

**STUDENT VOICE GROUP
WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
ROOM 6.22**

Apologies	Attended	
Dawn Homan (2 nd yr BS), Sisanoluwa Jemide (2 nd yr BMS), Dominika Majewska (2 nd yr BMS), Esther Olanrewaju (3 rd yr BMS), Bolanle Sorunke (3 rd yr BMS)	<p>Students</p> <p>Adam Nori (1st Yr BCH), Anna Phelps (1st Yr BMS), Luminita Ruje (1st Yr Gen), Rebecca Hadlington (2nd Yr BS), Russell Connelly (2nd Yr MB), Mert Uyaroglu (2nd Yr BCH), Mohammad Rahimi (2nd Yr BMS), Juliette D'Amelio (3rd Yr BS), Daniel Spooner (3rd Yr MB), Jaid Debrah-Donkor (3rd Yr BCH), Teresa Nguyen (3rd Yr Gen), Rosita Renwick (3rd Yr BMS), Madeleine Kissi (3rd Yr BMS), Jasmin Adebisi (3rd Yr BMS) and Joannes Joseph (3rd Yr BMS)</p>	<p>Staff</p> <p>Dr Antonio Marco, Dr Jonathan Worrall, Dr Selwa Alsam, Dr Leanne Hepburn, Dr Louise Beard, Dr Michelle Taylor, Miss Hope Alexander and Miss Anna Trafford</p>

No.	Item	
1	Starring items	N/A
2	Approval of Draft Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on 20 th March 2019 were approved as a correct record.
3	Update on Actions	It was believed that all actions had been carried out with further comments made on:- 31/18 – Dr Hepburn has since arranged for all deadlines to be put onto Moodle with ongoing work on the Moodle pages. 34/18 – Dr Hepburn confirmed that BS141 has been split into two modules, in the hopes that students will feel more supported with statistics and maths.
Section A – Student Business		

	1 st Year	<p><u>Issues with Mastering Biology</u> It was noted that there have been issues with Mastering Biology and agreed that all Mastering deadlines will be extended till the end of Autumn term.</p>
	2 nd Year	<p><u>Lectures on Moodle</u> Rebecca Hadlington requested that lectures are on Moodle before the lecture is given – it was noted that it is easier to follow the lecture with the lecture slides on a personal computer. It was brought up that it is difficult putting guest speaker notes up on Moodle beforehand however lecturers will be informed about this issue.</p> <p><u>Lecturing Speed</u> It was noted that some lecturers go through PowerPoint slides too fast with lots of content. It was suggested that there could be less content and more lectures.</p> <p><u>Voluntary R Classes</u> Rebecca requested that R classes be made compulsory as some students reported not being confident in their skills in it. Dr Beard informed her that R is now a compulsory module.</p> <p><u>Deadlines</u> Students confirmed that they were happy with the spread of deadlines in second year.</p>
	3 rd Year	<p><u>Workload</u> Students brought up concerns with the amount of workload for third year, with some students struggling with having so many deadlines as well as attempting their project. Dr Hepburn confirmed she would have a look at the deadlines.</p> <p>Action: LAH</p>

		<p><u>Strike</u> A general confusion has been noted regarding the strike action and how it will affect the students. Dr Hepburn notified the students, if content was not delivered then students will not be tested on it in exams.</p> <p><u>Dissertation</u> Some students were concerned about their projects with the main fear being that they won't have enough time to collect data. The students were encouraged to speak to their project supervisors for guidance.</p> <p><u>Enhanced Lab Training</u> Final year BMS students felt as if they have not received enough lab training and suggested an assessment on lab skills. Dr Beard advised this has already been implemented in the new BS143 module.</p> <p><u>Course content</u> Some students believe there is not enough choice for projects. They were notified them that there are not enough specialists to advise the students.</p> <p><u>January Deadlines</u> Several students highlighted the concern for having deadlines in January with a lot of students not feeling confident in doing SPF work over the Christmas Vacation period without support from staff members; the module BS327 was particularly highlighted with students requesting the deadline for the Essay and SPF be swapped. Dr Hepburn agreed to look into it.</p> <p>Action: LAH</p> <p><u>Career Options for Life Science Students</u></p>
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	Section B – Department Business	
	External Examiners Reports	Due to time constraints, course representatives were told to read the report and email Miss Trafford with any comments.
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	Election of Rep for DCT	<p>Biochemistry – Jaid Debrah-Donker Genetics – Teresa Nguyen Biomedical Science – Jasmin Adebisi Biological Science – Juliette D'Amelio Marine Biology – Daniel Spooner</p>
	AOB	Not discussed
	Date and time of next meetings	<u>TBC</u>