

Institute of Dentistry
Postgraduate Taught Student Staff Liaison Committee

22nd May 2020 at 3pm

minutes

Student members present:

(Name)
Angelle Lonnia Esparon (ALE) DCLinDent FT Prosthodontics
Alexei Mogilevski (AM) DCLinDent FT Paediatric Dentistry
Mosaed N N Gh Alsowait (MA) DCLinDent FT Prosthodontics
Seema Shah (SS) Year 2 Orthodontics
Kuan-Fen Lien (KL) MSc FT Dental Technology
Manraj Singh Kalsi (MK) DCLinDent FT Periodontology
Georgios Yiangou (GY) MSc PT Endodontic Practice
Josephine Bayliss-Chapman (JB) DCLinDent FT Periodontology
Ohsun Kwon (OK) DCLinDent FT Orthodontics

Staff members present:

(Name)
Dominic Hurst (DH)
Mangala Patel (MP)

Paul Anderson (PA)
Padhraig Fleming (PF)
Becky Hunter (BH)
Bun San Chong (BC)

Apologies for absence:

Part 1 – Preliminary Items		Actions
1(a)	Welcome and introduction for SSO	
2019.001	New staff to have taken over the SSLC – introduction and agenda discussion.	
1(b)	Apologies for Absence	
2019.002	N/A	
1(c)	Minutes of the previous meeting	
2019.003	<p>The committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on July 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quite a few issues from the last meeting- 	DH to work through but to focus on new points for this meeting
1(d)	Report on matters arising and actions taken	

2019.004	The committee received a report on matters arising and noted the following:	
1(e)	Terms of reference and membership	
2019.005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DH: Change to the SSLC with the Student Support team. • DH: How would students like the meetings to look? • Student reps: mix of opinion about whether program leads should be on the committee or not. Some favoured so that questions could be answered immediately. Some against as prevents students from speaking freely. 	DH: will send a questionnaire for students to answer anonymously
1(f)	Admissions, induction and enrolment	
2019.006	<p>The committee discussed the processes of admissions, enrolment and induction and noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MK, AM: Issues with the CRS cards last year. Took students a long time (weeks) to get these. • OK: Orthodontic program - When are trust inductions happening? The NHS and QM inductions interfered with each other last year. 	DH: SSO to look into a better way of delivering this for the next academic year, though the process is to be looked after by the curriculum delivery team not SSO.
Part 2 – Programme Delivery and other matters		

	<p>Programme/module developments and amendments, Learning and teaching matters, Assessment, and feedback. <u>COVID-19 impacts</u></p>	
2019.xxx	<p><u>Feedback</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MA, GY: Appreciate the amount of change that has happened already • There is regular contact with staff – feels they are doing best they can <p><u>Points raised</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AE: Not receiving much notice for VIVA – need more time to ensure they are ready. Would like staff to take into consideration IT issues, family dynamics, carers, etc. • AM, MK: Clinical experience being affected by COVID • AM: Level eight projects (DClinDents) missing out on project time (clinical and lab work) • MA: Request to extend the deadline for submitting the 1st Year research project reports that are due at the end of June, due to several assessment deadlines occurring at the same time. 	

	<p><u>Response</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA: Timetable had been readjusted to include didactic teaching – we are restricted by when the clinics open – hard to comment much more • PA: to pass onto course leads relevant queries 	
Part 3 – Any Other Business		
2019.xxx	<p>The following items were raised under Any Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial issues: can tuitions fees be subsidized if any lab or clinic times can't be recovered? • Recover hours if possible, but will this be reflected in the fees for next year • Some students depend on paid work to pay for fees will there be any changes in the way they are paying to accommodate the loss of income • Paying for additional PPE costs when students do return – student or uni to pay for extra equipment? • Noted DClintDents – exceptionally large fees – could this be taken to Paul Coulthard • <p><u>Response</u></p> <p>PA: advised students to pressure SU to raise issues about finance.</p>	<p>AM and DH to raise financial concerns to SU Reps. DH to email Lochana Nanayakara about PPE</p>

	<p>PA: Lochana Nanayakara would be able to answer questions about PPE if present.</p> <p>Students to collate an email to send through to SSO for further detail</p>	
Part 4 – Date of the next meeting		
2019.xxx	The committee noted that the next meeting would take place in July before the summer break to round off any issues.	BH: to send date

Comments from reps

PG Endo students

Educational/clinical aspects

- The students appreciate very much the effort to move MSc Endo seminars and lectures online and are happy with how these have been delivered in light of the circumstances we face.
- With regard to exams, we have been asked well in advance about technical means available to us. Our exams have subsequently been modified to accommodate the needs of the programme and our capacity to participate in a way that does not change significantly our preparation – students appreciate the arrangements made.
- The main concern of students relates to the loss of clinical and laboratory practice hours. The possibility to recover these hours is a critically important issue to students.
- More information - when this is available - about measures considered for practice in clinics in light of COVID-19 would be appreciated.

Financial issues

- While students clearly prefer for any lost laboratory or clinical hours to be recovered, in case this is eventually not possible, a partial refund or decrease in future fees to reflect the loss of these hours should be considered.
- Changes in payment of tuition fees for this year to address the loss of income due to COVID-19 would be appreciated (e.g. with instalments spread differently than current system of 2 instalments completed by January).