

Minutes from Galenicals Meeting

Date of Meeting: Sunday September 26th 2010

Time: 6pm

Place: DHB

Thanks to Charlotte Patterson for bringing food.

Attendees:

Stella Dilke (SD), Will MacFaul (WM), Richard Fox (RF), Cian Hughes (CiH), Charlotte Jenkins (CJ), Mady Tarrant (MT), Sylvia Yan (SY), Charlotte Patterson (CP), Lucy Whitton (LW), Bethan Loveless (BL), Amy Brown (AB), Jo Smith (JS), Alex Overton (AO), Chris Huntley (CH)

Apologies:

Georgie Neve, Will Hare, Petra Vojtechova

1. Review of Action Points

- 1.1 All committee members are to submit blurbs on their role to AO and CH by July 15th for the Freshers handbook.
- 1.2 BL will send out an email to gauge students' interest in debating this particular topic
- 1.3 All other committee members to write a short paragraph commenting on their experiences at various academy placements and send them to MT by July 20th
- 1.4 Everyone should have a look at the website before the next meeting and comment on which sections should be private.
- 1.5 DHB to present their powerpoint at the next meeting.
- 1.6 BMA Conference: this will be discussed with Careers.

2. Year 4 mentoring scheme

- 2.1 PALS has been obliterated since the shift of fifth year finals to December.
Action point: Could ask for a list of suggested expertise from fourth years and areas of concerns from third years

3. Psych soc welfare

- 3.1 They are offering welfare help to 3rd years doing psych.
- 3.2 MT: The only thing we can do is contact them if students are wanting help for psych.

4. Year 5 application night

- 4.1 BL: Emailed BMA representative and awaiting reply.
- 4.2 SD: Nick Deacon is going to put up information on the website
- 4.3 MT: Kate from Bath will do a presentation but we will hopefully have enough doctors to hold F1 practice questions. If anyone else knows doctors that are willing to help out, let mady know.
- 4.4 Location – waiting for reply about level 9 BRI. Also currently trying to obtain use of one of the lecture theatres at the UBHT education centre.

4.5 Trying to get money to give lecturers as a thanks, as it is a free event.

5. BMA presentation

5.1 BL: The BMA is source of reliable external advice – e.g. appeals – They tend to be inclined to support students over the faculty.

5.2 They can sponsor events, PV and BL will try to establish contact to obtain sponsorship.

5.3 Medical school conference – each school proposes 2 motions, which may become policies following presentation at these conferences. These can be submitted to PV, and will then be debated. BL and PV will send out an email to students.

5.4 Advice on: Changes in the MTAS form. Extra-curricular section. Prescribing section.

5.5 We should make the most of it here in Bristol.

6. Feedback

6.1 CiH proposed putting a survey on the Galenicals website to establish what current students feel about feedback, and take this evidence to the next SSLC.

6.2 Most concerning include the areas which students would like most changed.

6.3 CJ: SSC marker and 2nd marker have to fill out a feedback sheet for all SSCs across the med school.

6.4 MT: Faculty are under the impression that this has been done but apparently it has not been released, although I'm not sure they have given us marks for the complete breakdown. They have done the breakdowns for the year above.

6.5 Tutors in previous years: Problems included some tutors being good but some making no contact with their students. They replaced tutors with Ros Forge, as she is “standardised” in terms of answering student problems.

6.6 CJ: we have academic support but the main problem is lack of consistency throughout the five years.

6.7 SD suggested a mentor scheme which have a list of “can talk to” problems, i.e. not exams dates

6.8 It should be people that really want to teach, someone to identify the points at which students struggle.

6.9 Committee agrees that we should have mentors for students – someone to talk to about elective, applications...etc. Ros should co-ordinate the mentors, including a minimum requirement in terms number of contacts. Students can contact Ros for areas in which Ros is good at advising.

6.10 Identifying mentors: Inviting doctors who actually want to do it, and let them know at the beginning of the year what will be expected of them. Each mentor will have 2 from pre-clinical and 2 from clinical. Many other schools have mentors who get involved with exam feedback and look at where students went wrong.

Action Point: Could try emailing students through Galenicals and ascertaining whether students would be happy with the mentor scheme.

7. Psych soc “freshers bar crawl”

7.1 The logo they have used is the same one as the one on the Galenicals freshers handbook. They have now changed the logo. Issue has been resolved.

8. Upcoming events

8.1 Academies night is on the 8th Oct. MDU are printing tickets and posters.

8.2 For 3rd and 4th years at Sasparillas. Guestlist at bunker – all attendees will have a triangle card.

9. Sports year calender

9.1 Oct 27th – freshers welcome drink

9.2 Nov 11th – fall Sports Club Dinner

9.3 Feb 17th to 20th – Nante

9.4 March 26th/27th – alumni weekend (new)

9.5 May 6th/7th – end of season SCD with awards

10. AOB

- 10.1 Swindon rep – AO
- 10.2 Nov 9th – GMC debate, Eugene Lloyd will facilitate
- 10.3 Oct 10th mature medics drinks
- 10.4 University Fresh – Oct 7th – rehearse spoof lecture
- 10.5 Medics fresh – Oct 12th; avon gorge. Shifts from 1-5 for early shift or late shift 5-clean up.
- 10.6 Spoof 11.30am Oct 8th.

11. DONM – lunchtime Oct 24th