

Minutes from Galenicals Meeting

Date of Meeting: Tuesday July 6th 2010

Time: 6pm

Place: DHB

Thanks to Sylvia Yan for bringing food.

Attendees:

Stella Dilke (SD), Will MacFaul (WM), Richard Fox (RF), Cian Hughes (CH), Charlotte Jenkins (CJ), Mady Tarrant (MT), Georgie Neve (GN), Sylvia Yan (SY), Charlotte Patterson (CP), Lucy Whitton (LW), Petra Vojtechova (PV), Bethan Loveless (BL), Amy Brown (AB)

Apologies:

Joanna Smith, Alex Overton (AO), Chris Huntley, Will Hare

1. Review of Action Points

- 1.1 Central Teaching Day Meeting: Discuss with Joanna Smith on her return.
- 1.2 Galenicals Travel Award: Winners are Jenny Dodds and Giles Dawnay. PV is currently awaiting cheques from AO. Once these have been received, an award ceremony will be held.
- 1.3 Medics Fresh: CJ has submitted a room booking form to the Students Union. The person responsible for room allocations is currently on leave.
- 1.4 Geoff Clarke's retirement: An orange tree will be purchased as a leaving gift for Dr Clarke and representatives from the committee will be joining the faculty party.

2. Freshers

- 2.1 CJ has received a number of requests for stalls at Medics Fresh and is expecting a few more applications from the remaining affiliated medics societies.
- 2.2 RF: DHB flag to be produced by October in time for unveiling at Medics Fresh.

Action Point: All committee members are to submit blurbs on their role to AO and CH by July 15th for the Freshers handbook.

3. SCRUBS

- 3.1 This society receives a membership fee from students at the beginning of the year, hence the request for sponsorship of their events may be unjustified.
- 3.2 CH: If we sponsor their event, perhaps it should be available to all students and not only to those students who are members of the society. SCRUBS is trying to establish direct affiliation with the Union, if that occurs then Galenicals will not have to sponsor the society
- 3.3 CJ: We could offer sponsorship money to societies based on individual circumstance.
- 3.4 GN: Galenicals should consider employing a system for sponsorship requests, whereby societies must submit a form stating the use of the money and decisions are made on an individual basis.

- 3.5 SD: This requested money may be for a past event (National Surgical Conference held on July 3rd)
- 3.6 For future reference, SY will send out details of the upcoming Galenicals meeting in the newsletter. Should societies wish to discuss sponsorship for PROSPECTIVE events only, a representative from the society will be invited to attend the meeting and present their request.
- 3.7 AO: A SCRUBS representative was due to come to this meeting but has not attended.
- 3.8 Wilderness Medicine Society has also asked for sponsorship for the National Wilderness Medicine Conference in October.

Action Point: Representatives from SCRUBS and Wilderness Medicine Society will be invited to the next meeting for discussion of sponsorship should they still be interested.

4. BMJ debate: "Should medical students be monitored by the GMC?"

- 4.1 The faculty has expressed the wish for Galenicals to set up a debate and gather students' view on this recent BMJ publication. One of the major concerns is a lack of interest from students for a full debate. Incentives such as prizes could be used to encourage student participation.
- 4.2 CP suggested the formation of a Galenicals Debating Society to debate current issues in the Medical world that is suitable and relevant for discussion.
- 4.3 The committee are interested in providing students with a review of relevant topics to be sent out in the form of a termly newsletter with updates on recent Medical issues.
- 4.5 BL volunteered to write a termly newsletter.
- 4.6 For small events, we could provide complimentary refreshments with a donation point and free pizza

Action Point: BL will send out an email to gauge students' interest in debating this particular topic.

5. Year 3 Academy guide

- 5.1 MT will be revamping the 3rd year academy guide for the upcoming academic year and would like some comments on all the academies from committee members. The new guide will include a section highlighting tips on clerking patients.
- 5.2 SD volunteered to write a section on psychiatry and ethics at Calington Road Hospital, Bristol.
- 5.3 MT will then send a copy of the guide to CH to put onto the website.

