

### **Concerns over shared spaces**

From: Priya Patel

Hello,

As a fresher coming into university next year, I am quite concerned about shared spaces in halls as regards to cleanliness. Is someone from the university going to make sure that they are being regularly cleaned and sanitised? I am concerned because I have been shielding during the pandemic and I worry others won't take it as seriously as I would.

What is the union doing to support students like me?

Yours,

Priya

### **Our response to Covid-19**

From: Tabatha Clayton, Head of Student Services

Good morning officers,

Following on from the VC's desire to make Lancaster Uni a safe environment for our students, we are in the process of creating new policy that would see students suspended from their studies if they were recorded breaching social distancing guidelines on a 'three strikes you're out' rule.

Social distancing is our best defense against Covid and our best chance at keeping the university open for all. Those who seek to ignore social distancing, therefore, have no place in our academic community.

We would appreciate your thoughts on this matter as soon as possible, so that policy can be in place in time for freshers.

Yours,

Tabatha Clayton

**Urgent action needed.**

To whom it may concern.

I am extremely concerned about something I witnessed on the corner of my street. There were two young adults wearing Lancaster sweatshirts and it looked like they were in the middle of some kind of nefarious drug deal.

Children play on these streets, I demand you get control of the student population and do something about this drug ring.

Yours respectfully,

Karen Snootsby

Resident

**Varsity Concerns**

From: Jeff Dern, Student

Hi guys,

As captain of the university football team I am concerned over rumours that varsity may not happen at all next year. One of the main attractions for many students choosing Lancaster was its excellent support of sport and varied activities.

I am calling on the exec to make a firm commitment that varsity will take place this year and that clubs will be funded appropriately to covid compliant.

Whilst I appreciate sport is in the hands of the university, I think it is time that the union stepped up and defended its sports students.

Yours

Jeff Dern

### **Meeting with the VC**

From: VC's Office

Good Morning,

The VC is looking forward to meeting you today at 3:45 p.m. They are open to talking about any issue that you would like and only has 20 minutes of his time to give you today. He will come to you and meet you in the Students Union. She hopes to meet the entire team and learn about what your plans and objectives are for the coming year and how Lancaster University can help you achieve them.

Regards,

Nancy Brattle

Secretary to the VC

### **Meeting with the VC**

From: Marketing Team

Good Morning,

Exciting that you folks get to meet the VC today. Afterwards could you send us four tweet like sentences to sum up your meeting so we can share it with students?

Regards,

The Marketing Team

### **Request for comment**

From: The Lancaster Gazette

Good Morning,

I would like to get a comment from the Officer Team in Lancaster over the recent rise of drug use among students at Lancaster. We've had reports from locals saying they have seen 'drug rings' in action in their neighbourhoods. New research shows that whilst students are less likely to smoke and drink the usage of hard drugs has spiked among young people. Is this something that is encouraged by the students union? What do you do to try and help students around drugs? Do you believe that this has anything to do with the increasing pressure and rising costs of university?

I Look forward to hearing from you,

Danny Fakewell

Journalist

### **Guest Speaker on Campus**

From: BLM Society

Dear Officers,

It Has come to our attention that the History School have invited David Starkey, noted racist, as a guest speaker on campus. Mr. Starkey is a noted hate speaker and should not be welcome on this or any other campus in the country. Whilst we understand that the event is not happening in the Students Union we think that the SU should strongly condemn the History School for allowing such a hateful person to come on campus.

We also demand that the Officer Team organise a protest to his presence on campus next Thursday evening in coordination with our Society.

Hate speech is not compatible with the values of a progressive University. We look forward to hearing your response.

BLM Society

## **Support Lancaster Heritage**

From: Cllr George Philbody OBE

Hello

I am writing to the Officer Team to support my campaign to protect the history of Lancaster heritage. During the BLM movement we have seen dozens of prized British landmarks desecrated by thugs. I am calling on the student's union to condemn such behaviour and join me in our movement to protect Britain's noble history.

Thank you,

Cllr George Philbody OBE

## **UCU Pensions Strike**

From: UCU Lancaster Secretary Bill Watts

To whom it may concern,

Next month staff at the University will be taking part in another day of strike action in response to Universities continued attack on our future of the Universities Superannuation Scheme (USS) USS is the main pension scheme for academic and related staff in the pre-92 institutions and, since its foundation, has provided a decent income in retirement for hundreds of thousands of people. In a sector where many would earn more working in the private sector, the USS pension has provided compensation for relatively modest salaries and has acted as a magnet for talented overseas staff. First Actuarial estimates that a typical lecturer will receive £208,000 less under the proposals than presently.

