitated and ingrained in the academic culture at the university. Currently, VPAA Tommy George, co-chairs a working group with senior colleagues from the university to facilitate this. Further successes to be noted in line with the university include the opportunity for our Campaigns Network to work closely with the university to ensure that the curriculum at the university is inclusive. I am currently looking to draft working groups for campaigns for each of the Liberation groups within the Campaigns Network to ensure that there are effective events taking place for each of our groups but also allowing for more substantive and directly meaningful change being facilitated; the prospect of which at the moment appears to be helping the university look towards ensuring inclusive curriculums

In regards to SUGgestions I have the following updates:

125 SUGgestions have been submitted thus far this year

On campus Lockers:

I have been in contact with individuals within the Estates department to see whether we can work with current provisions on campus and whether it is possible for the SU to put in place processes to allow us to facilitate the use of lockers more robustly for students

A ball:

This SUGgestion has been on my radar for the past few months – however it is becoming more and more apparent that its feasibility is not high due to the cost vs demand argument. The extent to which a ball could be facilitated that is greatly unique to provisions currently on campus would mean the cost for students would be considerably higher than what is already available through the SU. It is something that is ongoing

Bring back ID cards that have expiry dates on them:

This is an idea we are further exploring within the SU. It is underway, however it is a matter of resourcing and time

Vending Machines in the library that accept cards:

Work has been done to make sure that vending machines in the library will be contactless in the next academic year. I will feedback as and when we have progress

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