



## UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION President Report April 2019

### Visibility and Impact

Since the last report, myself and the Vice President Education attended our last University Academic Board meeting where we were able to represent student matters in one of the highest boards we have in the institution. It was a great opportunity to note the work that had been done improving student engagement and voice at the University of Lincoln and has been a key part in strengthening the academic approach the university takes when looking at student engagement.

I, alongside the Lincoln delegation, attended the NUS (National Union of Students) annual conference in Glasgow this month. It was an opportunity to represent the interests of Lincoln students on a national scale and in particular, in reference to the reforms that were being proposed in order to ensure the solvency and success of NUS in the future. Whilst the reforms were passed through, the delegation and myself were left deflated with the processes of conference and the inherent disconnect there seems to be between student political leaders and the members of the NUS (namely, Students' Unions).

I have always believed that Students' Unions lie at the heart of NUS and that a lot of work that they should do should focus on supporting and strengthening Students' Unions to be able to represent the needs of students locally on their own campuses. Particular motions and debates put through at conference detracted from this purpose and in my view did not expressly represent the average student on any campus up and down the country.

Further to this, this month I have been working closely with the University to improve upon the processes we have for attendance panels. The policy and methods in which it has been enforced have often meant that it has been difficult to ensure that there is consistency across the piece when the final intervention panels are held. Myself and the VP Education have been working closely with the DVC for

Student Development and Engagement to ensure that there is a robust process that ensures consistency and fairness for all students.

At this moment in time, the SU is preparing for awards season, including the SU Awards and We Are Lincoln Awards. I am also working to ensure that there is a robust handover between myself and the future President of the Union to ensure continuity and effective student representation.

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