

Barts and the London Student Staff Liaison Committee 2020-2021



SSLC Meeting Summary and Action Plan

DATE: 20.10.20 - 17.30-18.30

PLATFORM: Microsoft Teams

PRESENT:

Staff chair: Siobhan Cooke

Student co-chairs: Charalambos Hadjicharalambous & Toyosi Atoyebi

Staff: Jurgen Groet, Nimesh Patel, Paula Funnell, Robert Sprott, Tom Schindler, Dan Burke, Benita Morrissey, Dason Evans, Graham Easton, Raja Rajakulasingam

BLSA president: Mat Robathan

3rd Year Reps: Benedict Nowak, Gabriella Wilks, Sidhant Singh,

4th Year Reps: Ania Woźniak, Alice de Havillan, Zibad Javed, Alice Wang

5th Year Reps: Grace Catchpole, Haleema Nadir, Megan Annetts, Tom Longbottom, Mahima Bhatt

iBSc Intercalation Rep: Eva Phillips

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

Apologies: Leila Alaroush, Giulia Olayemi, Will Spiring,

Review of actions from previous meeting:

Support for those self isolating - Mat Robathan

- Self-isolation web page launched with advice and activities found at [bartslondon.com/self isolation-support](https://bartslondon.com/self-isolation-support) - list of contacts and resources for those self isolating.
- New self isolation Connecting Practices online huddle every Monday.
- Communication has been held with residences to improve support there.
- There is a possibility of isolation packages being sent to students to support them in their learning whilst unable to attend placement.

Library booking system

- The time for booking the library has been changed from 12 to 8 hours in advance and further changes will be made in the following weeks.

SSC timetable provision

- The SSC team has communicated with the trust administrators to make sure that the SSC time is timetabled as protected time for students.

Agenda item	Summary of discussion	Action	Responsibility
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Staff chair items

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Student co-chair items

1. Course rep elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- New course reps have been elected;<ul style="list-style-type: none">- iBSc rep - Eva Phillips- Malta clinical reps- Currently elections are being held for the Msc intercalation rep.	-	-
2. Vaccine trial available to students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Year three students and those intercalating have been invited to take part in a vaccine trial and many have signed up already.	-	-
3. Christmas holidays	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Issues have been raised about international students returning home for the Christmas holidays.- Exams are scheduled early in January however no exams should be held in person, if necessary exams will be invigilated online.- There is likely to be an update from the government on recommendations for	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Communication will be issued when we have more concrete guidance from the government. To be discussed again at the November SSLC.	-

	international students going home for Christmas.		
4. Student finance issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There has been an issue with Msc intercalating students taking post-graduate loan and fees office. - The issue is because the students have not gone through the intercalation office and therefore the school is unaware of them. Work is in progress to sort this out. 	-	- Charalambos to chase it up with appropriate people

Malta items

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Year 3 items

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Year 4 items

<p>1. Pediatrics/ Child Health Module - High workload</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Concerns have been raised about the workload in the Child Health module - There are a lot of lectures to complete alongside the logbook and virtual content.- The virtual content has been useful for those self isolating to support their learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Communication will be sent out to the next group which parts of the virtual content are most useful and should be prioritised.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Benita Morrissey
<p>2. GP placement - difficult to complete logbook</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Concerns raised that enough time hasn't been given for completion of the GP logbook.- It is inconvenient to travel to a GP outfirm (Southend) whilst based in London.- GP placements are very tight as many GP practices have pulled out leaving little room for manoeuvre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The concerns about the high volume of logbook content will be passed on to the heads of the module.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Siobhan Cooke
<p>3. Increased workload - overwhelming for students and lack of support and information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The 4th year have not received much communication from the university regarding updates and there was no introductory lecture.- No scheduled time for PSA revision has been allocated.- Changes to the progress exams has caused quite a lot of confusion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Emails regarding year 4 mentors, progress tests and the PSA will be sent out shortly.	

<p>about PSA/electives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New academic tutors have not been allocated for those who intercalated after their 3rd year. - It would be helpful to have an interactive platform for the students where they can get updates from the university - possibly a channel on Microsoft Teams. - Everyone will have an allocated tutor, the fields will be populated on Mysis shortly and elective talks will be held later in the year - The practice PSA is taking place w/c 02/11 		
<p>4. Theatres/ scrubbing in (First Year 5 item as-well)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students wearing headscarves have faced difficulties accessing surgical hoods - this has put students off scrubbing in on placement. - Some hospitals have allowed students to have a hijab solely for use in theatre as long as it remains unsoiled. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be brought up at the Associate Deans meeting. - To be reported via report and support. 	

Year 5 items

<p>2. Testing for COVID-19 (particularly in surgery)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- On entering theatre students have been asked if they have been tested recently but the school has made no provision for regular testing.- In general, students have been asked for proof that they are not infected with COVID.- There have been students exposed to COVID on the wards who have not had access to priority NHS essential worker testing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A policy should be created for testing students: to be brought up at the Associate Deans meeting.	
<p>3. Confusion with procedures and trust protocols</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Students are being asked to complete HCA training as part of their placement at certain trusts. This is outside of the realms of the curriculum and have been paid roles previously.- Students feel that they are being put under pressure to complete this training on top of their degree work as many have other commitments.- There are inequalities between trust placement provisions, some students are getting much less placement time than others.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Charalambos to flag this up

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarification should be given about procedures moving around hospitals and getting swabs. 		
4. Concerns about Queen's and KGH - high number of COVID-19 cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students have been taken off some wards due to a rising numbers of COVID-19 cases but this has led to confusion as they are not being made aware beforehand. 	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Charalambos to flag this up
5. Missed ENT teaching in 4th year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some students missed all of their ENT teaching. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarification to be sought from Dev about the teaching catch-up. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Siobhan Cooke
6. Simply finals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is currently under discussion; decisions are being made about whether this course will go ahead. 		

Intercalated items

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Staff updates

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Any other business

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