

Institute of Dentistry
423rd meeting of (Dental) SSLC held on 3rd February 2021
Microsoft teams
Student Staff Liaison Committee

Minutes

(Chair) Mr Milton Justinsuthakaran

(Secretary): Ms Mariam Khan

Staff members present:

Dr D Hurst (DH)
Dr A Ranauta (AR)
Ms R Hunter (RH)
Dr S Rawlinson (SR)
Ms S Murray (SM)
Ms C Mclean (CM)
Dr S Younas (SY)
Dr S Shahid (SS)
Dr Pratik Sharma (PS)
Mr B Audsley (BA)

Student members present:

Mr Milton Justinsuthakaran (MJ)
Ms Gurleen Muker (GM)
Mr Mat Robathan (MR)
Ms Mariam Khan (MK)
Ms Helya Moghaddam (HM)
Ms Zaynah Fariduddin (ZF)
Ms Areej Mehdi (AM)
Ms Sabaa Nawaz (SN)
Mr Rawand Shado (RS)

Apologies for absence:

Dr A Crutchley (AC)
Mr M Newberry (MN)
Ms Amina Arshad (AA)
Ms Shona Sawhney (SS)
Dr J Berry (JB)
Prof M Patel (MP)
Dr M Payne (MaP)
Dr S Butcher (SB)
Ms Roya Hashemi (RoH)
Ms Emma Grimshaw (EG)

Unaccounted absences:

N/A

Part 1: Preliminary items

Minutes of the previous meeting

66:20 **CONFIRMED**

Matters arising from the last minutes

| | Action | Progress | Responsibility |
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| 49:20 | BA to produce a guide on how to download subtitles on pre-recorded lectures or how to display them on live lectures for BDS1 | Completed | BA |
| 49:20 | AC to get in touch with Dr Cotton about adapting BDS4 oral pathology lectures to contain more writing | Completed | AC |
| 49:20 | LS and JT to get in touch with BA regarding on a more accessible way for students to receive timetable changes | Ongoing | LS, JT |
| 49:20 | JT to finish google calendar with students timetable | Completed | JT |
| 58:20 | DH, SR, BA, CM to have a meeting to find a way to put all BDS1 tasks under one tab | Completed | DH, SR, BA, CM |
| 58:20 | BA to give BDS1 and BSC1 access to last years BDS1 Q-review recordings | Completed | BA |
| 58:20 | SN to email Ms Murray regarding having extra sessions so BSC1 have the required background knowledge that BDS2 would have received last year | Completed | SN |
| 58:20 | SY to request module leads to give BDS3 more information and clarity regarding assessments | Completed | SY |
| 58:20 | HM to email AC a list of lecturers that have not been attending their lectures | Completed | HM |
| 58:20 | SS to email Dr Rogers and ask her to email students that are on the low denture list so that they are aware | Completed | SS |

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| 58:20 | PS to email tutors to remind them to do clinical huddles | Completed | PS |
| 58:20 | AR to ask Dr Humectar to explain to BDS5 students what he expects in the simulated sessions in an email format | Completed | AR |
| 58:20 | AR and BDS5 to review LiftUpp numbers on a monthly basis to see how students are feeling about them | Completed | AR |
| 58:20 | AR to email discipline leads asking them to contact BDS5 students that are low on numbers | Completed | AR |

Part 2: Programme delivery and other matters

01:21 Learning, teaching and assessment

NOTED BDS1 Matters –

- Students were wondering if they are still going to go to clinics in third term. SR has said there may be an opportunity to go to clinics. The clinics will be optional and therefore international students will not be expected to come back for only one term. The clinic form has not yet been decided. There will be a contingency plan to offer as much of the curriculum regarding the clinical work online so that students do not have to come into university if they do not wish to do so. There may still be the opportunity to continue the live Q and A sessions from Perrin for students to attend if they wish to do so. There will be a spotter type exam that is clinically orientated rather than having an OSCE. If any BDS1 clinical or practical work is not completed this year, it may be moved to second year, for example this might occur for the physiology practical's. SR has said there will be a number of items on the BDS1 timetable for next term including the spotter and poster presentations. There may also be external speakers to keep BDS1 engaged with the clinical side of the course.
- Students were wondering if they will be receiving the vaccine. DH has said that Covid vaccinations are prioritised for patient facing staff and students. BDS1 are not patient facing and will not be receiving the vaccine yet.
- Students were wondering whether they are still going to be receiving clinical packs. There is risk of allergy to dental materials so the provision of wax may be a better alternative. AR will follow up on the provision of wax and tooth morphology packs. MJ has said that BDS2 may also benefit from the packs. AR has said that the packs can also be arranged for BDS2.

