

**Date of Meeting:** 06/07/2009

**Attendees:**

Francesca Curry(FC), Victoria Tuck(VT), Jess Hawksley(JH), Jo Davies (JD), Adam Stoneham(ACS), Chris Gillet (CG), Sarah Miller (SM), Emma Gosnell (EG), Emma C-S (ECS), Lucy Joslin (LJ), Katie Wimble (KW), Steve Lindley (SL)

**Apologies:**

Eoin Dineen (ED), Ryan Hogan (RH), , Jack Ogden (JO), Stella Dilke (SD), Dan Cox (DC), Richard Pellet (RP),

**Content:**

**1) Medical School Conference**

JD has already e-mailed every med school, except for 2 in Ireland. Slow to reply. Has had no nos. A lot of people who didn't come last year have said yes. Ryan has e-mailed international schools. ECS: Was it an international conference last year?

Weekend 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>. Kumar, Clark and Peter Flemming. Peter Flemming has mentioned that he is also coming and can provide us with information.

FC: We have a meeting with Wesley tomorrow, they sponsored it exclusively. At the moment we are still discussing potential joint sponsorship. Wesley has offered more than MDU and MPS put together. They want a slot on the day to speak. Does anyone have any objections to this?

**Action point:** FC to find out if there are any limitations on joint funding.

ACS what are the major costs of the conference? Wesley provided all of the food. Wesley paid for a meal at zero degrees in the evening. FC: Has looked into youth Hostel to stay overnight, possibly as low as £10 a head.

JD: We need to put some limitations of the numbers of people coming from each university. Also looking into shared transport/ can sponsors cover travel costs?

**Does anyone have good ideas about how to improve the conference?**

FC: Maybe sporting event?

VT: Using links to form information on the second round of job applications?

JH: Andy Levy spoke last year and he was really great, could we ask him again?

JD: Also Dr Clark.

ECS: Also perhaps the writer of *trust me I'm a junior doctor* Max Pemberton.

**Action point:** Everyone think up ideas for the event send round by the end of July.

**Action point:** VT to send round last years report to everyone for everyone to read for ideas/ feedback.

## **2) Common room closure**

JD: The decision to close the common room has already been made at quite a high level. The general consensus when JH sent out the e-mail was that students were very much against the closure. 1) They did not want to have the library flooded by people coming out in-between lectures. 2) They felt as though the life-zone does not have enough space for a whole year group.

JD: It's now too late to make changes, what should we do as a committee do?

SM: Could we ask if there is an alternative place for students.

JH: Will students turn on us? JD: I think that the room was thought of as dead space. LJ: The life-space was never meant to be a common room. KW: Maybe we could send out a letter from whoever made the decision explaining it to the students.

FC: We could contact Ros Forge and find out how students would be affected by this. Additionally other subjects eg. Physiology/dentistry students.

**Action point:** JD/JH to contact "official" explaining situation, and ask for a letter to explain the situation to esp. 2<sup>nd</sup> year students who will be most affected.

**Action point:** JD/JH to contact Ros Forge about the issue.

## **3) Academy guides**

JH housemates are happy to cover the areas not covered by academy reps.

## **4) Budgetting of Galenicals:**

ACS: Just to give everyone an idea of what we spend money on and how we want membership fees to be spent. We are currently going to have £9000. It goes on capital, eg footballs, and "good causes" eg medic events.

**Action point:** ACS to send out this list of ideas to everyone.

JD: Does everyone still use their Galenicals Card? ACS: Old sponsorships have expired, so we are looking at new sponsorships. We are not sure about buying new cards.

CG: stickers are probably less valuable in terms of getting sponsorships. FC: could we not liaise with the union to get Galenicals membership on our student cards. ACS: we may get different solutions to having a card. ACS: one issue is that cards don't ever really get checked. KW: doesn't people have to be Galenicals members to play part of a sports team. ACS: use cards with a credit card style blank space for people to write their names, this solves the problems of the expense of the card.

ACS: I have a list of things that we have spent money on, what would you like Galenicals to spend money on?

ACS: Money for academies? Or more mass events?

SM: discount for books for first years.

VT: Equipment for academies.

LJ: Books for the library.

ECS: film night in the DHB/ DHB film library.

FC: Money for coaching courses for sports captains.

VT: Money for Sheet music/keyboards.

JH: something for mature medics/2in 1s, money for a dinner?

AT the beginning of each term we have about £300 to spend, we need to be spending it on our members.

## **5) AOB**

### **i) Meetings**

KW: can we not fund food with G money. General consensus is that we should buy it ourselves.

### **ii) Ball**

SM: Emma and I sent out a really nice e-mail, Andy Wardel sounded uninterested. Should we book a large venue anyway? KW: send Glitter ball back to its original format, at walkabout £12. SM: Should we just have one big ball? LJ: I think you should have a ball committee. ECS: stall at fresh, and sell tickets at fresh. General consensus is that we should organise a large ball separate from glitter and make it big/early enough to mean that a pre-clinical ball is not needed.

### **iii) UK FPA**

FC: Heads up about e-mails from 4<sup>th</sup> years, they have sent a letter out to all 4<sup>th</sup> years about their UK FPA are not allowing Bristol to move the date. Suggestions are: Come back early, get a flight to another place.

The faculty are happy to write letters to insurance companies for students to let them know the difficulties so that students can claim some of the losses on insurance.

### **iv) Changing Structure of 5<sup>th</sup> year.**

JD: at the CCG meeting on Friday the faculty have decided to draw up plans to change the structure of 5<sup>th</sup> year, 5<sup>th</sup> year written finals just before Christmas. People are starting to plan their electives now. If they are going to change our elective time, they need to let people know. The new system sounds better, but we need to let students know. LJ: I already know students who have started booking their electives:

**Action point:** JD to e-mail Cahill.

### **v) Ents:**

SM: 4<sup>th</sup> year exams at the end of July: we will organise drinks deals for them.

### **vi) Sports**

ECS: We were going to bring back the Bristol to bath bikeride in September. Also thinking of football netball tournaments.

**vii) Website:**

CG: Need a credit card to renew survey monkey.

**Action point:** JD to supply credit card for survey monkey.

**viii) Storeroom:**

SL showed us the old storeroom and the new room. SL: do we mind if the two rooms get swapped? General consensus is that that would be fine.

**DONM:** TO be decided nearer the time whether a final meeting is necessary.