

UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION

<u>Student Leader Report – April 2018</u> Luke Exton - Vice President Activities

SUggestions

<u>Sports Centre Cushions - #NoNumbBums - https://lincolnsu.com/suggestions/view/105</u>

I have had conflicting views from various stakeholders of when they will be arriving but I am able to confirm they are definitely on order. Progress with this has been incredibly slow and has required a lot of chasing of various stakeholders. These will either be with Students by the start of May, or end of May.

Rebound Boards - https://lincolnsu.com/suggestions/view/106

The University has submitted a job with Estates regarding the rebound boards. The Universities preference is for weighted nets. I have been working with Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Simon Parkes to move this up the Estates team priority list and am waiting on confirmation this will be put in their 'Summer Priorities' job list.

Team Shelters on the Astroturf - https://lincolnsu.com/suggestions/view/194

Another portion of my time has been spent rallying supporting around another SUggestion. Inspired by Nottingham Trent, the President of Hockey submitted a SUggestion for shelters on the AstroTurf. I messaged every single team who uses the AstroTurf and am pleased to report it is the fastest SUggestion to hit the 50 net vote threshold ever. The total count is now 90, with 12 comments.

Activities

Events – Activities Wars part 2!

Another event I have spent time promoting as well as helping select which Activities students would most enjoy for the event is Activity Wars 2.0. I'm pleased to report that we have had nearly 3 times the amount of teams register for the event this time than last time! With 11 Societies and 10 sports taking part, totalling 28 teams! The event was a huge success and thank you again to everyone who took part!

Take That Photo

Having gathered feedback from Students the necessity of a 2^{nd} round of photos, the 2^{nd} round of Activity photos has now taken place. I had been promoting this opportunity to students to utilise, resulting in only 3x10 minute slots being available – meaning the day was almost fully booked! As a result of these photos, we also earned some commission back from Take That Photo which will subsequently be reinvested into the We Are Lincoln Awards.

We Are Lincoln Awards

The We Are Lincoln Awards is another huge event on my radar. I have spent a large majority of my time promoting the awards to our members, resulting in:

Nominations for each award being at an all-time high, with 471 in total, which is more than SU awards! I also chaired the shortlisting group for the awards which ultimately resulted in our finalists.

We have also received a record amount of votes and doubled the amount we received last year in 24 hours alone. The total amounts of votes cast this year was 733 – outstanding! At the time of writing we only have 20 tickets left – I am continuing to promote this to our members.

I have also done work around reward and recognition for Sports Teams who have won their league, thanks to a productive conversation with Netball's President and Vice-President. The team and I are currently sorting this!

Storage Space

Everyone is now officially moved in! Freeing up a load of space in the Sports Centre Storage for our newer

Sports and Societies Tour

Both Sports and Societies Tour have since happened! Tommy and I acted as the point of call throughout the whole of each Tour, creating group chats to allow easy accessibility to us as well as guiding Activities through any ILOVETOUR process (damage deposits, theft claims etc.) The events were a massive success with Tommy and I receiving resounding feedback. There were some issues on both Tour's however these are being handled.

Each Tour had presented its own issues, so Tommy and I have conducted an extensive debrief of each Tour, with the support of Lorna Cruickshank and James to take onward to ILOVETOUR to ensure it doesn't happen again next year and the experience for our students continues to improve year on year.

I have also worked with the team to ensure that our sponsorship agreement is followed through with ILOVETOUR and that the appropriate monies are awarded to each Sport and Society. The invoice has now been sent and money should be each Sport and Society soon!

MHT Dance Studio

An on-going issue for the last 16 weeks has been the Dance studio and its usage in MHT. After months of fighting, a solution has still not been agreed, however steps are now being taken to set up a meeting between all major party holders to settle this ready for the next Academic year.

Less Stress, More Success

Mid-April has also seen the Student Leaders' Less Stress, More Success campaign launch. I spent the majority of my day outside, giving students free goodies, raising awareness around the events that were going on throughout the day and helping make smoothies to promote healthy eating. Overall the day was a great success and cannot commend everyone involved enough in the organisation, preparation and delivery of it all!

ASM

The last big thing I have spent a considerable amount of time on this month is around raising awareness and rally support around our All Student Member (ASM) meeting. Mainly, this was to discuss and voice our concerns around the Sports Facilities, infrastructure and relationships with staff. This opportunity allowed us to report them directly to the top of the University by having Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Simon Parkes.

A huge thank you again for everyone's support! It was our largest ever and incredibly successful! All remaining questions for Simon will be emailed over and he will answer them in due course.