NOTED BDS2 Matters

- Students would like to know whether the term will still end on the 1st of April. AR has said that she believes that this is still the case.
- Students were wondering if they will be receiving the vaccine. DH has said that Covid vaccinations are prioritised for patient facing staff and students. BDS2 are not patient facing and will not be receiving the vaccine yet.
- Students would like to know whether the course will be extended by another year. AR has said that she can reassure them that this will most likely not occur.
- International students would like to know if they will be expected to come back for clinics. AR has said that if international students are not able to come back, catch up sessions will be considered for the group so that they are not disadvantaged. AR has said that an email can go out to students explaining where they stand if they choose not to come back or if they do. SR has said that there are QM forms that need to be completed for international students if they do not want to come back.
- Students were wondering if blackboard sessions can be extended past their end time so that students are able to re-join if they are disconnected after the end time. BA has said that the end time can be extended.

NOTED BSC1 Matters

- Students have been struggling to book library slots and were wondering if fines could be implemented for students that do not attend their booked slots. Mat will bring this up with the library service. It is unlikely that fines will be implemented however other ways to ensure people attend their booked slots are being explored. Study spaces have already increased with the Garrod building being open until midnight and this should help the situation.

NOTED BDS3 Matters

- Students were wondering if they were able to receive composite and suturing packs. AR has said that the provision of methacrylate will be breaching health and safety regulations. Additionally, there is risk of Needlestick injury with the suturing kits. BDS3 can however receive the same tooth morphology kits as BDS1 and 2 if they wish. ZF to email AR details of the kit that she received as part of a giveaway.
- Students have requested some more information regarding assessments. BDS3 should receive more information this week.
- Students were wondering whether there was a contingency plan in place to ensure that they are not falling behind. SY has said that the content has not yet been reduced and items that are being taken out of the timetable are being put back in, simply at a later date. Students will still complete all of the teaching and gateways. The main concern is the lack of patient contact however this is an issue for all years.
- Students were wondering whether there was a timeline for the clinics that they were going to be assisting. SY has said that BDS3 will hopefully be in a better position by March when the students have all been fit tested and vaccinated.

- Students were wondering whether their third term will be extended. AR has said that BDS3 typically finish at the end of July and that there is no expectation currently for this to change.

NOTED BDS4 Matters

- Nothing to report

NOTED BDS5 Matters-

- Nothing to report

NOTED BSC2 –

- Students have requested advanced warning for when they are expected to attend clinics. DH has said that this was particularly a concern for students that had to make childcare arrangements. AR has said that BSC2 are paired with BDS3. However, the BSC2 programme is only 3 years so there have been discussions to give BSC2 an advanced start. The expectation is for students to come in on the 22nd of February. Currently students are expected to be given two week's notice however if this is not enough notice then the start time may be delayed further.

02:21 Learning Resources

NOTED Library facilities/ resources: Nothing to report

E-learning/QMplus:

- BA has said that they are about to order 19 Simodont Haptic VR machines. This will go ahead this week. The plan is to have 10 by the end of March and the final 9 by the end of April. The expectation is for them to be operational for students shortly after Easter. These are most likely to be in the removable pro labs. There will be training for students and staff when they arrive. A link for the demonstration has been sent and year reps should look at this.
- BA has said that another VR project has been bought. This new software will include some communication skills scenarios and some basic clinical procedure scenarios. The idea is that there will be 3D videos of clinical situations.
- About 16 students are taking part in the Immersify pilot and a feedback link will be sent shortly.
- BA has said that new webcam and microphones have been bought for the seminar rooms so that live streams from the seminar rooms will be possible.
- Some VR equipment is also going to be bought
- BA has said that there have been discussions with the NHS to tie in some intraoral scanners with the new haptic devices. The idea behind this is that intraoral scanners will be bought for the outreach clinics to allow students to scan their patients mouth and input this data into the haptic devices. This will allow students to practice a procedure that is going to take place on a patient without the patient actually being there.
- BA has said that cameras that are in the dental light have been bought to be able to livestream the teeth onto the iPads.

- 03:21 **Academic support**
NOTED PASS: Nothing to report
Mentoring: Nothing to report
Other: Nothing to report
- 04:21 **Pastoral support**
NOTED Nothing to report
- 05:21 **DQAC & DEC Report**
NOTED - DH has said that DDS students are now able to request to be excused from live lectures.
- 06:21 **EDSA& BDA Report**
NOTED Nothing to report
- 07:21 **Events**
NOTED Nothing to report
- 08:21 **Elective report**
NOTED Nothing to report
- 09:21 **Date of next Meeting**
NOTED March

Action Sheet: Student-Staff Liaison Committee

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| 49:20 | LS and JT to get in touch with BA regarding on a more accessible way for students to receive timetable changes | Ongoing | LS, JT |
| 01:21 | AR will follow up on the provision of wax and tooth morphology packs. | Ongoing | AR |
| 01:21 | MR to work with the library to find a way to ensure students attend their booked slots | Ongoing | MR |
| 01:21 | AR has said that an email can go out to students explaining where they stand if they choose not to come back or if they do. | Ongoing | AR |
| 01:21 | ZF to email AR details of the kit that she received as part of a giveaway. | Ongoing | ZF |