



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION Vice President Activities Report April 2019 Cassie Coakley

As this academic year is soon coming to a close, I look back on the month of April ranging from our success of Societies Showcase, to Tour 2019 and NUS conference in Glasgow. I have been very busy with some exciting things outside of Lincoln, here is what happened.

Societies Showcase

Leading on from an amazing year last year, this month saw 2019's Societies Showcase! Like last year, we hit our target of 250 spectators, with even more acts performing this year from a wider range of societies. This spectacular event was hosted by myself and the Societies officer and saw a wide range of performances ranging from K-wave dance routines to contemporary performances from Drama Society. Thank you to everyone for attending, I look forward to seeing you all at our 'We Are Lincoln Awards' this May.

Sports reviews

This month sadly saw the close of our last sports reviews of the year. I am so grateful to have worked with so many different teams, helping them through their year to achieve the aims and goals they have set out for themselves. Keep up the great work, I cannot wait to see how you grow next year.

Boards and panels

As always, this month I have sat on/chaired many university and Students' Union boards and panels including:

- Competitive Grant
- Activities Hub
- Academic Offences
- Attendance panels
- Evening economy meeting
- Accountability sub committee
- Participation Sub Committee
- Board of Trustees

Event Highlight of the month (MTS)

This month's Society highlight and congratulation goes to our very own 'Musical Theatre Society', for their production of 'Legally Blonde' performed at the LPAC for two nights. This performance was amazing, as always! A very funny, feel good performance and a great use of our development fund which the Society used to fund their production. Congratulations again, you should all be very proud.

NUS Conference

In April, I was able to go to my first NUS conference in Glasgow. At this event I was a spectator watching reforms passed with delegates from around the country voting on behalf of their students. This event was very interesting with all reforms passed, however, different delegates had healthy/unhealthy debates on how the new NUS should be structured and ran. From observing, I found the event very interesting however it wasn't as productive as we had hoped. The Sabbatical Team and I will be taking our findings to the next Board of Trustees to see how Lincoln fits within NUS.

Tour

TOUR TOUR TOUR! Who knew being on a coach for over 24 hours could be so fun! This month our very own VPE joined myself to 'I LOVE TOUR'S' Croatia sports festival with over 180 of our athletes to compete against other UK universities but in Croatia. This may be one of my overall highlights of my year being VPA. It was great to see so many of our teams together, celebrating their year and having fun on so many socials and activities. Thank you for not only getting involved in this adventure, but also being respectful of others and looking after each other. Lincoln is the very best!

BUCS Funding allocation

Finally this month, I faced one of my hardest challenges, allocating BUCS funding with the rest of the Participation Sub Committee. Firstly, teams sent in applications which went to the board and were scored against criteria to see how much funding they will receive, if any. This year is very different in terms of funding as we have a new pot of money: 'The BUCS Development Fund'. This is for teams who have not received BUCS funding but have the chance to be part funded (up to £3000 per club). This is by teams and the activities team setting KPI's and seeing how the club is progressing with their self-set aims, teams may receive part funding throughout the year if they are on track to achieve these targets and demonstrating that they are improving and making efforts to develop. I would like to congratulate everyone for their hard work this year in regards to BUCS and the involvement with the SU and other teams. We have allocated over £94,000 with 28 teams being fully funded, however this does not mean the others cannot be funded still. Congratulations everyone.