

RCN Students Committee Meeting

4th March 2011



RCN HQ, Room 210

NOTES

In attendance: Saffron Brown (SB), Alexis Mackenzie-Slight (AMS), Claire Barber (CB), Craig Dominique-Smith (CDS), Susan Doyle (SD), Tamara Morgan (TM), Joy Griffiths (JG), Jayne Parker (JP), Michelle Watt (MW), Stuart Young (SY), Lisa Oluyinka (LO), Phil Schneider (PS), Joanne Sharkey (JS), Paul Young (PY)

Apologies: Andrew Wyllie (AW)

Observing: Hannah Marriage

Staff: Tegan Davies (TD) Notes, Gill Robertson (GR)

11/16 Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed the committee to the meeting. Apologies were received as noted above.

The notes of the last meeting were approved, with the following matters arising:

- SY confirmed that the South West board have agreed to second the Committee's resolution.
- TD confirmed that the call for debating items was on the website (at www.rcn.org.uk/congress_students). None had been received so far.

11/17 Declaration of Interests

None received.

11/18 Communications Update

Kim Bell confirmed that the first edition of the new magazine would be posted on Monday. The next issue would be August. The first e-zine would be sent after Congress and was to be monthly thereafter. Kim welcomed ideas and contributions from the Committee.

The committee discussed the benefits of being able to track members' responses to articles through the e-zine. Kim confirmed this data would help shape future editions.

CDS asked the Committee to assist him in keeping the Facebook page up to date.

GR updated the committee on the progress of the student survey. GR confirmed that she was in discussions with the Nursing Standard regarding running a joint survey. GR confirmed it would be through Frontline First. The committee suggested the best time to run the survey was early June.

11/19 Student Budget

The 2011/12 budget was not yet confirmed, but it was expected to be much the same as this year's.

11/20 Education Update

GR briefed the committee on the current consultation '*Liberating the NHS: Developing the Future Workforce*'.

ACTION: Committee to forward any comments to GR asap.

ACTION: GR to add briefing document to Wiki.

11/21: White papers and consultations

GR directed the committee to the RCN website. GR encouraged the committee to keep up to date with consultations and comment where relevant.

SB reported that a joint response with ENSA on the EU Professional Qualifications Directive was being produced.

ACTION: SB to add to Wiki

11/22 Black History Month and LGBT Pride Events

Sarah Emberson attended to discuss the plans for this year's events. Sarah requested the committee's help in recruiting volunteers to attend marches and man stalls.

The committee discussed ideas for marking Black History month.

SD drew the committee's attention to the contribution of Filipino and Irish nurses to the NHS and called for an inclusive event/celebration.

The committee agreed to encourage student involvement in International Nurses' Day on 12th May.

LO suggested the committee send a representative to the service for Mary Seacole on 7th May.

11/24 NMC Student Indexing

David Hutton briefed the committee on the forthcoming process for introducing student indexing.

11/25 Congress Update

Harriet Anderson joined the committee for a discussion on their Congress campaign.

CDS, SY, CB and MW volunteered to assist Sarah Abley in producing the daily Congress Bulletin.

GR asked the committee to let her/TD know asap whether they intended to use their £300 Congress budget. If not, the funds would be used to support arrangements made by the Regional Offices where requested.

11/23 Future work plan and annual report

The committee discussed ideas for student engagement. Suggestions included 'a day in the life' podcasts; an SIO joining regional staff at recruitment events; workshops through the regional offices.

GR briefed the committee on careers package project.

ACTION: GR to submit business case for trailer to ET.

11/26 RCN Students Committee Projects

The committee noted that actions under the following projects had been completed:

Sign-off Mentors;
Newly Qualified Nurses;
Clinical placement closures affecting placements;
Supernumerary status

Suggested further projects were: Students promoting change; International Nurses' Day; Preceptorships.

11/27 Feedback from recent events

Reports on the wiki were noted.

11/28 Regional and Council Committee Reports

Reports on the wiki were noted.

11/30 Any other business

11/31 Date of the next business meeting

Sunday 10th April