



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION

## **Student Report – January 2018**

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#### **Introduction**

Welcome back everyone! I took some holiday (finally) in the New Year, so didn't get back until the 15<sup>th</sup> January, so not too much to report!

#### **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>

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. We have a quote of £4000 and are working towards getting this funded.

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.

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!

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. Discussions are continuing to revolve around this and I am confident this should be 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 - 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 LGB+ History month. We're still working on logistics but it'll be running end of Feb and it's not something you'll want to miss! There will be prizes!

#### **Events – Societies Showcase**

We have a date! The Engine Shed is officially booked for the 12<sup>th</sup> 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!

#### **Take That Photo**

Currently working on gathering Activities' interest for who wants another round of photos. Working with the Activities team in order to get a final date in place. It's going to happen this year so keep your eyes and ears peeled!

### **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 5<sup>th</sup>

February!

### **Sports Tour**

The deadline has now passed! Although numbers have dwindled a little, it's still our biggest ever Sports Tour and clubs will still receive £10 back into their accounts per person they are sending! Brilliant!

### **Mid-Way Review**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> January, my fellow Student Leader's and I spent the whole day conducting a mid-way review of our performance so far. Reflecting on success and areas to improve. We also outlined our priorities for the year. Mainly, mine will be:

- 1) Continue to pursue and complete all my Suggestions (where possible)
- 2) Continue to engage and support all VPA candidates, with the aim of a minimum of 5 running for the position
- 3) Meet with each Academic Society individually and get each society to submit a feathers application

### **Student Leader Drop-In**

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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!

### **SU Elections**

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 (nominations close Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb, 12pm – [lincolnsu.com/elections](http://lincolnsu.com/elections)). I will continue to maintain this level of contact with all candidates until campaign to ensure I am supporting them as best I can.