



University of Lincoln Students' Union Volunteer Officer Report

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School of Pharmacy Representative

What has been worked on in the past month:

I have attended a number of meetings over the last month, including student-staff liaison committee (SSLC) and Subject Committees for both courses within the school, rep forum and the CoS Academic Board.

I have also started making plans with other staff and students within the school for our next school meeting, which is taking place towards the end of April. Because we have our first cohort of MPharm students graduating, we are hoping it will be a good celebration for the school.

I have also been liaising with staff within the school and SU staff about making some materials up for next year's intake of students in the school, ensuring they have all the important information they will require in one place. This is particularly important for us as there is so much information given to them during welcome week, both internal information but also from external organisations and professional bodies which are vital for students studying a professional course like pharmacy.

I have also been promoting the NSS to our final year students and know that our MPharm cohort has exceeded the minimum threshold for data which is excellent.

Course rep elections have also been a core focus over the last month and I have been promoting these to all cohorts throughout the school.

Successes from the past month:

The last month has been very successful for the school as a whole. We have had some nominations for SU awards, including for course of the year, careers and employability development and I have also been nominated for the contribution to academic representation award which is amazing. It's really good for the school to be recognised for all the hard work that goes into the courses and teaching.

Course rep nominations have been fairly successful with enough to fill all of our MPharm course rep positions. We will have to recruit reps for the pharmaceutical science course in the next academic year however.

Course rep successes:

Course reps have been very engaged with the meetings they have attended over the last month. As a result of this some really positive changes have been made. Our fourth year MPharm reps for example requested further information regarding upcoming assessments as they are quite different to those in previous years, and they had a full session on this which they found to be very useful.

Third year MPharm reps were able to get further guidance on a poster presentation which is a very different style of assessment to what has been done so far in the course. They were also able to get the set-off session for this moved forward to allow more time for students to complete their draft submissions following more help on this project.

Plans for next month:

I have another round of meetings coming up over the next month including senior rep group, CoS education committee and meetings for the focus group looking at personal tutoring that I am part of.

I will also be working closely with staff and students to plan our next school meeting and come up with a plan for this.

Once course reps have been announced for the next academic year I will also look into contacting the new reps and hopefully getting to meet with them if possible as I am carrying on as School Rep next year again.