

Barts and the London Student Staff Liaison Committee 2020-2021



SSLC Meeting Summary and Action Plan

DATE: 14.12.20 - 17.00-18.30

PLATFORM: Microsoft Teams

PRESENT:

Staff chair: Siobhan Cooke

Student co-chairs: Charalambos Hadjicharalambous & Toyosi Atoyebi

Staff: Nimesh Patel, Paula Funnell, Robert Sprott, Dan Burke, Benita Morrissey, Nick Goulding, Jane Deayton, Tom Schindler, Rugina Monnan

BLSA president: Mat Robathan

3rd Year Reps: Giulia Olayemi

4th Year Reps: Ania Woźniak, Alice Wang, Leila Alaroush, Matthew Potter

5th Year Reps: Haleema Nadir, Megan Annetts

iBSc Intercalation Rep: Eva Phillips

PA rep: Faiza Asadi, Miriam Fine, Laila Hussain

Gozo reps: Ehsan Gauher, Marie-Sophie Gomm, Catherine Santucci, Yassar Malik

Apologies: Jahnvi Daru, Priya Bhide, Elspeth Alstead, Christos Papaioannou, Benedict Nowak, Tom Longbottom

Review of actions from previous meeting:

SSC5a in Malta

- Dr Patel has had discussions with Dr Broad and is scheduling a meeting with Professor Molyneaux. Lectures event to take place on the 7th January awaiting confirmation from the MDU.

Invitations to London teaching sessions for Malta students

- Robert Sprott has liaised with Prof. Molyneaux and links to lectures will be made available to students in Malta.

SJT confusion and lack of mark scheme for the new online exam

- A petition was formed in collaboration with multiple medical schools asking for the markscheme to be released. The UKFPO responded that the SJT is an exam that students do not need to revise for and thus no mark scheme is needed.

Finals format

- A letter was sent to Stephanie Marshall to voice our concerns from the course reps. Discussions have taken place between Anthony Warren and Stephanie Marshall.
- The decision has been taken for all medical school exams to take place online (invigilated).
- This decision will be reassessed in the new year and there may be a possibility that some exams take place in person.
- It has been decided that this news will be released to students **after** Christmas.
- **The PSA exam will also be taken online from home (invigilated)**
 - For these online exams rooms in the Garrod and Bancroft building can be booked to do these exams.
 - People can apply for the hardship fund to get a minimum spec laptop if they do not have a suitable device to use. This fund however is very limited.

Agenda item	Summary of discussion	Action	Responsibility
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Staff chair items

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Student co-chair items

Welcome to PA students and staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- We have been joined by the new Physicians Associate course representatives.	-	-
Petition against the UKFPO's decision to change EPM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The UKFPO have announced that they are changing their application process and additional degrees and publications will no longer contribute to point calculations.- The BLSA and other student unions have made a petition against this decision - it has currently exceeded 5000 signatures.	-	-
COVID-19 vaccines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Those in year 3,4 and 5 are treated as essential workers. The associate deans have been advised to vaccinate students as they would their trust staff.- We have to wait and see what the replies from the trust will be.	-	-

	- There are some issues with plans for vaccine follow up once students have left the trust. We are awaiting national guidance.		
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Malta items

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Year 5 items

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Year 4 items

<p>Assessment format - progress test and OSCE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students wondered if it would be possible to divide the modules into relevant categories and add more questions to the assessment. There were some questions on topics that weren't covered in great detail. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It wouldn't be possible to have more questions as teaching staff would struggle to create them. - The current system allows students to see their performance compared to their peers and they are able to get feedback which would not be possible if the modules were split up. - - Students wondered it be possible for mock OSCEs to be offered centrally as clinical teaching varies greatly between trusts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The medical school already provides trusts with information on OSCE teaching so that they can give sufficient clinical teaching. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Easton to be contacted to relay to the clinical fellows that clinical skills teaching should be taking place locally at the respective trusts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nimesh Patel
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Robin Brook Centre will be open for practicing clinical skills from the start of term 2. - 		
Dermatology and sexual health clinics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was a suggestion that clinics could be organised virtually. This has previously been done with the Attend Anywhere software in ophthalmology. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unfortunately sexual health is not a clinic based teaching course due to the nature of the consultations and other challenges. - Catch up should occur over the summer, however students are not disadvantaged missing clinics as it is a very small part of the training. 	-	-
Locomotor central teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students have complained that the loco teaching given was very different from the exam questions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be discussed with Professor Kidd, questions to be reviewed. - To be discussed in the Y4 working group meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nimesh Patel
Global health week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students suggested that it would be useful for them to have learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be discussed in the Y4 working group meeting. 	-

	objectives for 4th year Global Health week to know what to expect in an exam.		
Headscarves and theatres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This has been discussed previously but hasn't been resolved. - Students should contact their trust leads about this issue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be brought up in the Associate Dean meeting after Christmas. 	-

Year 3 items

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Intercalated items

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Physicians associate items

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Staff updates

Library spaces over the vacation period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Whitechapel Library closed from 21st December - 1st January. - There are alternative study spaces at Mile End and West Smithfield Library with prior booking (No leading time) 	-	-
Proposal to change the annual declaration and disclosure process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a proposal to broaden the scope of the questions in the declaration in line with the GMC final year form. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be discussed in the next meeting when people have read through the proposal. 	-

Any other business

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