

Student Support & Wellbeing Committee

Tuesday 7 June 2016

14:00 – 16:00

Location: SALC 7, Sherfield Building, South Kensington Campus

Minutes

1. **Apologies for absence:** Michael Bluck, Joanne Harris, Julie King, Paul Noke, Lynda White, Joanne Harris [Julia Hillier is attending in her place], Brett Harmony [Malcolm McLean attended in his place], Lorraine Craig, Mirko Kovac, Leigh Turvey, Andrew Keenan, Gerry Greyling, Michael Jones and Arash Mostofi [Simon O’Hanlon attended in his place].
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting** – Tuesday 02 February 2016 Paper A
Updated and attached with these minutes.
3. **Matters Arising:** (actions from last minutes)
Item: 12.4.2: On 8th November 2016 G34 lecture theatre there will be a talk given on legal highs and current drug issues.
 - a. **Action Tracker** Paper B
Updated and attached with these minutes.
 - b. **Mental Health Difficulties Protocol** Paper C
The committee discussed the draft protocol, and their comments are noted below. The document is now with The Complaints and Appeals Committee:
 - a. Wording around Tier 4 visas needs to be simplified Action: LH
 - b. Feedback needed on the categories of mental illness Action: RSH
 - c. The formatting is to be reviewed; such as the emergency contact guidelines brought to the front of the document and to remove the SSWC members list and the named Senior Tutors as these change so frequently, as well as some minor changes to the content based on The Committee’s feedback. Action: DW
4. **Meningitis Protocol** Paper D
 - a. The Committee questioned if this Protocol should sit with this Committee. Feedback was also given regarding some minor content details. Action: DW
 - b. Health Centre is to review item 3 of the Introduction Action: SF
 - c. The Committee decided that the talk given every September for the Wardens is sufficient.
5. **Residential Life Committee and Wardens’ Report**
 - a. The Wardens representative raised awareness of increased drug use in Halls this year (2015-16) to the Committee, but did not require any immediate action or support on behalf of the Committee.
 - b. The Committee considered that a more holistic approach to the declaration of a student as ‘fit to study’ after an IoS is needed. The Wardens reported that returning students take up a disproportionate amount of their time as the students are returning to the same pressures they left.

It was felt that the IoS authorisation needs to be reviewed and it was noted in some cases that Departments were by-passing the Health Centre. A suggestion made by the Committee was for a return from IoS induction, like the return to work process for employees. This action is now with The Complaints and Appeals Working Group.

Action: DW.

6. Annual Student Welfare Seminar

Paper E

- a. Mary Bown wanted to remind the Committee of the changes to Disability Advisory Service in light of the changes to government funding. The College is creating a central fund to fill the funding gap.

7. AOB

a. Sexual Violence Policy

The Committee has raised a need for a clearer and proactive policy regarding sexual violence. It was noted that while the College ethos is anti-sexual violence it is felt by The Committee to need higher visibility and for support to be readily accessible and for there to be more education around consent. Dr Sarah Freedman will forward an email to The Committee sent to her by a colleague highlighting concerns around this area.

Date of next meeting: 11 October 2016

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