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What has been worked on in the past month?	<p>This month at the School of Pharmacy (SoP) we had our first Subject Committee (SC) which I chaired by myself. The session was really productive as we managed to give constructive feedback and raise student issues to the staff.</p> <p>Furthermore, we welcomed 3 new year one MPharm course reps, a 2nd year PharmSci course rep and a foundation year rep to our team.</p> <p>I have been in regular contact with my course reps and we have been organising a presentation and quick survey for the school Christmas meeting scheduled for 16th of December.</p> <p>The course reps have been reminding staff when material has not been uploaded on time or if there is any confusion around assessments.</p> <p>Although communication has improved compared to the start of the year, there are still instances where last minute changes are not communicated clearly enough to students. There was a session in year 4 on exam stress with subject librarian that did not go ahead on Collaborate. Another session was in year 2 pharmaceutical science where the lecturer did not attend the Collaborate session and did not give any prior notice to the students.</p> <p>There was a number of students in years 2, 3 and 4 on the MPharm programme that were not sure who their personal tutor was as some staff departed over the summer. This issue has now been resolved and all students have been informed about who their personal tutor is.</p> <p>In addition, there have been a few suggestions regarding draft submissions and lab demonstrations from students that have been noted and will be mentioned in Staff and Students Liaison Committee (SSLC) and SC.</p> <p>Some 4th year MPharm students feel like they are not being supported enough with their final year projects. The student module leads have brought this to the staff's attention. This will be re-iterated in the upcoming SSLC and SC in January.</p>
Successes from the past month and any Reps Wins	<p>The SC was very useful as the team of reps managed to clear up a number of issues mentioned in the previous Officer Report with the help of the staff. These included students not being informed who their new personal tutors are, timetabling issues, deadlines and teaching materials amendments.</p> <p>The addition of 5 new course reps is a huge rep win as we will have a much better student representation within the SCs and the Students' Union (SU). I am looking forward to working with all the new reps to improve the course and especially work to make the transition from foundation year to the school much smoother, now that we have a</p>

foundation year course rep.

In the Christmas school meeting, myself and the other reps will give an end of year presentation further highlighted the support available through the SU and other resources available through Pharmacist Support and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS). At the end of the presentation, we will use this opportunity to gather some feedback through a quick survey.

The reps have continued reminding staff about the learning agreement and upload times for teaching material for students with learning disabilities such as dyslexia.

Students on the PharmSci course have recommended the addition of draft submissions (Similar to those on the MPharm programme) during their first year on the course. This has been and will be passed on to the programme lead for Pharmaceutical Science.

Another suggestion came from students doing the foundation year. They think having more demonstrations in their lab sessions can hugely beneficial. This has been noted and will be passed on to the foundation year lead and the head of school.

Plans for next month

In January, I am looking forward to the 2nd SC of the year and working closely with all the reps to ensure students have all the support available for when they return to university.

Moreover, I am hoping to have our first Town Hall meeting or Virtual Rep drop next month if there are any students that book appointments.