



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION

## **Vice President – Activities report**

### **Introduction**

Heading through October and November, after the buzz generated in September (post-Freshers) was always going to be a tough one. Upon reflection, I believe that both the team and I have absolutely smashed these last few months and have lots of things to take forward heading into the following months. Overall feedback has been strongly positive and it's been an absolute pleasure working with everyone to achieve the below.

### **LPAC Discount**

After a long-awaited meeting, University of Lincoln Students' will now receive a 20% on LPAC Atrium hire! This was an agreement reached with the University, the LPAC and the SU. We are all dedicated to enhancing the student experience and were happy to offer the discount – something that will help clubs and societies significantly, both now and in the indefinite future!

### **SUggestions**

SUggestions are something the officer team and I are keen to push through this year. Due to the mass volume of them, we distribute successful SUggestions amongst the SABB team. Below are mine.

#### **Sports Centre Cushions - #NoNumbBums - [lincolnsu.com/suggestions/view/105](https://lincolnsu.com/suggestions/view/105)**

Towards the end of October, I helped rally for and push through a SUggestion which has been asked for for a while and that was to get comfier seats in the Sports Centre for those observing BUCS games. The mandate has now reached 69 and I am now working with the Activities team to get a cost appraisal completed, ready to take further.

#### **Rebound Boards: [lincolnsu.com/suggestions/view/106](https://lincolnsu.com/suggestions/view/106)**

Like cushions, towards the end of October, I helped rally for and push through another SUggestion. This was rebound boards. When there are two teams playing and the sports hall is split in half, balls and other equipment roll under the net and become tripping hazards for those playing sport on either side of the hall. This also causes tension between each respective

sport as they are constantly passing their equipment under the net. This interrupts sessions and causes huge amounts of frustration.

This is something we are now able to solve and am now working towards getting this put in place. I am now working with the Activities team to get a cost appraisal completed, ready to take further. Again, something which will massively help both now and throughout the indefinite future too.

### **Cages around Sports Centre Fire Alarms: [lincolnsu.com/suggestions/view/116](https://lincolnsu.com/suggestions/view/116)**

Submitted after a conversation with the Cricket club, as they have been told that they are only to use tennis balls for training when performing drills. Not allowing them to use cork balls (cricket balls) or even skills balls (hard rubber balls) for drills. This has seriously impacted the range and quality of training they can offer. Other sports such as dodgeball are also affected by this issue.

Putting flip cages over the fire alarms and delicate fitting in the sports centre will overcome these issues. I have rallied support around this and the SUGgestion will soon reach its mandate in order to allow for it to be acted upon.

### **Storage Space**

Many a discussion has been taking place around the possibility of finding more storage space for our Activities – starting with the sports centre. Pending an official agreement, extra storage space for outdoor activities has been found in Witham House. The Activities team and I are currently in the process of finalising the agreement with the University. Working with the Outdoor Ball Cluster Rep storage solutions in terms of shelving have now been found.

## **Activities**

### **Sports, Societies and Activities HUB**

Sports, Societies and Activities HUB are currently boasting record amounts of attendance. I have introduced texts which go out at the morning of the day of each Sport and Society HUB to remind committee members to go. I also push this regularly on social media. I have also introduced a 100% attendance prize whereby clubs who have a 100% attendance are in for a chance of winning £100 at the end of the year.

### **We Are Lincoln Lounge (WALL)**

The WALL is a big initiative I am keen on this year. It is one of the most effective ways of representing students and actually shouting about all the amazing things our activities are doing this year! It is an initiative a present alongside my Sports and Societies Officers in a fun and entertaining way, whilst also advertising and gathering content for the video.

The WALL is really starting to actually catch on now, with people regularly messaging me asking for Team of the Week/Society of the Week based on their performances throughout the week. As a result of the success and support this initiative has received the We Are Lincoln Facebook page has received record engagement on each post and the total likes current stands at 447!

WALL is regularly receiving 1.6k views and rising with regular, record breaking reaches of 5000 people. This is due to clubs/societies sharing the video, something which happens organically when the video is about them.

### **Activity Wars**

An event I helped aid in the delivery of! Manning one of the stations throughout the night, making sure everyone was okay and enjoying themselves! Also conducting and part officiating the final fight off between the Assassin Society, Dodgeball and the group of guys posing as the Law Society. I also spent time after gathering feedback about the event and how we can improve it heading into next year. This has since been fed back and improves will now be acted upon by the Activities Team.

### **8 out of 10 Swans**

Another event both I, and our Society Officer, Natalie helped deliver! These last 2 months saw the first round of the event with HEMA against Sci-Fi and Electronic Music against Orchestra, as well as Law vs. Lincoln University Guide and Scouting (LUGS) and Bio-vet vs. History.

### **Cathedral Cup**

Supported the Men's Football club for the delivery of the Cathedral Cup this year. A difficult challenge admittedly as both I and the Activities team were constantly chasing Men's Football, to try and ensure the event ran as smoothly as possible. I helped drive promotion of the event alongside Men's Football – utilise existing social media channels and contacts with other sports teams such as Dance and Cheer. I have also conducted a debrief with Men's Football alongside the Activities team to ensure that the mistakes made this year do not happen again and the event can be more successful for next year.

### **Taster sessions and BUCS**

One thing I am huge on this year is actually being present amongst our members. I have been regularly attending taster sessions and weekly BUCS games to learn about as many activities as possible. This is something both me and the rest of the student leader team are planning on doing throughout the rest of the year. During this, I have used my social media platform to promote each club, as well as gathering footage for the We Are Lincoln Lounge.

### **Activity Photography**

An initiative and scheme I am big on creating both for now, and the indefinite future is an activity photography scheme. I worked closely with the school of Film and Media, in particular the program lead for Photography to promote this, including via Blackboard, emails and Facebook. We have now recruited our 3 activity photographers.

The job of this photographer will be to get photos of both sports and societies to promote online and actually shout about everything everyone is doing!

### **Social Media**

A huge problem we've had the last year was that no-one really knew 1, who their cluster rep was in activities or 2, what cluster they are actually in. This is something I am actively changing.

I have created Facebook groups with each activity and committee members in specific to each cluster. This will help eliminate the disparity we have experienced throughout the whole of last year. This will also aid in communication and empowering our cluster reps.

### **Archery Petition**

A huge part of what this role is activism and providing a platform for our students to feel empowered and that they have a voice which can make positive change. Archery had their training taken away from them, so we started a petition amongst our We Are Lincoln community. This petition was incredibly successful reaching 355 signatures. Archery have now been given their space back short term! I am now in discussions over medium to long term solutions and should have a proposition soon.

### **Societies Tour**

After meeting with I Love Tour, a key goal of mine was to establish a Societies Tour this year and offer it out to our members. Since this meeting, I have advertised the opportunity to our members and have democratically selected which destination our societies would like to go to. It was decided that we would travel to Amsterdam and I have now had 16 different societies registering their interest for Societies Tour, an excellent number I am extremely proud of.

### **Campaign**

Alongside my Sports Officer, I have been leading on a campaign that she is keen to run. This BUCS Girl Can is BUCS' version of This Girl Can. Cassie and I have been going around each of our Female orientated BUCS Sports, filming them to show off just how good they actually are. The plan is to roll out a series of short videos, showcasing each sport throughout the week. This will ensure we are regularly shouting about the campaign and gaining as much awareness as possible.