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Unfortunately I couldn't attend the last meeting. Hope to phone in for at least part but I have vital data analysis booked all day with my supervisor.

Report

Hi everyone,

Been a busy couple of months so just going for a cheeky update on what Medicine has been up to! Sorry I can't be there hopefully I can phone in for some of it. Italics=more relevant stuff I guess?

SSLC

A very good turnout from reps and staff alike. We are looking to reduce the membership list as we have a few staff that can cover multiple areas and we fill out most rooms. The co-option was used wonderfully and we have filled two rep positions and I think only have one or two left.

We were informed about a medical student who contracted meningitis and have been told to inform students that Public Health England have given prophylaxis to all those who had considerable contact and that students should be aware of symptoms to look out for.

Positive feedback from students about the new hospital library workspaces – possibility of dividers that can be added if students want them. Software packages will hopefully be added to the UHS computers if the trust research budget can support it.

Students will now be encouraged to bring their CV to their personal academic tutor as we only currently receive advice about CVs in year 4/5.

The action log was cleared up a little so the next meeting will be much shorter.

Medsoc have produced a guide to what/who special cons are meant for, how to apply and what to expect from the process as students complained that it wasn't made clear enough.

Clarification was given about why we do not have protected times on Wednesday afternoons for years 3,4 and 5 – this will be fed back to students.

I gave a *brief update about library support for year 3 exams as Hartley resumes its normal times during our exams but hopefully the new library manager may be pro keeping it open for longer periods of time during the year. Hope Sam can update me on this?*

Students gave feedback to the new Dean about what improvements they think could be made to the facilities and student spaces at the hospital. Many issues are hard to resolve due to Trust consultation being required, however, it definitely felt that she was keen to throw herself behind some of the ideas.

Faculty-student communication was highlighted as an issue by staff – we currently have a student written weekly bulletin that a large proportion of students sign up to and are considering having a section at the bottom with faculty updates probably written by me.

No plan to boycott the NSS but will be making students aware of the BMA's stance so they can make informed decisions (I do hope they choose to fill it in grr...)

Lot of other boring stuff that you're welcome to ask about but I've rambled long enough about that.

Year reps

Very glad we got our two lovely new reps. *Well done Sam for the co-option *clap clap clap**.

Only issue we've faced so far is one rep have sport commitments that clashed with several meetings we've had. I feel this was a bit of a coincidence that they just happened to be timed poorly and had a productive 1 on 1 with her to discuss it and we will be keeping in close contact to make sure if she can't attend meetings, I can provide updates and feedback from her and to make sure she's still comfortable with the role. *This highlighted the importance of how we advertise the roles and making it clear what is expected of students before they put themselves forward. They've been absolute angels so far for faculty meetings and MedSoc events: hopefully it'll stay that way!*

Other bits and bobs

LOOTSSS of events have gone on. Fab Carnival event with the nurses went very smoothly (need more interfaculty events please!) Very few education based ones so won't go on about them.

Our new academic societies are doing fab and their events have had some excellent speakers and got some very positive feedback.

SGH tour with Sam and Co was amazing of course. Really appreciate the time it took for you all to come and hopefully it highlighted some of the specific issues we face due to our location. And I'm sure you enjoyed me getting told off for being too loud in the library...

The MedSoc conference was INCREDIBLE. Brighton were amazing hosts and we had an excellent weekend there. Took away a lot from how different MedSocs and Unis run things and learnt that we actually have a far better relationship with our Union and the Faculty than the majority of the other MedSocs so yay us! Excellent speakers came as well who I've passed contact info on so they might be able to come here! And obviously an outrageous night out...

Main long term plans?

Don't let the job kill me.

Try not to fail the year.

Build more inter faculty relationships to improve integration between courses.

Ensure that students are able to see how staff respond to their feedback so that they know they are being listened to.

Alrighty, a lot else has gone on but I think that's more than anyone is willing to read so hope it's an alright update!

All the best,
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