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<b>Year of Study</b>	3
<b>What has been worked on in the past month?</b>	<p>This month at the School of Pharmacy (SoP) I am happy to report that we had successful elections and our number of reps has nearly doubled in size. I was able to have a virtual meeting with everyone, introduce the new reps to the team and gather feedback for the upcoming Subject Committee.</p> <p>The team of reps have been busy resolving a number of issues across the year groups. There have been anomalies with timetabling and assessment folders some of which, have since been clarified and we are waiting for responses for the others. These issues seem to be specific to the MPharm programme as there has been no issues reported from the Pharmaceutical Science rep.</p> <p>Furthermore, there have been a few occasions on the MPharm programme, specifically in year 2, where guest lecturers have not attended the integrated learning sessions and instead the school as a last-minute solution used the time for exam revision.</p> <p>The school has experienced some IT troubles as well, the attendance monitoring system does not seem to be functioning as it should. There have been incidents where students have attended all lectures and have received emails that claim their attendance does not meet university standards. This has since been dealt with and we have had an official response from the school.</p> <p>First year students reported some software issues specific to Macs. They could not access some elements of Blackboard, Collaborate and Panopto and have not had any support from the IT team even after enquiring. I have shared the official University guidance which with the year 1 course rep and they have passed it on to their cohort.</p> <p>Some students expressed their concern regarding face-to-face mock-tests and exams. This was mentioned to the head of school and they have clarified that all mocks can be done online, however, the actual Pharmaceutical Calculations tests will be held in person.</p> <p>Finally, I attended this month's SRG where the VP Education provided us with a few updates regarding the virtual drop ins that will be introduced soon.</p>
<b>Successes from the past month and any Reps Wins</b>	<p>As mentioned before, there had been a number of timetabling anomalies to which we were told by the head of school to follow the learning schedule instead of the online timetable on Blackboard. As a whole, communication regarding changes to the timetable, self-directed sessions and assessment setoffs has been inconsistent.</p> <p>In terms of assessments, a deadline for one of the year 2 MPharm assessments has been amended as it was released before the scheduled learning session had taking place. Moreover, there has been a number of times again in year 2, where there is no Turn it in box for students to submit their assessments. This has been brought up to the staff by course reps and the student module leads.</p>

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In year 3 there was an assessment uploaded into one of the assessment folders which did not match with the description on the assessment timetable. The school has since responded and there will be no changes to the assessment as one student has already submitted their work.

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**Plans for next month**

Next Month, I am planning to see if student reps can attend the equality, diversity and inclusivity (EDI) board of the SoP. In addition, I will be contacting the Respect Tutor of the SoP to see if there is any extra training, student reps will need prior to attending these sessions.

I am also looking forward to chairing my first subject committee meeting of the year in December.