



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION

Student Leader Report – February 2018

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SUggestions

Sports Centre Cushions - #NoNumbBums -
<https://lincolnsu.com/suggestions/view/105>

We have now have a contact in the Planning and Space department at the University and come the New Year will begin discussions around resourcing and quotations. Kudz has recently spoken to the VC regarding this and these are now officially on order!

Rebound Boards - <https://lincolnsu.com/suggestions/view/106>

Discussions have continued to divulge around this. Due to the expensive nature of the boards and some other logistic issues, the option currently being explored is a weighted net as the issue is items passing under the net. This should mean the project will be completed quicker, just as effective and ultimately cheaper. I will continue pressing on this.

Cages around Sports Centre Fire Alarms -
<https://lincolnsu.com/suggestions/view/116>

I am currently in conversations with the relevant stakeholders at the University in order the resolve resourcing issue around who is going to purchase them. It has been agreed that the University Estates department will fit them. Just need to buy them! Movement on this has been slow and need to chase the appropriate stakeholders.

24/hr Gym - <https://lincolnsu.com/suggestions/view/131>

This is a new SUggestion submitted and to be worked on this term. I have taken this under my wing due to its nature. I have had discussion with Simon Parkes, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Finance and Infrastructure around the possibility of this. It is clear there are many issues around this, particularly in terms of facility access and staffing. However, we are working closely with the University in order to attempt to resolve these issues. As discussions have continued it has become apparent that the logistics would need to be done over the summer with the goal of having it in place by September 2018, ready for the new academic year.

Create a page on SU Website Listing Society Run Events -
<https://lincolnsu.com/suggestions/view/70>

The Students' Union has now launched its new website and as the site continues to develop, when people submit event applications, Activities events will automatically go onto a bespoke 'events' page. Until this happens (as the web team are super busy) any Facebook events are co-hosted via the WAL Page for exposure – this works as an events list in the meantime.

Activities

We Are Lincoln Lounge (WALL)

We are starting to assess how we can make WALL more effective and how to maintain the engagement we have been received. Discussions have been around fresh ideas and how we can really, just make people laugh!

Events - 8/10 Swans

The Activities Team, our Societies Officer and I have been working on re-formatting the 8/10 Swans society competition to create something fresh for the Semi-final. With some quiz changes, the addition of a buffet and free drinks I'm pleased to report we had our largest 8/10 Swans yet, with some very good feedback also!

Events - Rainbow Run

The Activities team, the Campaigns Network, our VP Welfare and Community and I have also set about exploring running a 'Rainbow Run' event in aid of LGBT+ History month. I have planned the route and helped formulate ideas for the run alongside the Activities team. The run will be taking place on the 25th February and with help from the Marketing team, at this point in time the Facebook event has a little less than 100 people either interested or going to the event. Hopefully it will be a success!

Events – Societies Showcase

We have a date! The Engine Shed is officially booked for the 12th March this year, where all our Societies will have the opportunity to showcase what they do and how good they are at doing it! This is a project mainly being driven by our Societies Officer, Nat, however I am maintaining regular contact with her and supporting her where needed.

Events – Guiding Activities

I have also worked with a few Activities around helping them design events and ultimately produce a popular event! Namely our Historical European Martial Arts (HEMA) society, who held their first ever 'Fight Night' – it was a huge success too!

Take That Photo

Have been working on gathering names of the respective Sports and Societies who wish to have another round of photos. We can now confirm that we will be offering another round of photographs with at least 12 requesting it. Date to be confirmed.

Varsity Video

As January closes, I'm pleased to report we have had an absolutely fantastic team for filming this year and we have now formulated a first draft of the video which ensures effective representation for all Sports! This year I promised we'd go to you, and we did exactly that, with 34 different Sports being involved in the video this year. A date for your diaries! The video going out on the 5th February!

A large part of my time this year so far has been around planning and delivering a Varsity video to help promote and build the 'hype' around the event. The project was completed wholly by student volunteers – made by students for students. By taking the lead on the project and putting together a filming schedule, nearly every Sport in Varsity was represented in the video, something I am particularly proud of!

As it stands, the statistics for the video are 9.5k views on Facebook and nearly 2.7k on Twitter. With a Facebook reach of just over 16,700 people – an absolutely outstanding number! This also includes 117 different impressions (people interaction with the video). Again, another great number! Overall, the video has been a massive success.

Sports and Societies Tour

The deadlines have now passed! Although numbers have dwindled a little, it's still our biggest ever Tours. Namely, with Sports Tour, clubs will still receive £10 back into their accounts per person they are sending thanks to a sponsorship agreement signed by us earlier in the academic year – this has been very well received by our clubs!

Societies Tour has over 40 people attending the trip and will be off to Amsterdam later in the year. Again, something that has been very well received by societies. They will also be receiving money back per person, although it is only £4 as opposed to £10.

Student Leader Drop-In

On Monday 22nd Refreshers officially started! The Student Leader's and I spent our Monday outside the library in the cold, giving away pizza and just generally being present on campus! We set up a blackboard to gather feedback about what students would change around campus – to which we will be reviewing and enacting where appropriate.

SU Elections

Finally, I have also spent a lot of my time helping, guiding and informing VPA candidates who are either thinking about or intending to go for the position in this year's SU Elections. I continued to maintain this level of contact with all candidates until campaign started, this ensured I am supporting them as best I can and increased the likelihood of them running. I also met with candidates who ran for other positions to advise on campaigning and the techniques I employed/what I wish I employed during my campaign.

With voting week under way I have also spent a large majority of my time encouraging my portfolio to vote, regularly reiterating the potential financial benefit of achieving a 100% turnout. This should increase the overall voting turnout for the SU Elections.

What a year so far!