Action Point: 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.

6. Galenicals website

- 6.1 The website now contains an archive of all of the past black bag publications, CH brought up the issue of the content being visible to the public. The committee discussed the option of restricting access to the black bag archive to University of Bristol (medical student) login, only allowing medical students to view the publications.
- 6.2 Committee members were asked to send in news updates for the website and newsletter.
- 6.3 Upcoming social and sports events to be sent to CH for updating the website calendar. GN stated that events advertised in the newsletter can be added to the online calendar.

6.4 CH: Should the newsletter be available online? This would allow for students that may have deleted past newsletters to have access to them. But this would mean that it would be available to the general public.

6.5 Data protection issues with email addresses deems this inappropriate.

Action Point: Everyone should have a look at the website before the next meeting and comment on which sections should be private.

7. Book sale

7.1 The book sale last year was complicated as there were numerous books that were left unsold and unclaimed.

7.2 CJ: People that are interested in selling their books should hand them in with a stamped self-addressed envelope, which will be used to mail cheques if their book is sold. If books are not sold, there will be a one week window for collection, after which they will be given to Oxfam.

7.3 Owners should give organisers a price at which the books will be sold at.

7.4 SD: Books can be stored at one of the offices in the BRI. We can allow a one week window for people to drop off books.

8. Calender

8.1 GN: 4th years finish on Friday July 23rd or Tuesday July 27th, coinciding with the end of the 3rd year SSC period. Monday 26th has been established as the most suitable time for an end of year summer event. Drinks to be held at a particular venue, followed by a guest list to a club.

8.2 Back to school night to be held on Friday, September 10th at Reflex. Drinks deal to be negotiated at any of the following bars: Weatherspoons/Java/Start the bus/Vodka Revs.

8.3 Galenicals committee getaway on September 18th. We will stay at a campsite not too far from Bristol for one night.

8.4 Academy night (October 1st): DHB to come up with some challenges for each academy. CJ: make note to invite Devizes as they were not notified of the social this year.

8.5 Mums and dads night: CJ will be trying to match parents with children by personality, which will require some time, therefore the event will be sometime in the first week of November. The theme of Safari party was suggested with parents as safari rangers and children as animals.

8.6 Freshers Pubcrawl will be on Sunday October 24th. First years will be dressed as babies; RF and WM will produce challenge cards for the night as well as establishing an agent orange deal. Second years dressed in pink, intercalators as geeks and clinical medics in scrubs. 5th years to be in scrubs with a hint of elective.

9. Spoof lecture

9.1 DHB will work on the powerpoint presentation and the committee will give input at the next meeting

9.2 CH to try to film the lecture

Action Point: DHB to present their powerpoint at the next meeting.

10. Exam results notification (year 3 students)

10.1 Students that failed received an email from the faculty with the names of all the other students that are

resitting/enrolled in remedial teaching, disregarding student confidentiality.

10.2 CH will forward the email to MT and she will discuss this issue with Dr. David Cahill

10.3 SD: The year 3 handbook is unclear on protocol for failed students

10.4 MT: John Kirwan stated that a surprising number of people failed their 4th unit (April to June), however the total number of student fails is comparable to previous years.

10.5 It was voiced that some students were at a disadvantage as there was only a revision period of 3 days between their Unit 4 clinical assessment and the end of year written exams, as opposed to the 10 days given to the other half of the year. This issue should be brought up at the next SSLC.

10.6 The faculty has also been relatively slow in the process of setting up meetings with students that had failed, leaving students extremely anxious in the days following release of results. Timing of release was very inconvenient for students as they could not call the exam office once they received the email past office hours on Wednesday June 30th.

11. BMA conference

11.1 PV attended the conference in Brighton and would like to encourage student interest in BMA membership once first year membership expires.

Action Point: This will be discussed with Careers.

12. Date of next meeting

12.1 Wednesday September 8th, time to be determined closer to date.

12.2 Cian to co-ordinate food.