

Manifesto

I think the new Graduate and Mature Student Rep needs to be a mature student, who understands the challenges faced by the older student.

I think it would be very good to coordinate events officially for both grads and non grad mature students so all mature medics know what's going on. Also rather than just focusing on graduates as I would want to ensure that all mature medics were included, graduates and non graduates alike.

I would also ensure better networking between mature medics from the different year groups, having mature medic parents partnered with other mature students coming through each year i.e. having mature medic parents for mature first years etc. I do not know if this is how it is currently organised. I know my medic sister is a mature (grad) but I don't know if my medic parents are mature students tbh I only saw them once so have not got to know them!

I do think there definitely needs to be a mature rep to help address any issues for mature students regarding finance, housing, academic and social needs.

I also think there should be opportunity for communication between mature medics and mature non medic uni students, as at the moment they are completely separate entities and I think much can be gained by communication between the two because, at the very least, there are many other facilities with mature students that use CFM as well - such as theatre op practitioner students and psychology students. A connection with these other mature students will break enhance understanding of each other's future roles, as well as widening social networks between medical disciplines.

If I was Grad and Mature Student Rep:-

- I would be available for students to approach every morning between 8.20 and 8.50am to raise issues.
- I would be an advocate to speak on behalf of mature students to the medical school or university as a whole.
- I would help to organise events for mature students to socialise, both just mature medics and also in collaboration with the main university mature students society.
- I would liaises with current mature students to ensure new first year mature students are provided with suitable induction to the facilities at the university and organise support regarding a pre entry academic workbook to introduce topics and bridge prior learning gaps before starting the course.

Thank you for listening.

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