

BLS PGT FORUM 1, 24 NOVEMBER 2020

In attendance:

Staff

Seb Ripley, Vice President Heath Park (SR)
Jane Chukwu, Vice President Postgraduate (JC)
Taz Jones, Student Voice Coordinator (TJ)
Dena Stephens, Executive Support Assistant *Minutes*
Emma Kidd, Dean for Postgraduate Studies (EK)

Students

Tiegan Wakeham, PSYCH (TW)
Charlotte Clarke, PSYCH (CC)
Roma Ravaliya, HCARE (RR)
Mona Alzahrani, HCARE (MA)
Nikoletta Theodosiou, HCARE (NT)

INTRODUCTIONS

14:03, JC opened the meeting and led a series of short introductions.

STUDENT UPDATES

MA reported that no issues had been fed back.

CC also stated that no issues had been indicated.

RR provided module feedback, which was broadly positive.

JC asked for wider feedback, both positive and negative. RR replied that the only issue has been a lack of face to face interaction, somewhat marring the university experience. However, this is understandable due to Covid.

General feedback was that many people were members of cohort-based WhatsApp groups and this is a method that works well for communication and feedback.

JC enquired about cohort arrangements for the festive period. RR stated that a higher proportion of students than normal are planning on staying in Cardiff; as international students the quarantine periods required at either end of the journey will prove to be too intrusive on family time.

Regarding support for those students in Cardiff over the holidays, SR reported that the university and SU are working hard to sort, and that comms will be released shortly. EK added that support will be available for all students staying locally, and JC further asked PGT students to feed back in case of any issues, in order to help. Additionally, JC referred students to the PG web page for updates regarding events over the period.

EK indicated that library timeslots are likely to be extended after the Christmas break from two to three hours, and SR added that comms to this effect will be published soon. JC also reminded attendees that there are study spaces on the 2nd floor of the SU between 9am and 3pm (please book in and out in the Welcome Centre).

EK asked whether anybody has had face to face contact with programmes? Some reported yes due to blended learning. EK also asked for feedback in terms of communications to PGT students; whilst PGR tend to have specific needs in this area, maybe also do PGT. Therefore, any and all feedback is welcomed in order to best tailor the student experience.

A meeting is anticipated to be held on 4 December; questions will be put to Deans on a college level (rather than module specific questions). Please let your cohorts know – this is a good opportunity to be heard.

SR highlighted the availability of recycling bags and free face masks at the Heath campus.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

JC closed the meeting at 14:25.