



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION President Report

Visibility and Impact

Since the last report, the Students' Union elections have occurred, and I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Cassie Coakley who will be continuing on as President of the Students' Union for the 19/20 academic year. Cassie has had a brilliant year so far and will undoubtedly continue on that upward trail. I would also like to congratulate the other Sabbatical Officers elected as well as all the volunteer officers elected during this period.

In regards to Visibility and Impact, the Student Leaders attended the 'Women in Work' Speaker Conference held in early March. The event was attended by speakers, inspirational women all leading in their respective fields. The Women in Work society is a new one that has made waves on campus and has really demonstrated impact and drive. The Student Leaders all are keen to support the society and ensure that it excels.

I also had the opportunity to be and speak at the LGBT+ Month closing event towards the end of February. Again, similar to the Women in Work society – the LGBT+ Campaigns Network group have really been doing very well to cement their place within the functions of the SU but also raising their profile with students. The LGBT+ Officer is strong and a very good advocate for the SU and is sure to make impact moving forward.

I took part in the Swan's Den final pitch this month. The pitches presented to the panels all excelled and it was a great opportunity for students to realise their entrepreneurial ambitions. A total of £9100 was awarded in the form of grants to these students all of which will be monitored to ensure that the support for these endeavours continues.

The organisational budgets were also scrutinised this month, which will come to Board – through the Finance Sub-Committee. There is a lot of work going on in the Union and prudence has been exercised appropriately. It was really good to see ambitious but also achievable budgets being arranged.

Attendance panels have been a matter of contention over the past 18 months. As of late, I have been able to arrange meetings to discuss these issues with the Vice Chancellor and other

colleagues to address the problems that were evident and still are. At this moment in time there is a great number of attendance panels that the Student Leaders are undertaking. This is something that we are looking to address as the volume is incredible in comparison to last year and the year before. DVC Liz Mossop is leading on the review of the attendance monitoring process and, likewise, the attendance panels – therefore this is something that I will follow up with her.

At the time of writing, we are still to have the Remuneration Committee for 2018/19; myself and the Chief Executive are to meet with the University to discuss the Union's Block Grant; I am to meet with the Director of Policy for the University to look at work being done within the University; I am yet to sit on interviews for the Barge Manager; Varsity is yet to happen (within two weeks – preparations are underway); and myself, Chief Executive, Deputy CEO, VP Education and Head of Student Voice and Insight are to attend a Wonkhe conference focused on addressing 21st century student life.

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