We believe that fairly rewarded staff are the cornerstone of the university experience and that the proposal by Universities UK to substantially cut the pensions of members of the USS pension scheme will be hugely damaging if implemented.

We are calling on Lancaster SU to support our action publically and to attend our picket lines next month.

I look forward to your response.

Bill

## **Don't Support the Strike**

From; Students Against the Strikes Society

Dear Officers,

On behalf of all the students in the Students Against the Strike Society. I am writing to you, to ask you to condemn the recent announcement by the Lancaster branch of ucu to go on strike next Tuesday. students are being used as a political football in the disputes between the university and it's staff. last year alone students lost 5 days of teaching due to strike action. Students at Lancaster are sick and tired of being used in this way when we pay over £9,000 for access to quality education. As our Students Union it is your duty to stand up for your members and not for the staff jeopardizing our futures.

We urge you to come out publicly and state that you will not support any action that damages students right to education.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Students against the strikes.

## **Video Games Soc as a sport**

From: Dave 'Red' Fox

Dear Team,

On behalf of video games society we are asking for our society to reclassified as a sport. An Olympic Summit, under the guidance of IOC president Thomas Bach, meeting in Lausanne recently stated that "competitive eSports could be considered as a sporting activity, and the players involved prepare and train with an intensity which may be comparable to athletes in traditional sports".

During the Covid pandemic millions of people watched online football, formula 1 and tennis matches as e-sportsmen became heroes.

We believe that this is reason enough to reclassify us as sports club and eligible for funding to compete nationally.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Red

### **Improving Lecture Attendance**

To Whom it May Concern,

Over the next few weeks we intend to trial a programme where student parents will be informed if their students do not attend lectures virtually as a response to the covid pandemic and to ensure students are getting value for money in their education. This will be trialed in the School of English and rolled out soon after.  
Please let your students be aware of this change.

Regards,

Jane,

Retention Team

## **Beyond The Streets**

From: Marketing Team

Hi all,

A charity called Beyond the Streets has contacted us asking if they can have a stall at Freshers. Beyond the Streets is a UK charity who sees the possibility of life Beyond sexual exploitation. They work to see women safe from coercion, violence and abuse. They also create routes out for women by working with others and challenging the stigma that surrounds sexual exploitation.

I think this is a great cause to support at Freshers but just wanted to get your go ahead,

Regards,

The Marketing Team

## **Media interview**

From: Marketing Team

Hi Guys,

Sorry but today you have a media interview from the BBC to talk about local fears surrounding students returning causing a spike in covid cases. There are even calls to suspend students returning until a vaccine has been discovered.

They'll want to talk to 2 of you at 2:45 pm.

Regards,

The Marketing Team



### **Request for comment**

From: The Lancaster Triumph

Good Morning,

I would like to get a comment from the student exec in Lancaster about rumours being circulated that the Union is supporting their students to turn to prostitution. How long have you supported this and charities such as Beyond the Streets? Do you believe that sex work is a legitimate way to fund a degree?

My deadline is 2:30pm.

I Look forward to hearing from you,

Simony Grainger

Journalist

### **Demand compensation for online lectures**

From: Students for Financial Justice

Dear officers,

We the undersigned demand that the student's union support our campaign to have at least 50% of our tuition reimbursed. The university's approach to 'blended' learning means that students will be receiving a lower quality education as professors stumble to figure out how a webcam works. The university can not consider virtual learning to be of the same value as learning in person.

Our tuition fees pay for buildings, resources and staff. We will not be the recipients of many of these things in a 'blended' learning environment. As the university is prepared to send 50% of course delivery online, we therefore demand that that 50% is reimbursed. Our petition on change.org has captured over 600 signatures.

We look forward to your support and your plans going forward,

Yours

Students for Financial Justice

## **Unmasking the University**

From: The Lancaster Facial Freedom Guild

As a member of the student chapter of the Lancaster Facial Freedom Guild, I am calling on the executive of the student's union to publicly oppose the mandatory wearing of masks in lectures and other educational spaces. Masks take away our sense of individuality and personality we so value in a western democracy. Masks have also been scientifically proven to increase your risk of being infected and cause breathing problems not connected with 'covid-19'. Studies have shown that the greater threat to humanity is not from 'covid-19', but from the eradication of our freedoms by the state with these draconian measures. We are in danger of becoming a fascist state, via the back door with a population under the control of the state such as in China where this virus originated. There is no coincidence that Chinese company Huawei have been so keen to erect 5G masts in the UK so soon after the global pandemic started. The connection is obvious. It is therefore of the utmost importance that you post this message on your student union notice board and accept my invitation to come to the next meeting of the Guild next Thursday. I am also calling on the exec to make their association with the Guild public.

Yours in facial freedom,

Derek Bottomsworth