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### WHAT HAS BEEN WORKED ON IN THE LAST MONTH?

1. Hold first Women in Science Roundtable with first topic of discussion (to be identified by participants) feedback to SoCS – slight delay but roundtables will begin in Feb 2021
2. Support arriving back to Uni and completion of Semester A – Ongoing Until 1<sup>st</sup> week of Feb

This period has been a bit condensed due to the Christmas holidays and updates with respect to new Covid rules on returning to university. I am pleased to say that there have been only a few general enquiries to the reps about this as well as when the new Semester starts. The school have communicated widely what is happening and any consequences of the changes.

This month also sees the end of the Semester A and start of the 2 x week exam period so will again be a little fragmented. The student in the school are at the moment very busy with assignments which have been the main item on students' mind.

Several meetings with the School around how demonstrators are used as well as future recommendations for small improvements in the programmes have also been made that will hopefully positively impact future students in each of the years.

### SUCCESS FROM THE PAST MONTH AND ANY REP WINS:

The team have again been busy with their own coursework but also supporting students as we come to the end of Semester A. Our key achievements over the last 4 weeks have been:

1. **Women in Science**– The planned start of the Women in Science roundtables to support inclusivity for all campaign across SoCS had been a little delayed due to the heavier than planned workloads students would be facing at the start of the year. However, introductions and invites have now been sent to students onto the roundtable discussion groups with several accepting and with the first discussion planned to be held mid Feb. There are overall 3 roundtables planned with the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in March and April respectively. The roundtables will be moderated and will be based on chosen themes with questions around those themes making up the general discussion. The themes will be chosen by the roundtable participants prior to the discussion. The output from these roundtables will then be a series of recommendations on each of the themes to the CoS leadership team. The roundtable initiative is being progressed by Zuzanna Walaszczyk (Y2 course rep) and supported by Garry Clawson (SoCS School rep).
2. **Student Support** – Student support over the Christmas period has tended to be around supporting clarification on assignments, guiding those that need them to the appropriate extension request forms and helping students who are coming back from a study break find their feet. General support has also been on being visible in each online lecture and asking questions on behalf of a group of students which the lecturers have then kindly clarified in the online sessions.
3. **New Reps** – We have had new enquiries on becoming a rep and have also reached out to students who we think would make a good rep due to their demonstrated passion about the course. New rep proposals have been forwarded and hopefully will be approved before February ready for Semester B.

### PLANS FOR NEXT MONTH:

This coming month sits across the final weeks of the Semester A, so focus is on helping with any concerns around assignments or exams during this time.

1. Host the first Women in Science Roundtable and present the recommendations to the CoS leadership team.
2. Continue support for students through end of Semester A and exam period
3. To begin to support the April enhancement week program with ideas