



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION

## **Student Report – December 2017**

### **Luke Exton - Vice President Activities**

#### **Introduction**

It's Christmas!!!

#### **SUggestions**

SUggestions are something the officer team and I are keen to push through this year. Due to the mass volume of them, we distribute successful SUggestions amongst the SABB team. Below are mine.

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

Most of this month has been set about finding out who was responsible for fitting a similar style of cushioning which is found in the David Chiddick building. We 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.

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

The Activities team have now obtained a quote for the boards and I am currently in discussions with the relevant people at the university in order to get this project put through and completed. There are challenges mainly around the financing of the project, but through working with the University we are hoping to resolve this come the New Year.

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 to resolve the 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!

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, the activities team and I are working

closely with the University in order to attempt to resolve these issues. It will be something we start to tackle early next year.

## **Activities**

### **Sports, Societies and Activities HUB**

I have reformatted the way under which Sports and Societies HUB are conducted. Activities are now broken into their respective Clusters with their Cluster Rep as their lead. The respective Cluster Rep will lead a discussion topic of their own which they believe will be of key interest to their members. This will also provide us an opportunity to feedback key issues at the end with all Cluster Reps present. This also means that people can leave earlier too!

I have been working in order to encourage candidates to run for the position and am now pleased to report that we have now filled all Cluster Rep positions for the year! We finally have a full team!

### **We Are Lincoln Lounge (WALL)**

This month saw the end to the first series of WALL. Working alongside the Activities Team, our Societies Officer, Nat and our Sports Officer, Cassie we have been able to develop a video series which (hopefully) you find funny, engaging but also informative.

Over the past year, WALL is regularly receiving 1.6k views and record breaking reaches of 5000 people and over. A great success and something I am excited to continue carrying into the New Year!

### **8 out of 10 Swans**

Another event both I, and our Society Officer, Nat helped deliver! This last month saw LGBT+ vs. ENACTUS and Drama vs. ACS. It was an absolutely hilarious night and I'd just like to extend a massive thank you to Kudz for rounding off the evening and a final huge thank you to the societies who took part – you really brought the event to life!

## **Activity Photography**

With our 3 Activity Photographers now in action, working with both the Activities department and Marketing and Communications come to an agreement around the upload schedule of the photos. Photos are now regularly rolling out on the We Are Lincoln Facebook page! The overall aim is to build up a photo profile of as many Sports and Societies as possible, long term this will help us with Activity representation.

## **Varsity Video**

I have spent a lot of this month formulating and researching ideas for our Varsity video this year. I have also been working very hard to advertise the opportunity to work on the video to our members. This is via social media, email and blackboard announcements.

I'm pleased to report we have an absolutely fantastic team this year and we have now formulated a video idea which will ensure effective representation for all Sports (and even some societies) – no spoilers! Filming will take place from the 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> January with the video going out on the 5<sup>th</sup>

February.

### **Societies Tour**

Since the last report the initial deadline for Societies Tour has since closed. We have had 37 people sign up for our Amsterdam tour which is a brilliant number. One piece of overwhelming feedback I received was that the opportunity to put down deposits was a little too late in the year. In order to allow as many people an opportunity to go on the trip, the deadline has now been extended to the 8<sup>th</sup> January! I will continue to advertise this deadline to members both via social media and email. Thanks to the contract both the Activities Team and I negotiated, this also means that Societies will receive £4 back into their accounts per person they send. A huge win!

### **Sports Tour**

December has also seen the closing of the deadline for Sports Tour away at Rimini, Italy this year! I have been working alongside Sports Club Presidents in order to try and make this our biggest tour ever. I am pleased to report that we have had 245 people sign up to go away on Sports Tour this year! Our biggest number ever! Thanks to the contract both the Activities Team and I negotiated, this also means that Sports Clubs will receive £10 back into their accounts per person they send. A huge win!

### **Studio Timetabling**

One key issue I have been working on this month is that the Dance Society have had their Friday studio slot taken away from them in order to cope with the demand that the studio receives at this time for functional training. I'm pleased to report that, having been working very closely with Dance, the Activities Team and the University Estates department we have now found a solution that fulfils the requirements of the Dance society as an alternative. A great end to the year!