

UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION President Report

Executive Committee

The Sabbatical Officer took part in this year's Remembrance Ceremony, laying a wreath at the Lincoln City War Memorial on behalf of members, students and staff at the University of Lincoln Students' Union. It was an opportunity to ensure that the student community is well represented and active, engaging in community liaison whilst also commemorating the centenary memorial event.

The Vice President Welfare and Community alongside the RAG Officer led on events in relation to Raising and Giving Week. As the first RAG week done within the union there was a plethora of events held in a bid to raise a significant amount of money for the four chosen charities that the union is supporting this academic year.

Visibility and Impact

The VP Education and I have been working alongside the University to assess and review the current Extenuating Circumstances systems and procedures, ensuring that they reflect student understanding and are made understandable for the student body. This included feedback on discrepancies that have come to our attention as well as reinforcing the significance of Personal Tutors in Extenuating Circumstances claims.

I attended with WONKHE Conference (WonkFest18) earlier this month and this was an opportunity to network and attend talks and programmes around Higher Education, policy and the future of the sector post Brexit. There were several lessons to take away from the conference and some of which we will look to adopt here at Lincoln, particularly debates around the cost of living for students and the changing priorities of students.

In my regular catch-ups with the Vice Chancellor, I raised the projects currently being undertaken in the Union in line with attainment and ensuring that

demographics of the student body who are underrepresented are brought to the forefront. This was after a report commissioned in the SU was written which highlighted the involvement of international students in Activities (Sports & Societies) and looking at how we can improve the number of international students within that area.

I have had the opportunity to welcome the new External Trustee appointed to the Union's Board of Trustees. With a wealth of experience, Sue Liburd holds the Non-Portfolio External Trustee role bringing in both commercial and charity sector knowledge.

As part of the Student Leader role, we take an active part representing the Union during open days. I had the opportunity to present to prospective students the activities of the Union and work that we do to support students at the University of Lincoln. We will be looking to extend these presentations/talks to ensure mass efficacy and effectiveness.

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