

## Action points arising from the SSLC meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015

### I.T. issues

- Students' accounts are being locked out on daisy if they use too much memory. It was reported that the lock out lasts a week, which is having an impact on completion of their *PX384 Scientific Programming* work.  
**RESPONSE: Students have confirmed that this is now resolved.**
- A large fraction of the PCs in the Physical Sciences workroom are not allowing the students to log on successfully.  
**ACTION: SSLC Chair to approach I.T. Services about this issue.**

### Building issues

- Recycling bins were requested in the undergraduate workrooms.  
**ACTION: A paper recycling bin has now been installed in the workroom.**

### First year issues

There are no first year issues because the first year representatives have yet to be elected.

### Second year issues

- It was reported that *PX277 Computational Physics* assumed material not covered in *PX150 Programming Workshop*. Therefore it was requested that there be a smoother transition between these two modules.  
**ACTION: The lecturer is aware that some students feel the module assumed too much and will take steps to help students who feel that they are not coping.**
- It was reported that one lecture a week in *PX262 Quantum Mechanics and its Applications* (Term 1) is used primarily for students to work through problems on their own or with their neighbour(s). Some students reported a preference for using this time for a conventional lecture. However this was balanced by favourable comments on the module.  
**ACTION: The lecturer concerned is keen that students engage actively with the material during the examples classes. He will discuss the format of the class with the students.**
- It was reported that there was too much assessed work in weeks 1 and 2 of Term 1.  
**RESPONSE: Before each term, the department ensures that assessment deadlines for all second year modules are distributed evenly. The only assessments in weeks 1 and 2 should have been a PX275 revision worksheet due in on Monday of Week 2, and an in-class test for PX275 on Friday of Week 2.**

### Third year issues

See points raised under I.T. issues.

### Fourth year issues

- There is a clash of lectures for modules *PX435 Neutrino Physics* and *MA4A7 Quantum Mechanics: Basic Principles and Probabilistic Methods*.  
**RESPONSE: This timetable clash has now been resolved.**
- A sheet of problems was released for *PX445 Advanced Particle Physics* at 23:20 on 18<sup>th</sup> October, and the problems were worked through in the lecture two days later. Some students would like more time to look at the problems before they are worked through in a lecture.  
**RESPONSE: The lecturer explains it was a one-off, when the "examples class" was moved from Friday to Tuesday. It should in future be possible to give out the exercises at the latest on the Friday for going through the following Tuesday.**
- There are some maths modules, which do not appear on eVision for FG33 students as available for registration.  
**ACTION: Students who are having issues with registering should contact NdA.**