

Motion to Amend the Students' Union By-Laws to Allow Sponsorship to be Sought from Various Sources, Including Bars and Night Clubs

(From the Societies Council of the Students Union of the University of Lincoln)

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Believes –

1. The Union Bylaws currently state that Society's are "expressly forbidden from entering into arrangements with Bars and Night Clubs"
2. The Students' Union conducted a survey gaining 1203 University Student respondents, posing a question to them regarding the Student's Union working with Bars and Nightclubs during fresher's and throughout the year finding the majority (67%) in favour of the notion. (7.6).
3. A separate survey was carried out and was answered by 100 students over a three day period. The questions asked were:
 - a. "Would you like to see this changed to allow Society's to be able to gain sponsorship from a variety of sources including Bars and Nightclubs?"

82% - YES 19% - NO 1% - OTHER

b. "If the Bylaws were changed to allow Bar Sponsorship do you think this would allow Society's to be more competitive and allow them to hold bigger events due to having more ways of raising funds?"

84% - YES 15% - NO 1% - OTHER

c. Would allowing Society's to seek sponsorship from Bars and Nightclubs be detrimental to the reputation of the Student's Union, Society OR University?

25% - YES 69% - NO 7% - OTHER

Resolve

1. Amend By-Law: 8.7.6. by deleting;

"Sports Clubs need to consult in advance with the Sports and Societies Office before receiving donations or sponsorship award. A Sports Club cannot enter into an agreement

for sponsorship without the consent of the Sports and Societies Office and are expressly forbidden from entering into arrangements with Bars and Night Clubs.”

And replace with:

“Activities need to consult in advance with the Activities Office before receiving donations or sponsorship award. Activities cannot enter into an agreement for sponsorship without the consent of the Executive.”

2. For The Executive (President of The Students’ Union, VP Welfare & Community, VP Activities and VP Academic Affairs) to be responsible for working in the best interests of Clubs and Societies in implementing this change by August 1st 2013.