

Minutes from Galenicals Meeting

Date of Meeting: Wednesday June 9th 2010
Time: 5pm
Place: DHB

Thanks to Georgie Neve for bringing food.

Attendees:

Stella Dilke (SD), Will MacFaul (WM), Richard Fox (RF), Will Hare (WH), Chris Huntley (CH), Charlotte Jenkins (CJ), Mady Tarrant (MT), Georgie Neve (GN), Sylvia Yan (SY), Charlotte Patterson (CP), Lucy Whitton (LW)

Apologies:

Joanna Smith, Cian Hughes, Alex Overton, Richard Pellet, Daniel Cox

1. Central Teaching Day (CTD)

1.1 SD confirmed that the elective talk will be rescheduled for early September 2010. The committee were told that JS will be attending the meeting on June 30th to discuss CTDs with the faculty. Alex Elliot-Green (3rd year student) and Ed Lumley (current 3rd year student rep) should be invited to go along.

1.2 The committee feels that CTDs should be more structured and adherent to systems studied and relevant topics.

1.3 Students have expressed frustration towards the current timetabling of exams at the end of year 3 as half of the year only have 3 days to revise for the end of year written exams, whilst the other half have 10 days.

Action point: These issues will be discussed at the CTD meeting with the faculty. Galenicals will send representatives and invite Ed Lumley and Alex Elliot-Green.

2. Prizes

2.1 Current 5th year prizes include those for students with recognised achievement in sports, arts and music. Winning candidates are determined by a Galenicals Committee vote.

2.2 Galenicals Travel Award: 20 people have enquired about the application process but PV has not received any formal applications from students. The standard last year was very high and may have influenced interest this year.

Action Point: PV will email a reminder about deadline (June 15th) to encourage applications.

3. Mentoring

3.1 CJ emailed first year students following the release of results from their April exams but has not received any requests for mentoring prior to resits. Hence CJ will not be recruiting year 3 mentors yet.

Action point: CJ will send a similar email to second year

4. Drama Rep

4.1 SD has received 8 applications for pre-clinical (going into 2nd year) drama, but only 1 for the clinical position. The drama rep should be a clinical student as the lack of clinical revue last year demonstrated this was the position most needed. There is enough interest in the pre-clinical years to form a committee for the pre-clinical revue next year.

4.2 The Committee confirmed that this position will be a Rep and not an elected committee position.

5. Medics FRESH

5.1 Things to be done include booking a venue for FRESH (which has traditionally been held in the Avon Gorge Room at the Student Union), confirmation on the stalls to be set up at the event and distribution of booklets to incoming freshers.

5.2 Committee members also need to submit a blurb regarding their roles and responsibilities for the freshers booklet.

5.3 Book Sale: This is a great opportunity for freshers to purchase useful textbooks but it was decided that logistically, it may be problematic. We will set up an online book sale on the Galenicals website.

Action points: Committee members to write their blurbs by the next meeting. SD to book a room for the thursday afternoon during introductory week.

6. Year 3 Handbook

6.1 MT has a copy of last year's copy and will include SSC information for the new version.

6.2 Also to add to the new handbook: a 'guide to third year' and a 'list of useful contacts', especially as there may be changes to some of the academy staff.

7. SSC

7.1 Year 2 SSC: The faculty may introduce an online applications system to include a lottery system for competitive topics.

7.2 As stated previously, the addition of SSC information at the back of handbooks should increase students' awareness of SSCs earlier on.

8. REACH

8.1 REACH is the student division of the University Hospitals Bristol charity 'Above and Beyond', enquiring about the possibility of setting up a stall at medics FRESH.

8.2 SD stated that the group may attend if they apply through Galenicals. In the past, student groups interested in attending FRESH would contact Galenicals prior to the event to request a stall.

Action point: SY will forward on FRESH related emails to Welfare.

9. Funding cuts

9.1 Government are making cuts to Universities across the country.

9.2 Dr David Cahill has suggested that no changes be made to anatomy teaching for students but final decisions are yet to be made.

10. Anatomy

10.1 The anatomy department will no longer be accepting new students and will be removed following the graduation of all students currently enrolled with the department. However, there will not be dramatic changes made to the teaching for medical students.

11. Summer Event

11.1 Galenicals Ents would like to organise a summer event for the end of year 4 exams and year 3 eSSC between July 26th and 30th.

11.2 The committee decided against a trip away as students may not be interested in this following a string of exams.

11.3 A bar-crawl was suggested and GN and JS will look further into it.

12. Geoff Clarke's retirement

12.1 As not many students will be able to attend an event organised by Galenicals in July, the committee agreed that representatives at the faculty party would be most appropriate.

12.2 First years and second years have signed cards for Geoff Clarke and funds have been raised from several year groups.

Action points: MT will ask his wife about any particular interests before the purchase of a present. Contact faculty and ask whether it would be acceptable for Galenicals to attend the retirement party.

13. Date of Next Meeting

13.1 July 6th, 6pm.

13.2 SY to bring food.