

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 4th year Phd student. Even if this happens rarely it would be good if 4th 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 4th 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 4th 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 4th 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.