

# GSSLC Meeting 26th October 2015

## 1. Election of Chair

- 1.1. Andres Fioriti was elected chair of the committee.
- 1.2. Carlo Schwarz was elected secretary of the committee.

## 2. Membership of Committee

### Student Representatives

Diego Solorzano Rueda  
Andres Fioriti  
Andy Ferrara  
Carlo Schwarz  
Daniel Diez-Alonso  
Antonio Schiavone  
**Missing:** None

### Staff Representative

Heafey, Maryanne  
Dutta, Bhaskar  
Deven, Natalie  
Riley, Helen  
Smith, Jeremy  
**Missing:** Mukand, Sharun and Horslers, Lynne and Muthoo, Abhinay

## 3. Minutes of the GSSLC meeting held on 20th May 2015

### 4. Computing Issues

#### 4.1. Stata 14 Update

Update of Stata requires administrative password on the university computers. This measure is in place on all university computers to protect the computers from viruses. Students who need Stata 14 need to ask the IT Service.

### 5. Library Issues

#### 5.1. Electronic Equipment in Library

Some of the handouts which explain the equipment of the library are not up to date or the provided explanation is not corrected. Therefore, it would be good if a telephone to call the help line or at least a phone number for help would be provided.

### 6. Curriculum Organisation

### 7. Curriculum Development

### 8. Teaching and Learning

#### 8.1. Slot to meet seminar speaker CRETA seminar

A slot to meet a CRETA seminar speaker was taken from a 4<sup>th</sup> year Phd student. Even if this happens rarely it would be good if 4<sup>th</sup> year students (job market candidates) could be prioritized when the slots are distributed since they are close to the job market. For CAGE seminars there is

already a fixed number of slots provided for Phd students. It would be good if a similar arrangement would apply to CRETA seminars.

## **8.2. Lecture Capture (Mres)**

The first year Mres students asked if it would be possible to capture their lectures. The Macro Lectures of Thijs are already independently captured but only a temporary link is provided to access the lecture. It will be checked in which of the teaching rooms lecture capture is possible. Depending on the agreement of the lecturer, lecture capture will be provided.

## **9. Space for office hours**

The space for office hours of the Phd students is limited. Two bookable rooms were provided from this year. The possibility to book this room was unfortunately only advertised to teaching fellows so far.

## **10. Methods of Examination**

### **11. Student Support and Guidance**

#### **11.1. Job Market support**

The 4<sup>th</sup> year Phd students who have not entered the job market this year have not received any information or support for the job market process. This is due to the fact that most of the students who will enter the job market in 2017 have not finished their job market paper yet and most of the help provided by the department is not yet of interest for them. For the job market candidates, the department so far provided mock interviews, a presentation series, editing support, money for job interview and help sending the references.

#### **11.2. Timeline 4th year Phd Students**

There is conflicting information about the submission date for the Phd thesis. It would be good if the official date could be clarified. Normally the deadline is 4 years after the start of the Phd.

#### **11.3. Extensions**

There is uncertainty about the availability of extensions. The graduate school decides about the availability of extensions. Usually extensions are only provided in case of exceptional problems. In general students are expected to finish on time. For the students coming from the Mres program no extension will be provided.

#### **11.4. Visa for Non-EU students**

The Non-EU students are not sure how an extension will affect their visa. The normal student visa only covers a period of 4 years. Hence, it would be good if somebody from the international office of the university could provide some advice about the current regulations.

## **12. Any other Business**

#### **12.1. E-mail from the Graduate school**

The 4<sup>th</sup> year Phd students were not happy with the tone of the e-mail of the graduate school. The e-mail stated that the Phd students now should only focus on the write up of their thesis, which is not the fact for most 4<sup>th</sup> year the Phd students in the economic department. Since this e-mail was not department specific the students can potentially just ignore it.

#### **12.2. ESRC funding (length of funding)**

Some students have stopped to receive ESRC funding. This is due to a policy change of the ESRC. Neither the department nor the students have yet received an answer from the ESRC about this. For the students affected by this the department has so far provided teaching fellowships.

### **12.3. Travel funding for non ESRC Students**

The students ask if any department funding to conferences will be provided for non ESRC students. So far there is no fixed department policy. The department will look at this on a case by case bases. If the quality of the conference is high enough and the student is invited for a presentation (not only a poster session) funding might be provided for a maximum of 1 conference a year.