



Blizard Education Committee (BEC)

22-04-2025 (Large Cloud)

MINUTES

Present:

Jurgen Groet (JG) – chair	Melanie Smuk (MS)	Daniele Bergamaschi (DB)
Rachael Parker (RP)	Nawaz Ahmed (NA)	Ping Yip (PY)
Olivier Marches (OM)	Becky Chappell (BC)	Libby Thomas (LT)
Krys Gunton (KS)	Jo McCullagh (JM)	Andrew Durham (AD)

Part 1: Preliminary items

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mary Collins(MC), Joanna Riddoch-Contreras (JRC), Melanie Smuk (MS)
2. **Minutes from last BEC meeting and matters arising.**
 - Minutes from February 2025 were approved. Action 1: moved to May BEC.

Part 2: Agenda items

3. **MSc in Clinical Haematology and Transfusion:**
 - JM presented proposal for new MSc, need identified due to workforce issues in this specific area. Drive to enhance training to support needs of patients.
 - Committee raised following considerations:
 - o Funding to be explored as potentially necessary due to smaller size market of existing programmes offered elsewhere
 - o Consider whether launching as PGCert or PGDip to begin.
 - o Consider structure with 2 intakes with September/January start
 - o Utilise modules as CPD standalone, already keen interest for this.
 - o Elective modules will not be possible with proposed student numbers
 - Committee approved programme in principle. Programme financials to be worked on by JM and NA before P1 proposal is submitted to T&LC
4. **Minor Assessment Changes**
 - Clinical Science suite- Assessment changes approved
 - Neuroscience- Assessment changes approved
 - Paediatric Emergency Medicine- Assessment changes approved.
 - Regenerative Medicine-assessment changes approved via email after the April BEC

Part 3: Standing items

5. UG Update and Collaborative Working	- No update
6. Clinical PGT Programmes Updates:	- No update
7. Centre Education Lead Updates:	- IB: Olivier – reported continued high marking load for centre for Clinical Sciences suite of programmes. - NST: Ping – no updates - CBCR: Daniele – no updates -
8. Learner engagement Update:	- Audit of disengagement policy was conducted, however not enough students disengaged to see if the policy has been followed and implemented at Blizzard.
9. Marketing & Student Recruitment Update:	- NA reported numbers are looking positive if removing the Biomedical Science programme from figures. This programme was open for scholarship last year which accounts for the higher number of applicants/offers/accepts/firms.
10. E- learning Update:	- No update
11. Programme Development Update:	- JG reported that Aesthetic Medicine will go to TPB for January starts this month. - Regen Medicine & Neuroscience are exploring possible amendments to facilitate Jan starts as current structure does not permit. - ResM in Functional Genomics and Epigenomics went to T&LC, will be resubmitted following enquiries about the first proposal.
12. Teaching Allocation Update:	- Discussed new Bone & Joint Health Centre will get their own allocations for IHSE staffing (OSCEs/academic advisors etc.) - SSC4 Title request has gone to centres to confirm.
13. Staffing:	- No update
14. Global Engagement Update:	- No update
15. AOB:	- None

BEC outstanding action list

Action Number				
1	January 2025	Compile list of projects across Centres for May BEC	NA	Ongoing