

**Date of Meeting:** 20/09/2009

**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), Ryan Hogan (RH), , Jack Ogden (JO), Stella Dilke (SD).Nick Deakin- BMA (ND)

**Apologies:**

Steve Lindley (SL) , Eoin Dineen (ED)

**1) ND to introduce himself to committee.**

ND: Hi I'm the current ISC chair, anything the students are worried about they can go to me.

ND: Things the BMA can be used for:

Before you are qualified you can use the BMA if you are in trouble eg. Exams. There are also numerous other things, for example they have access to a library to take out any book, if you are BMA member. There are also things available for electives eg. Travel insurance and ethical advice. The BMA will also fight for your cause on anything to do with applications etc.

LJ a note on the UKFPO- the application form is changing, to include clinical judgement tests and less on extracurricular activities. VT will send out information on this in the newsletter.

ND: Current issues we are working on: Student finance are changing the NHS bursary, this will be means tested. BMA are trying to make this as fair as possible.

ND: Any questions students can access: BMA.org.uk

ND: On a personal level I am going to head the student committee in London, do you think that this is possible in third year? **Opinion:** Committee think that if you continue to work hard then yes.

**2) JH- Medics fresh- (find out who is available to help)**

Medics fresh is on the 6th of October:

Available:

LJ, KW, JO, FC, SD –RP, VT (later)

**3) FC –update for committee on recent faculty meetings**

**Remember that a lot of the proposed changes have not been completely finalised and announced to students by the faculty, and so we should be careful about discussing these things with other students.**

**3a 11/09/09 CCG**

- **Late submission**

- ❖ Uni policy – 10% from 1min – 7days. After 7 days nothing.
- ❖ Med – 10% from 1min to 24hrs, after this it is a fail.

JH: this was based partly on professional behaviour and how a doctor should be in the habit of being on time.

RP: why does the uni give so long? KW: pass mark for the rest of the uni is %40, and so %10 loss is less for them?

- **Comp2 changes**

- Switch to best of 5 instead of true or false (similar to post grad exams).
- Vivas are also on the way out (due to lack of standardisation etc)
- Cross compensation within unit (2% extra allowance added)

- **Changes to year 5**

- Re-sits for yr 4 in September, remedial teaching in August.
- Finals – EMQ, D/OSCE before Christmas.
- Preparing for professional practice, work based assessments, portfolio review, long cases after Christmas.
- Elective period - final 8 weeks (option to resit, long cases).  
FC this is not set in stone, and there is not a specific start date yet.
- eSSC removed.
- The changes are partly due to UKFPO and application dates.

- **Blackboard and medici combination gradual process.**

- **New laptops in library**

- **Student issues raised:**

- Appeals unanswered
- Exam result privacy issues across years

**3b 11/09/09 Wesleyan Medsoc Conference.**

- Request tea, lunch, venue, dinner, accommodation (local) all covered
- Only 5 people from each uni, including Bristol. 10 extra spaces at dinner

LJ what if extra Galenicals members paid separately? Would we then be able to have more Galenicals members attending?

*Suggested Options by committee:*

\*Spreading out the free places amongst everyone?

\*ACS should we just turn up? Difficulties with this as it is unlikely to go unnoticed.

\* ACS You could put the 5 Bristol students to be those who are not speaking/chairing anything and then Bristol speakers would have to be there anyway so that would allow more people to go.

FC Wesleyan doesn't want numbers from each uni to be unequal. They will sponsor 5 max per uni. If it is not possible to have any more Bristol students attend on the days then we need to find a way of selecting "the 5".

**Action plan:** think about issue.

- Registration forms out thurs.

### **3c 16/09/09 NSS**

- Bristol has moved up league tables
- Done badly in *feedback* - quantity and speed
- Suggested that academy deans informed and part of action plan
- Perspective changes through year groups
  - o 1 + 2 years just want to pass exams
  - o 3<sup>rd</sup> year – exams and sscs
  - o 4 + 5 – want to know practical skills are up to standard, more constant feedback required
- Further feedback required from different year groups
- Galenicals to inform students to ask teachers for feedback with confidence.

**Action point:** FC/JH/JO? To word e-mail to send to students about asking for feedback- but do not mention NSS as students are not to be briefed for this.

ND: the BMA want to produce a guideline of “model feedback”, if anyone has any burning feedback desires then let me know.

**Action point:** everyone think of examples of where feedback has been good to send to ND.

### **3d 18/09/09 AMG**

JD: The main point for us which came out of this was that Swindon doesn't have an academy rep.

**Action point:** JD/VT to send out a message for people in Swindon asking for a rep. LJ: in Swindon you have to pay for your internet, we would need reps to keep us informed of this.

- 4) **Spooft lecture –update on writing (Tuesday 29th 4.45 – 5pm)**  
-view of outline of spooft lecture- Looking really good black bag team!

**Action point:** everyone who is free e-mail committee.

### 5) **FC- reminder 2<sup>nd</sup> October 12.20-12.30**

Extra slot for presenting Music, Ents and Sports to first years. If you are not free send a presentation and it can be played for you.

**JD:** can I hand out mums and dads things then. **FC:** yes.

### 6) **AOB** **6a MUSIC**

SD: Can I set up an a'capella group. **Opinion:** yes.

SD: I have been told that we cannot play at St Georges- trouble with music at UBU and suggestions that a student's bursaries may be cut if the date is not changed?

Everyone agrees that this is unacceptable behaviour by UBU music (using a bursary as a bargaining tool on a separate issue).

**Action point:** VT to e-mail contact details of UBU welfare to SD.

### **6b Ents**

#### **Academy night-**

SM it is sort of aimed at third years. But it would be nice if you came if you wanted to.

### **6c Website:**

CG: It is now all up and running! Any ideas. It is still an ongoing process. KW: can have a link for DHB booking?

**Action point:** CG to put link to DHB on the calendar.

### **6d SPORTS**

**ECS:** The football tournament that had been organized for this Sunday was cancelled because of an electrical fault in the gym that needed to be fixed. It is quite frustrating that they cancelled our booking at such short notice. After discussing with Owen, we decided to change the date to this Saturday.

## **7) DONM**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October- 5pm. CG to bring food.**