Confession Pages

As a result of debate and vote at Union Assembly, LUSU support for the motion was approved by Union Assembly on 3rd November 2026. This is the contents of the motion:

This SU notes:

1. In February 2026 a petition was launched calling for the removal of an anonymous confessions page over a string of racist, misogynistic, and hateful posts. The petition currently has nearly 700 signatures.

2. The page involved regularly comes under scrutiny for posting harmful and targeted content. Confessions that target specific students / groups / the union can be damaging in many ways. Misogyny and hate speech are the most prolific offenses.

3. Other confession pages have posted extremely targeted content referring to individuals by name/exec title, making them a known target. This can severely impact a person's wellbeing and reputation.

4. The Students' Union's Code of Conduct declares that all student members must '*treat others with respect and dignity following Union policies which lay down that discrimination, harassment and bullying is unacceptable*'.

5. That same document also asks for students to '*not engage in activity or behaviour likely to bring the reputation of the Students' Union into disrepute or that of the University when using its name*'.

This SU believes:

1. The Students' Union endeavours to make Lancaster a safe and inclusive space for all, several policies passed at Union Assembly in previous years outline these commitments:
   Trans Rights Policy
   Safe Space Policy
   Safeguarding Policy

2. Interaction with anonymous confessions pages on social media pages representing LUSU affiliated groups is harmful to the reputation of both the student groups and the Union.

3. LUSU should work with affected groups to continue the fight against harmful speech and behaviour on campus.

4. LUSU should have a clear stance on its position for or against the use and existence of anonymous confession pages.

This SU resolves:

1. Create a policy giving the union a stance on the harmful speech and potential negative outcomes that could come from the continued posting of anonymous confession pages.

2. Integrate a procedure around repercussions for groups using LUSU associated social media pages to repost and platform these confession accounts.

3. Endeavour to work alongside societies and clubs to create safe spaces where discussions around harmful content can be thoughtful and caring.