**Introduction**

Hello, this is Gabriela Barzyk and Sunil Singh and we are your Representation Officers.We’ve been Year 1 Biomedical Science Year Reps last year and hope to use our experiences to help you. As Representation Officers, we will attend Council, Senate and Executive meetings and share important information between the different teams. We will also look after Year Reps. We love to chat and keep you updated so you can contact us anytime.

**What have we done since the last meeting**

* Contacted newly elected Year Reps and those who expressed interest in becoming Reps. Distributed information and added them to relevant Senate pages etc.
* Updated Senate Board
* Met with Tanisha in regards to Senate Social
* Liaised about a Healthcare Revalidation Panel
* Communication with SPACE about off-site breastfeeding facilities list
* Attended EGM and answered questions
* Helped E&D with taking pictures for their collage for LGBTQ+ month
* Thanked Year Reps and students for their input in quotes & pictures for Comms Officers
* INTO Mums and Dads sorted: INTOs are happy with the mentoring scheme and Cheddian Ishmael will reach out to us if they require a talk (perhaps closer to summer when students know whether they will be attending SGUL)
* Met with E&D to discuss Steering Group. Delegated roles, they will be focusing on promotion for the 14th of Feb session. We mentioned this at Council and answered people’s questions.
* Contacted Vanessa Ho to receive an update on off-site breast feeding facilities: An E&D Officer will be appointed to look after the list. We will begin to look at a way to distribute the list to clinical years with SPACE (discussed with Tanisha and contacted SPACE)
* Collecting FB group links for Tanisha (will be used to assess how effective the pages are in distributing information to students (in terms of post content and student number). This has been requested by the Dean of Education)
* Contacted Year 1 Reps about organising revision lectures for their cohorts and giving them advice on how to plan those. Also suggested that they carry out questionnaires on what content people want to see on fb groups/ change settings
* Worked on our Senate action point and came up with a few ideas on how to make Year Rep more rewarding- we will present these to Senate (includes ideas like Senate of the Month, Senate Social, using evaluation surveys to validate how well they are doing)
* Closed the Year 1/2 BMS and MBBS Year Rep Feedback Surveys

**Summary from:**

**Exec 24th January**

* May Ball planning: Early Bird tickets sold out, general admission price £45; group more than 10-pop into SU Office as there is a 12% discount
* There will be training for newly elected Year Reps
* There is a new Cahrrities Officers, and Comms Officers Instagram account- please follow
* Volunteer of the Month for Community Project Officers- please keep sending in applications
* E&D Officers are working ona potential 9 protected characteristics pack which can then be distributed to relevant societies. Work in progress
* International Officers: Finally received the certificate for World Toilet Day (17th Nov), partnership with a toilet in Kenya. Certificate will be put it up soon. In female toilet but certificate in bothmale and female toilets.
* **Council’s motion about NSS/TEF** poll ‘Do you think Students should boycott NSS’ being passed back to Council.

Referendum: must be 150 votes, 2/3 majority

No matter what political SU stance is, you make your individual decision (can still fill NSS)

* If you already submitted your answers and would like to withdraw, please contact VP Ed & Welfare who will provide you with relevant contact details to do so

**EGM 7th January**

Second floor refurbishment plans. Most likely to happen during Summer.

May Ball and SU Awards Committee has also been discussed. All Officers answered questions. Additional meeting soon as not everything on agenda has been discussed and quorum was not reached later on in the meeting.

**Societies presented**

**Debating Society**: Accepted with the caveat that they speak to Ishaan (to discuss finances of the society), will focus on Parliament Style Debating

**Senate Summary**

* Panopto to replace audio recorders. Its able to do both audio and video recordings, but at the moment, just audio. Contract has been signed on Christmas Eve. A number of cohorts have agreed to trail it.
* Restructuring Senate- invite staff members to hold them accountable, have themes for the senate meetings. Work in progress
* Uni does not communicate/ distribute important information to Year Reps in terms of meetings and such. Communication between departments also needs to be better.

Year 3 MBBS Reps and Tanisha feedbacking to Kerren Churcher on the issue.

* People camping in/ occupying base room is an issue
* Issues with placement allocations- sometimes journey lasts longer than placement itself, looking into reimbursement and how this can be changed.
* T Year INTO Reps: GMC report evaluating the INTO program was released earlier this year. Will draft a student response and will need advocacy of the SU to ensure continuity and safeguarding of education and welfare of students currently in the US and those planning to go. Open meeting was held with INTO administration and students where issues regarding GMC report, USMLE prep, and other situations were discussed.

**What we’ve coming up in the next month**

Exec, Senate, EGM

Continue working with SPACE on off-site breastfeeding facilities

Developing ideas on making Senate more rewarding

Steering Group

Distribute survey feedback to Year Reps