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What has been worked on in the past month?	<p>September has been a busy month for me and all the other reps as these are the final preparation weeks ahead of the new academic year. Following a Teams meeting I had with the VP Education at the SU, I submitted my Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and received very beneficial feedback. My KPIs for this year focus on the wellbeing of students at the School of Pharmacy (SoP) and new ways for students to network and get the most out of their degrees. One of the KPIs were to increase the number of Interprofessional Education (IPE) sessions for students. To encourage this, I discussed the idea of potentially forming an IPE society with the VP Education and other reps within the College of Science (CoS).</p> <p>Moreover, some students who received their resit results this month, raised some issues regarding the limited communication they had during the summer period which resulted in major confusion and errors. This led to me contacting the VP Education and the MPharm Programme lead to review the current summer assessments system that is in place.</p> <p>The team of course reps and I have been going through the Learning Agreement with the BSc PharmSci Programme Lead and providing feedback where necessary. With the help of the student module leads we are finalising a “Welcome Week” pack which will include all the details students studying at the SoP will need to know for this academic year. The pack includes everything from how to use various software, where to get help and even money saving tips!</p> <p>Finally, I attended a Reps Briefing with the Deputy Vice Chancellor and the VP Education where I sought clarification on some of the matters students have been asking me such as access to buildings and whether there is a system in place in case of a second national lockdown.</p>
Successes from the past month and any Reps Wins	<p>One of the KPIs that was submitted was to increase the number of Interprofessional Education (IPE) sessions for students. To encourage this, I discussed the idea of potentially forming an IPE society with the VP Education and other reps within the College of Science (CoS). However, with the current situation there worries about student participation, so instead of forming an entirely new society, there will be collaborations between the Medical Society and the Pharmacy Society instead. I would like to use this opportunity to thank the Medical School rep and the president of the Pharmacy Society for enabling this. These events will allow students to build professional relationships from an early stage in their careers and provide opportunities for them learn from other peers on different programmes.</p> <p>As part of the Learning Agreement review there will be changes to how summer resits are communicated and these will be included in the new agreement for this academic year.</p> <p>The reps briefing clarified a lot of questions that students have about what university is going to be like and these will be communicated to all students in an email very soon.</p>

Plans for next month

For next month, I am looking forward to starting the new academic year and excited to share with you all the hard work that has been put in from the reps, the SU and the University to ensure the safety and quality of the programmes delivered at the school.

The course reps and I are aiming to make the changes to the Learning Agreement as soon as possible so we can include the updated version in the “Welcome Week” pack.