

UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION President Report June 2018

Executive Committee

The Students' Union and Executive Committee has welcomed two new sabbatical officers this month, Grace Corn and Cassie Coakley, taking over from Connor Delany and Luke Exton in their roles as Vice Presidents Welfare & Community and Activities, respectively. The two new officers have been under induction to bring them up to speed with the processes of the Union and the University and how to effect change and understand the contexts of their roles. As part of that induction, the Executive Committee alongside the Union Senior Management Team took part in residential away-days exercises which focused on ensuring that there was an understanding and planning of how the following academic year will proceed, whilst also looking at the Union's strategic success thus far. We will be looking to complete our Operational Plans for the next academic year which will form the basis of executing our manifesto points, soon.

Visibility and Impact

The Vice President Education, Tommy, and I have worked on improving reports presented to the University's Education & Student Life Committee as well as the Academic Board, making sure that the appropriate and fundamental information is being relayed to the University on a representative level. The work done is to include a robust Executive Summary as well as highlighting joint Union and University projects.

I have been undertaking the planning for Black History Month and putting forward proposals for a month long campaign and the potential use of external venues for a range of events. I am looking to further consult with students on the plans for BHM and will feedback closer to the time of the celebration month.

This month, I have engaged with queries regarding the funding circumstances of several teams who had not been awarded funding for the British Universities and

College Sports (BUCS) leagues. This was further compounded by the purchase of the Barge on the Brayford by the Students' Union, alongside the non-continuation of Propaganda Lincoln. Due to the nature of each of these situations, it would not have been prudent to bring into the public sphere a lot of the plans being drawn up within the SU. However, I can state that each of the initiatives have seen support from the Executive Committee and it is a case of disseminating this information to the student body at the appropriate times towards the end of the summer and prior to the start of the 18/19 academic year.

I have been involved in collaborative work in the University regarding Inclusive Curriculums and exploring how the University can address the attainment gaps seen across the student body. Data presented in University committees has shown significant gaps and work is being undertaken, with the inclusion of the Students' Union to address these issues and making sure that there is a reduction in the attainment gaps across the different demographics of the student body. I will be able to feedback as the work progresses.

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