

**Minutes Galenicals Meeting**

**Date of Meeting:** Wednesday 18/11/09

**Time:** 7pm

**Place:** DHB

Thanks to Emma Conroy-Smith for Bringing food

**Attendees:**

Emma C-S (ECS), Daniel Cox (DC), Francesca Curry(FC), Jo Davies (JD), Chris Gillet (CG), Emma Gosnell (EG), Sarah Miller (SM), Jack Ogden (JO), Richard Pellatt (RP) Adam Stoneham(ACS), Victoria Tuck(VT), Katie Wimble (KW), Jess Hawksley(JH), Ryan Hogan (RH), Lucy Joslin (LJ), Steve Lindley (SL).

**Apologies:**

Eoin Dineen (ED), Stella Dilke (SD).

**1) Action points from last meeting**

**Action point:** ACS to give Galenicals list to SD to check here members against this. SD to search through and highlight people who aren't members.

**Action point:** SD to also write up, in excel preferably, her planned expenses for the year including cost of the concerto prize.

From SD: My budget is nearly ready, just need to get big bands one.

**Action point** SD to send a little piece to the website about Saturday for CG to put up.

**Action point:** ACS to send a list of members to CG to get it up on the website.

**Action point:** ACS and CG link on website for if you have lost your card?

**Action point:** FC send round an e-mail saying what is expected of committee members.

## **2) Student Finance DofH**

LJ: there is a current consultation document by the Department of Health about the re-allocation of DofH funds. It would be a good idea for Galenicals to be involved with this. ACS: meeting last week by Nick (BMA) gave a summary of DofH funding options. ACS: we voted on what we thought the best option was in this meeting. Galenicals options:

- 1) Trust BMA votes
- 2) Get together as a group and present options again.

LJ: any feedback which is given to the dep of health may change what they do. BMA feedback will be averaged out amongst the medical schools. Bristol could give separate feedback via Galenicals.

VT: Was the decision by the BMA unanimous or was it controversial? LJ: The decision was between either benefit minority or give less benefit to everyone. Decision was on would it be more fair to re-distribute? ACS: we fairly unanimously decided on 2 of the options.

FC: Admin of means tested stuff costs a lot of money. ACS: to discuss options properly it would be a 2 and a bit hour meeting. ACS: myself and LJ could get together and answer the questions. LJ: we need to ask Nick if he can give us the presentation.

KW: send info round to everyone first?

**Action point:** LJ to send round the presentation and the 106 page booklet to everyone.

**Action point:** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 8pm meeting on DofH bursary information.

## **3) Careers**

LJ: Meeting Dr Aspinall tomorrow to discuss careers, then meeting Dr Cahill, Time Lovell, Peter Fletcher to discuss the information given below. What do you (committee) think of this (see information below on plans for talks)?

LJ: I think that 1<sup>st</sup> years should be told what exam marks count. Also for second years intercalation and Erasmus careers information.

### *Erasmus*

DC: Erasmus does not count on the MTAS currently- if I had been told it would have been useful for my career before – I would have felt like that information was inaccurate now I am in my position. LJ: further down the line it will probably help.

LJ: This careers information is not done to “give you points on the MTAS form”. Erasmus does show that you have been outside the UK and done something different. You can see things that you wouldn't see in the UK. LJ: the reason I wrote that is that students are told their marks will go down, but their quartile marks are only a small part of the form. LJ: there are only 6 points for quartiles and there are 60 points for your questions. DC: but you need to get maximum marks to get in some places... so quartiles would still be important there. LJ: It was high for North West Thames- but you don't need to have all the points.

LJ: This year there were no points on MTAS for extracurricular stuff. LJ: But deaneries have different bases for giving people jobs, extra curricular may count then.

### *Intercalation*

LJ: Intercalation. Long term, it is an opportunity to research. You need to have research in an SSC if not. Ethics is also not that hard to get for eSSCs sometimes.

LJ: I have already spoken to 3<sup>rd</sup> years. To talk about the things they need to do eg. Reflective Journals, finding referees. LJ: F1 applications in 2012 (their year) will be based on situational judgment questions. It's like a national exam. There will be more emphasis on your academic marks for their years too.

Comment from Lucy in an e-mail \*The stuff about situational judgement in the applications is unlikely to come in before 2012- so for those people applying to start work in 2013. Latest plan is to have a pilot for applications in 2010 and 2011. This changed pretty recently and is likely to change again as UKFPO look at different possibilities and ideas.\*

LJ: in fourth year you need to know about academic programs, evening at the end of 4<sup>th</sup> year- too late? -All agree information would be important earlier-.

*Making information available*

CG: should we not collate this information into some large reference.

LJ: it would be great to make a booklet- but it would be out of date by the time it is produced.

*SSCs*

LJ: Students need to know that their SSC choices may well be important. FC: they are not suggesting an exact thing, but to show that you have shown an interest.

RP: If you are interested in something look at it in a bit more depth instead of doing every ssc the same.

**Action point:** LJ to take into account what had been discussed re: Erasmus, give notes on SSCs, give e-mail to send out to fourth years about the 3<sup>rd</sup> year talk, which will be useful for them too.

SM: Should you mention that quite a lot of the questions were reflection on the patients that you have seen? It is a good idea to let students know that they need to keep a record.

DC: If you get audited you need to say what doctor you had.

SL: I wanted to have a look at this years MTAS application, but I couldn't find it. LJ: It's available on the Galenicals website. LJ: has anyone had any information on Academic F2 applications?

Careers talks

**1<sup>st</sup> years:**

What: explanation that that the HBoM exam marks contribute to their rankings for the UKFPO applications in 5<sup>th</sup> year.

When: Middle of Spring term (perhaps at the start of Whole Person Care unit)

**2<sup>nd</sup> years:**

What: discussion of the 'career' benefits of ERASMUS and intercalation- explanation that intercalation gives extra points on the UKFPO application form whilst reiterating that points can be made up on the form in other sections. Also explain academic F2 programmes and how intercalation can help your application for this.

When: As part of the intercalation and ERASMUS information talks.

**3<sup>rd</sup> years:**

What: Explanation of the UKFPO application process (quartiles, white-box questions)

Explanation of academic programmes- programme requirements, application systems, importance of research

When: November central teaching day.

**4<sup>th</sup> years:**

What:

1. Academic programmes (how to apply, programme requirements)
2. UKFPO applications (references, questions)

When:

1. Before Christmas (end of winter term)
2. Talks throughout the year

**5<sup>th</sup> year:**

What: 'Life as a junior doctor'

When: towards the end of the year (this may already be done in the Preparing for practice week in January)

**4) Medsoc Conference**

FC: Final Run through of everything for **the Medsoc conference**

-See separate instructions-

**5) AOB**

**a. Sports- Nantes**

ECS: Sports –change of date of Nantes- to inform committee- now on 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>

**b. Ents- Ball**

EG: Medics ball now 27<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**c. National Medic events calendar**

SL: National Medic event now on Google Calendar- if you get to hear about them put them on the calendar

**d. SSLC Meeting**

JH: does anyone have any points for the SSLC?

- Clarity over best of 5 /true false questions- why are some changing/some aren't.

**e. Galenicals Tresury**

ACS: should we be finding about a 600 year pot from Galenicals to go directly to a charity?

*Action point*- bring this up again.

- 6) DONM: TBA (after conference unless otherwise arranged).