

PSE PGR College Forum 2, January 27th 2021

Attendees:

STAFF

Jane Chukwu - VP Postgrad, Chair **(JC)**
Kath Evans - College Education Manager **(KE)**
Julie Gwilliam - Dean of Postgraduate Studies **(JG)**
Paula Burns - Enterprise and Start Up team **(PB)**
Tim Fry - Student Voice Coordinator **(TF)**
Shane McCullough - Student Voice Assistant **(SM)**

STUDENTS

Rhiannon Lunney - PHYSX **(RL)**
Vasileios Skliris - PHYSX **(VS)**

INTRODUCTIONS

PB started with a presentation regarding a competition for enterprise and startups, SYNIAD. The closing date for this competition is 01/03/2021. Business ideas related to climate change and sustainability are preferable. The link for this competition will follow in the notes below.

STUDENT UPDATES

VS noted most students are still at home. Many of VS's cohort is finding the second lockdown much harder. JC asked if the cohort are demonstrating or tutoring. VS stated that not many are and those that are are doing it online. VS stated most feedback is not directed at the university.

RL stated that there is a slow progression to more people gaining access to facilities within the building.

RL stated that there is little conversation and communication amongst their cohort, including social events. RL stated there has been little communication from the university regarding time tabling. RL stated that a lecturer has made themselves available to support with applying to the Associate Fellowship for Higher Education (AFHE). JG stated that university level support for tutors and demonstrators will be available from September. RL queried if this covered the fee for applying to the AFHE. JG confirmed it does. RL stated that if there was any information regarding support if it could be forwarded to her so that it can be shared amongst her cohort. JG, RL and KE all shared experiences of zoom fatigue.

JG shared concern of social wellbeing for students. RL shared an idea of zoom study groups (See link in notes). JG said this idea will be explored.

STAFF UPDATES

JG shared a week of events celebrating and engaging with PGR students starting on 22/02/2021. RL notes engagement with these events may not be high. JC stated engagement with these events could be more beneficial for students in the long run.

JC and JG closed the meeting at 16:42

NOTES

Link to SYNIAD competition - sdi.click/syniad

Link to shared study groups <https://www.adhd-hub.com/bookings-checkout/study-group>