

PGT SSLC – 28/11/22

Present:

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Discussion:

1. Course concerns

MH: It would be helpful if seminar readings were more easily accessible from seminar webpages

CS: Importance of learning to use a catalogue; potential need for more library training; but webpages could be easily updated with direct links to reading

MH: It would be good to have more information about the assignments on module webpages, e.g. specific requirements for specific essays, example essay titles

CS: Explained how the 1500/4500 word essays came about. Some level of freedom for course directors, e.g. to set a book review as an assignment

Action: CS to encourage colleagues to give more information and guidance on essays, especially for 6000 word essays in Term 2

2. PGT Community

PGT lunches/writing workshops considered a success. CS has asked colleagues to speak in Term 2.

SH to check timetable for an alternative slot in Term 2 and poll students re preference.

3. Modern stream

HI998 concern because of Laura Schwartz's absence. CS: Offered to give essay guidance

4. Global stream

Students would appreciate advanced warning about changed times/rooms for HI989 lectures

5. Medicine stream

Course director taught seminars in Weeks 1 and 4, but not since. Students would like to see RB again after reading week to ask questions regarding assessment.

Course taught largely by postdoc students – great variety, enthusiasm and expertise, but a few issues with teaching e.g. awareness of library resources, absence.

Action: CS to express concerns with RB