

BLS PGT FORUM 2, 20 JANUARY 2021

In attendance:

Staff

Seb Ripley, Vice President Heath Park (SR)
Jane Chukwu, Vice President Postgraduate (JC)
Tim Fry, Student Voice Coordinator (TF)
Shane McCullough, Student Voice Assistant (SM)
Emma Kidd, Dean for Postgraduate Studies (EK)

Students

Elizabeth Rawlings - PSYCH (ER)
James Champion - PSYCH (JCh)
Sara Sharaf - DENTISTRY (SS)

Apologies

Zaid Alantari - DENTL
Waleed Alhawiti - DENTL
Nawaf Alenezy - DENTL
Ibrahim Aziz - DENTL
Bethan Cook - HCARE
Olivia Newton-Hale - HCARE
Phoebe Thomas - HCARE
Claire Baker - HCARE
Rucira Ooi - MEDIC
Robert Taylor - MEDIC
Jacob Curtis - DENTL

INTRODUCTIONS

14:08, JC opened the meeting and led a series of short introductions

JC requested more feedback from reps so that an action plan can be constructed

STUDENT UPDATES

ER reported a lot of the cohort are very stressed regarding workload and working environment. ER also reported assessments have been mixed in difficulty and some extensions were given. ER stated many complaints on the second assessment being very difficult and not as much support being given. The feedback given from lecturers was described as 'hit and miss' by ER.

ER stated attendance seems to be relatively good especially when learning was in person. ER noted of some communication between the PSYCH cohort.

ER noted of the success of the newsletters in regards to providing the right information at the right time.

EK appreciated the noting of the success of the communication between university and students regarding the newsletter.

SR noted of the appreciation of feedback from reps and requested if reps could ask if information from the students union and university can be filtered down to cohort.

JCh noted of no feedback of significance. Feedback from JCh's cohort is normally communicated to the lecturers directly.

JCh also noted the newsletters are being read amongst the cohort especially when there is changing guidance regarding the COVID-19 pandemic within government. JC asks if JCh's cohort is aware the safety net policy relates to both undergraduate and postgraduate students. JCh noted this will probably come to attention more when assessments are nearer.

SS reported that due to their cohort being so small there is little feedback. SS noted most feedback is also related directly to the lecturers.

SS noted the online library is being used and there has been little to no engagement with the click and collect service. SS stated the library's communication has been very good. SS's cohort are aware that the postal library service is available and they have engaged with the library services available.

JC noted of some worries amongst library staff regarding the wearing of masks inside the library and requested this to be communicated to cohorts to be followed.

JC asked that if there are any issues that they or SR are contacted directly so action can be taken.

JC also noted if there are any requests to engage in certain societies then also to contact them directly.

JC closed the meeting at 14:35