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University of Lincoln Students' Union Student Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Student Council
Held at 2.00pm on Tuesday 27th January 2009
Mezz Bar, Student Centre, Brayford Campus.

Present:

Chair

Amanda Davidson (HLSS Representative)

Members

Adam Macro (AAD Representative)
Chris Roberts (VP Sports and Teams)
Dan Derricott (B&L Representative)
Daniel Hutchinson (SU President)
Gina Davies (SU student Officer)
Josefin Oqvist (B&L Representative)
Kayleigh Turner (VP Education)
Laura Driscoll (MHT Representative)
Sophia Heron (MHT Representative)
Steven Greaves (SU Student Officer)
Steve Turner (AU Sports Representative)
Victoria Wieczorzynska (VP Welfare and Liaison)

General Manager

Mark Crowhurst (Officer)

Also in attendance

Ann Hollick – Head of Academic Administration Services
Chris Spendlove – University Registrar
Claire Bell – Equality and Diversity Manager
Katy Barnes – Student
Rick Mosley – Community Beat Manager

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Beth Roberts (AU Societies Representative)
Emma Devine (Student Officer)
Dan Windross (VP Communications)
Maria Yesufu (VP Societies and Activities)
Michelle Anderson – Head of Library and Learning Resources
Mike Neary – Dean of Teaching and Learning
Stacie Ridley (AU Societies Representative)

Quorum for the meeting was not reached, the meeting proceeded able only to discuss the items of business.

2 Art Shop Student Item

Presentation by Katy Barnes (Fine Art Student) with an opportunity for discussion and questions.

Noted:

- Present arrangements for art shop outlined
- Potential to expand services but, to extend availability storage would be required and development of work with existing suppliers and possible volunteers.
- Potential to support students by reducing cost of essential materials.
- Has been raised at faculty board

Discussed:

- Concerns raised related to duty of care, Potential tender process and concerns regarding cash handling

Agreed:

- To involve commercial partner in University. M.C to facilitate meeting

3 “24 Hour Library” pilot update (moved from item 6)

Feedback from the 2 week 24/4 pilot before Christmas

Noted:

- Most use was prior to Midnight
- Relatively busy to 3AM
- Occupancy level at 00.00 same as 10.00
- Full report will be available soon
- K.T over 100 responses to a survey conducted regarding library trial, very positive feedback received
- Next step is to resource a further pilot ideally possible during exam period
- Library will continue to update Council

X Additional item regarding the National Student Survey

Item agreed in advance, but not added to agenda circulated prior to the meeting.

Noted:

- Survey commences Monday
- 72% of all final year students completed the survey last year
- The data is vital in highlighting key areas for improvement for the University
- K.T promoting the survey by giving talks in 3rd year lectures

4 Equality and Diversity

4a. Results of a University Survey “Equality and Diversity”

An opportunity to discuss data gathered during the “you me and E&D week”

Noted:

- The survey looked at awareness of procedures and charter
- Results highlighted the need for development of engagement events
- Some issues of racism in city
- Some timetable and culture issues were also raised

4b Racial Incidents

PC Mosley's report on issues relating to the reporting of race and hate crimes

Noted:

- Hate and race related crime currently underreported in community (R.M to circulate figures)
- C.B is raising awareness of issue
- Anonymous reporting packs are available from student services

Discussed:

- Need to record incidents if not reported so can reflect true picture
- Some students had issues reporting officially due to process and time involved culture

Agreed:

- Agreed all have role to play
- Initiatives have more value if joined up
- R.M to report back to Council on this as well as other community and policing issues
- R.M to work with council on ways to promote reporting

5 Standing-Committees Update (moved from item 3)

An update on the progress of the formation of the Standing Committees of Council (02/12/08 item 7)

Noted

- Initial meeting of some groups, more meetings to be held in next week

6 Student Voice (moved from item 5)

An update on the progress of the Reps Group and Student Voice Group

Noted:

- Document regarding Reps charter in discussion with partners in the University
- Document to be edited to be written more informally
- Meeting Secretariat and Department Colleagues next week

Agreed

- Group will work with registry and take advice on turning any recommendations in to policy

Noted:

I am Lincoln Campaign planned to promote activities and how to get involved

7 Student Experience Committees

Noted:

- Three students have volunteered to sit on Student Experience Committee, 2 places are available.

Agreed:

- Chair of Student Experience Committee to be contacted.
- If elections become necessary they will be held online
- Manifestos to be provided by candidates and posted before vote commences, R.R to assist

8 NUS Conference

A report was tabled at the meeting. No questions were raised regarding the report.

9 Minutes of the previous meeting

Receipt of the minutes of the previous meeting of Student Council 2nd December 2008 was deferred to the next quorate meeting of Student Council

10 Matters Arising

Deferred with the minutes.

11* Minutes of the Standing Committees of Council

The Standing committees of council are not scheduled to meet until after this session of Council. Minutes will be available at February’s meeting

12* Sabbatical Officers’ Reports

Receipt of the reports of the activities of the Students’ Union Sabbatical Officers was deferred to the next quorate meeting of Student Council

13* Budget and Accounts for November and December 2008

Receipt of the Budget and accounts for the Students’ Union was deferred to the next quorate meeting of Student Council

14 Any Other Business

14.1 Students in the Red

Noted:

- Debate taking place Friday 30th at 2pm, everyone encouraged to attend.

14.2 Council Attendance

Noted

- concerns raised regarding publicity and attendance
- Fresh faces and wider engagement thought to be needed.
- Concerns raised regarding circulation of information
- A successful rep system makes fro a good council and vice versa. Needs to be a clear understanding of the relationship between council and reps but also the differences

Agreed

- D.H to investigate publicity of and communication of meetings
- Chair to investigate why persons not attending and take appropriate action if needed
- Any recommendation on improving attendance should be presented to the next meeting

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Date of Next Meeting

The date and time of the next meeting is agreed as 24th February 2009 at 4.30pm.

I certify that the above minutes are a true and accurate summary of the meeting held on 27th January 2009, and have been approved by Student Council. These minutes will now be publicly available.

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Name (Chair)

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Date