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Date of Meeting:	21 July 2016
Title of Paper:	Report Back from the Students Committee
Appendices:	None
Presented by:	Sylvia Duval, Chair
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1. The Students Committee met on 18 April 2016.

Committee Ways of Working

2. Gill Cort, Chair of the Governance Support Committee, joined the meeting to discuss how the Committee would like to work in the future.
3. During that discussion the Committee emphasised that its priority was to improve the way it worked with SIOs. With that in mind the Committee suggested that its meetings should move around the UK and SIOs in the country or region be invited to attend and meet the Committee.
4. We also agreed that board chairs needed to establish better links with their representative on the Students Committee and enable them to take part in relevant discussions at the Board.

Lobby of Parliament

5. We discussed the plans for the lobby of Parliament on 25 May 2016.

Student Bursary Consultation

6. We took part in a workshop on the bursary consultation when we focussed on the following questions:
 - What does this mean for workforce planning and will the jobs be there if this increases nurse intake as planned?
 - What could the impact on skill mix and patient care be?
 - What is the effect and impact on student morale?
 - Is this indicative of a move towards self-funded Masters level education?
 - Where will students go on their placements? What will the effects be on placement? and
 - How will this affect the dynamic of students as consumers?
7. We agreed to promote the consultation on social media and amongst our networks in order to get a high number of responses; a strong evidence base and case studies to include in the RCN's response.

The next meeting of the Students Committee will take place on 26 May 2016.