



University of Lincoln Students' Union Volunteer Officer Report

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Law School Rep

What has been worked on in the past month:

On 30 January I attended the PG Forum to discuss new academic opportunities where I raised the suggestion of non-direct employment options for law students. The feedback was well received. It was also a great opportunity to speak to post graduate reps from other schools to ask about common issues that arise for post graduates.

On 31 January I attended the College Academic Affairs Committee where I could hear about the developments in other schools. I was also able to discuss some of the practices used by the law school to offer modules to different years (level 1 and level 3) such as Tort Law.

The Elective event was held on 31 January which was attended by many level 1 and level 2 courses. The feedback was incredibly positive and many students felt more equipped to choose their electives. The course reps have conducted some research amongst their year groups and utilised the course rep network to answer any questions that students had.

On 5 February I met with all of the Law Course Reps to take a photo which will be used in the Law School Newsletter.

We also used this time to meet and discuss some of the current matters within the school such as feedback from assignments and personal tutoring. The course reps have become an incredible support network to one another offering advice about moots, employability and stress management techniques.

On 6 February I was asked to provide an update report for Betty, the college officer, to deliver to Harriet as a college update. This was completed as of the 6th February and I have met briefly with Betty since to discuss the updates since then.

As of 6 February, the new Carer Wellbeing Advisor is in post! I have been in contact with Rebekah and we have a meeting planned for 8 March to discuss the current

work being done for carers on campus. I have also been liaising with Carers First to ensure that all information is communicated effectively.

On 15 February I met with Duncan French and Martyn Heathcote to discuss school updates including organising monthly meet ups for Duncan and the forthcoming school rep and possible amendments to teaching structure.

Rep Forum was held on 15 February where the reps were joined by the Law Society President and Vice President. They were able to offer their advice on how to run an effective academic society and provide insight about the extra-curricular offered by the society to boost student's employability. We also had the opportunity to discuss the recent Law Society trip to Prague which was a huge success.

On 17 February I was invited to speak to prospective student's parents at the offer holder day. Duncan French and I delivered information about employability, all the extra-curricular opportunities and my student experience.

Throughout February I was tasked with the promotion of NSS. This was promoted in lecture shout-outs, on social media and through word of mouth.

Myself, along with other school reps attended the Election Results night to show support to the candidates standing in the elections for our respective schools and colleges. Everyone was in good spirits throughout the night and it was great to find out about the how the election process had been, why many people ran in the elections and congratulate the winners.

Students have raised concerns about the need to self-teach several topics due to staff absence for 2 modules which equates to half of their [WORD]. To resolve this, lecturers offered 2 drop-in sessions however these were cancelled due to the snow. I have spoken to several of these students and highlighted the key areas of concern such as accessing the lecturer notes, and knowing the key areas of focus. I will be discussing these with academic staff soon and will feed the solutions back to the students as soon as possible.

During February I was also tasked with advertising for BPP's assessment centre event in Leeds (28 February) and Aspiring Solicitors Talk on Campus (1 March) which were both expected to be well attended however both were cancelled on the day due to adverse weather.

On 28 February both Academic Board for Social Science and College Academic Affairs Committee were cancelled due to snow.

Successes from the past month:

The elective event was well attended and the feedback was positive.

The dynamic amongst the course reps has created a supportive and progressive environment where they resolve many issues easily at a course rep level and have developed a form of student mentoring amongst themselves to discuss electives,

approaches to assignments, how to book rooms on campus, how to access non-academic services and level 2 and 3 extra-curricular opportunities.

Students are very comfortable to approach myself and the reps to discuss new ideas, suggestions and issues. They are very welcoming of feedback and the communication has generally been very encouraging.

Claire Hogley was elected the School Rep for the next academic year!

Plans for next month:

Meet with Carers First for new staff inductions and semester 2 update

Meet with the new wellbeing adviser to discuss student carers

Liaise with the newly elected school rep for 2018/2019 to discuss current and upcoming matters and handover.

Meet with course reps to feedback about resolved issues

Review the progress of the Law school newsletter

Provide an overview report to Law School Academics about the difficulties law and criminology students are facing with content, resources, feedback, assignment timings and personal support.

Review the support for students studying Employment and Family Law due to Staff

Absence and provide feedback on what additional help students will need before the exams