

Barts and the London Student Staff Liaison Committee 2020-2021



SSLC Meeting Summary and Action Plan

DATE: 22.09.20 - 17.30-18.30

PLATFORM: Microsoft Teams

PRESENT:

Staff chair: Siobhan Cooke

Student co-chairs: Charalambos Hadjicharalambous & Toyosi Atoyebi

Staff: Jurgen Groet, Nimesh Patel, Patricia McGettigan, Paula Funnell, Robert Sprott, Tom Schindler, Will Spiring, David McCoy, Christine Sofianos, S Nicholson, Dan Burke, Benita Morrissey

BLSA president: Mat Robathan

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

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

5th Year Reps: Grace Catchpole, Haleema Nadir, Matthew Potter, Megan Annetts, Tom Longbottom

Gozo reps: Gautam Datta

Apologies: Dr Ali, Dr Alstead,

Agenda item	Summary of discussion	Action	Responsibility
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Staff chair items

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Student co-chair items

<p>Self-isolation and missing placements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is an issue in 4th year of logbooks not being completed after the suspension of placements due to COVID-19. - 5th year GP placements - EMIS is not compatible with MAC OS - this is causing an issue for students who have to self isolate. - An option may be use of the hardship fund however there may be further issues besides funding for use of EMIS at home. - It's important to reiterate that provisions can be given for students who need to work from home however those who are ill must prioritise recovery. - Central scenarios have been developed for students to continue their learning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summary of the medical school procedures for those self-isolating to be sent out to students to ease worries. - Look into funding for laptops with a compatible operating system for EMIS. - Mat - to contact Kate McFarlane (SAPS office) and other appropriate bodies regarding hardship funding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mat Robathan
<p>Library and Garrod booking system</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There have been complaints about the compulsory 12-hour advance booking for students for study spaces, it is not flexible enough to suit timetables. - There is confusion in terms of study space availability - students are unsure whether the Garrod building is open 24hrs as security have asked people to leave on different occasions. - Suggestion: Students should be able to turn up without booking and be given space depending on availability. - Capacities in libraries within trusts are also very reduced adding to the burden on the university spaces. - The library staff were told not to send direct communication to students at this time. - The Griff Inn and BLSA building are alternative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summary from the library team combined with SU to be sent out to clarify which study spaces are available. - Paula - to discuss the 12 hour-advanced booking rule with the rest of the department and feedback. - Paula to send information regarding study spaces to Robert at the student office. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paula Funnell - Robert Sprott

	<p>study spaces - many students are not aware of these. (Griff Inn - 08.30 - 18.00, BLSA upstairs - 12.00 - 18.00).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ventilation is the reason for the low Whitechapel Library capacity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Robert to send out this communication to the students. 	
New regulations on COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New regulations should not affect university life. 	-	-

Year 3 items

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Year 4 items

SSC timetable provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students have been timetabled to be in placement on Wednesday mornings when it should be protected SSC time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarification: SSC time can be at any point in the week, not reserved to Wednesday and trusts should all be aware of this time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nimesh Patel to reiterate to the trusts that the half-day must be incorporated into the week. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nimesh Patel
Query about maximum hours placement time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some 4th year students are being timetabled for more than 36 hours per week on placement. They are unsure of what the guidelines are for maximum placement hours per week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 36 hours is an average and students should aim to make the most of clinical experience due to uncertainty at this time. 	-	-

Year 5 items

<p>1. Logbook catch up</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is an issue with timetabling and allocation of catch-up time for logbooks. Students are being expected to do current placements whilst catching up with missed logbook activities. - All logbook activities can be completed at any time when the opportunity comes up and trusts have been asked to give time for students to catch up activities that they wouldn't be able to elsewhere. - Students are stressed that they will not gain sufficient experience in their final year - this could be alleviated with clearer communication and clarification of minimum expectations of placements. - Disparity between trust provision is causing confusion - some trusts are able to deliver what others cannot. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Direct students with queries or concerns to Will Spiring's introductory year video - Clear communication to students and clarification of the minimum requirements of trusts for placements. - Will Spiring to raise this issue in the Associate Dean meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will Spiring
<p>2. Trust generated logbooks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For attention only as discussed in the Year 5 meeting earlier last week. Follow up in the next meeting. 	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>3. Midweek reviews</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For attention only as discussed in the Year 5 meeting earlier last week. Follow up in the next meeting. 	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>4. Pharmacology teaching</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For attention only as discussed in the Year 5 meeting earlier last week. Follow up in the next meeting. 	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>5. Surgery provision</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For attention only as discussed in the Year 5 meeting earlier last week. Follow up in the next meeting. 	<p>-</p>	<p>-</p>

Intercalated items

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Malta items

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Staff updates

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Any other business

SSLC times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a question of whether 17.30 is too late for the SSLC meeting to begin. - Consensus is that we will alternate between starting at 17.00 and 17.30 in future. - Malta time difference as they are an hour ahead - it would be useful for Malta related agenda items to be put at the start where possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In future Malta related agenda items to be dealt with at the start so that Malta representatives can avoid discussions which are irrelevant to them. 	-
Declaration of disclosure questionnaire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual declaration and disclosure questionnaire to go out on Friday after the SBE. - There will be a two week window to submit the questionnaire and a possible referee will need to be listed for foundation reference. Guidelines for filling this out will be uploaded. - Year 3 and 4 will be contacted by the end of next month to submit their disclosure forms. - Fare evasion is now not a declarable offence under new GMC guidelines. 	-	-
Update on mock exams results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There have been technical issues with Year 3 results however this has been resolved but has 	-	-

	<p>caused a delay.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Spreadsheets need to be created to collate the data. Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 results should be released by Friday afternoon (25/09).		
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