

BLS UG forum – 28th April 2021 - Meeting Minutes

Staff:

Adam Williams - Student Voice Assistant **(AW)**

Allan Theophanides – Learning Technology Manager **(AT)**

Anabel Hurst – Catering **(AH)**

Dai John – Dean of Undergraduate Studies **(DJ)**

Hannah Doe – VP Education **(HD)**

Joanne Jenkins – Careers and Employability **(JJ)**

Owain Huw – Learning Technology Manager **(OH)**

Paul Jones – University IT **(PJ)**

Seb Riley – VP Heath Park **(SR)**

Sian Ballard - College Education Manager **(SB)**

Tim Fry - Student Voice Coordinator **(TF)**

Staff Apologies:

Claire Morgan - Pro Vice Chancellor

Students

Amelie Huff – MIDWIFERY **(AH)**

Connor Rawlinson – ADULT NURSING **(CR)**

Eleri Howell – DENTL **(EH)**

Frank Frayne – PHARMACLOGY **(FF)**

Lois Barber – MEDPHARM **(LB)**

Princess Itohan Musa Braimoh – BIOSCI **(PB)**

Tahirah Ashra – ODP **(TA)**

Taylor Youngsmith – MEDSOC **(TY)**

Zaki Bandlish – CHEMISTRY **(ZB)**

Student Apologies:

Tani Trivedi (BIOSI)

Jessica O'Hara (DENTL)

Alice McCracken (HCARE)

Emma Carswell (HCARE)

Fflur Jones (HCARE)

Sarah Taylor (HCARE)

Jodie Gornall (HCARE)

Catherine Williams (HCARE)

Nadine Thomas (HCARE)

Jenni Evans (HCARE)

Mika Ireste (HCARE)

Zuzanna Skolik (MEDIC)

Mia McDade-Kumar (MEDIC)

Shon Thomas (MEDIC)

Julia Phillips (PHRMY)

Introductions

SR opened the meeting at 15:05. SR thanks for attendance and introductions.

Staff Updates

PJ - nothing to raise or update on.

LR - update on relax and revise for students during exam period. Subscription to wellbeing magazines now available. Update on booking study spaces.

AH - updates on catering with what buildings open for takeaway and outdoor seating. Possible for extending opening times but based on footfall. Difference this term, students returning from amber countries will need to form an additional form for provision of support including food, cost of tests, student wellbeing. Opened to all students within 2 mile radius.

AT - Planning for summer changes, will update in the future. Varying degrees of uptake on digital education placement scheme, deadline extended to May.

OH nothing to add.

JJ - things students can do relating to career- careers appointments, work experience board, and upload CV, career journey. Class of 21 campaign has resulted in additional sessions for careers being added over the summer and exit survey will be carried out. Engagement has been good for online career sessions, especially in BLS.

SB - supporting schools with return of students from online. Annual review and enhancement process ongoing with student involvement

DJ - decrease in number of students applying for COVID test. Can Reps inform students to engage with COVID testing. Update on Cardiff pulse, open for a week every month to collect feedback, findings be posted to students on intranet.

EM - acknowledges positive response rates to pulse feedback from students. Dealing with questions around exams, revision and academic misconduct which is normal for this time of year. Reps should send students to student advice for support with revision, academic misconduct etc. HD will be doing a Facebook live extenuating circumstances Q&A in May to explain changes to process and policy.

SR - SU looking to refresh Rep system to make easier. Look to resolve accommodation concerns over summer. Student view is ongoing and spring in your step campaign. Can sign up for a mindfulness pack.

HD - update on spring in step campaign with freebies. Reminder of accessing Covid-19 hardship fund. Study café to study is now open. There will be focus groups in May.

TF - update on ELSA for students and staff. New category this year is COVID Hero Award.

Student Updates

BIOSCI: RG complaint submitted about change in exam format but no update. Problem with PTY and interruption of studies, percentage mark difference in average grad that were year 2 and last years, 5/6% overall grade difference, being addressed. Some module feedback about how modules across schools were told to decrease weighting of exams but BIOSCI did opposite. **PB** all issues addressed by SSP. Issue with exams where students cannot go back to review answers in online tests, putting students at a disadvantage. Member of staff is addressing. **RP** If staff does not address issue contact SU.

ZB students with disabilities have discussed realised that this is in violation of bylaws.

DENTAL (BOTH): EH issues with male locker facilities, will raise in SSP but last did not sort. Concern with getting people through the course due to lack of clinical time. Have set up meeting with learning and teaching but raised clinical work issues since January and not had any movement.

ADULT NURSING: CR no updates

ODP: TA no updates.

MIDWIFERY: AH - late start for first years with placements. Applying for jobs has started. Nothing else to raise.

MEDIC: TY 5th years started getting jobs through. 4th years are revising, mock exam organised. 3rd year doing well. Workshops on race and equality ongoing. Situations where students who have COVID/exposed and miss exams is under discussion by school.

MEDICAL PHARMACOLOGY: FF from SSP all issues were dealt with. Staff going above and beyond to secure lab experience for students. **LB** any issues were course level and being fed to staff.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY: N/A

RADIOGRAPHY: N/A

RADIO THERAPY: N/A

OPTOM: N/A

PHYSIO: N/A

MENTAL HEALTH NURSING: N/A

CHILD NURSING: N/A

PHARMACOLOGY: N/A

PSYCHOLOGY: N/A

SR closed the meeting at 15:52.

Notes

LINKS:

Digital education placement - <https://intranet.cardiff.ac.uk/students/your-future/jobs-and-work-experience/on-campus-internships/digital-education-placements>

Cardiff Uni Testing Service - <https://intranet.cardiff.ac.uk/students/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus/testing-for-coronavirus-covid-19>

Pulse Student Survey - <https://intranet.cardiff.ac.uk/students/student-voice/student-surveys/cardiff-pulse-student-survey>

Academic Integrity and how to try to avoid academic misconduct CUSU - <https://intranet.cardiff.ac.uk/students/study/exams-and-assessment/academic-integrity>

Financial support - <https://intranet.cardiff.ac.uk/students/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus/covid-19-student-support-package#support-fund>

ELSA link - <https://www.cardiffstudents.com/your-voice/academic-reps/eslas/esla-survey/>

Academic misconduct support - <https://www.cardiffstudents.com/advice/academic/academicmisconduct/avoidingacademicmisconduct/>