

## Minutes of MRes/PhD SSLC meeting 30/01/26

### Actions on previous meetings:

1. Old Economics department chairs:
  - An informal survey on the quality of PhD office chairs was done since last meeting and it seems around 15 students have very uncomfortable office chairs. It is agreed the next step should be an electronic survey so as to understand the extent of the issue. The survey will likely include an upload of a photo so that Colin can know how old these inadequate chairs are.
  - 'Warwick Swap' is proposed as a possible solution. It is a service where departments across Warwick can donate equipment that they are not using to other departments.
2. Eduroam:
  - Lately, speeds in the economics department have been worse but there have been fewer cut-offs in the department. It seems that for now there isn't much that we can do. If there are issues, Natalie suggests [raising a ticket](#) to report it.

### Other agenda items:

3. Joint event for MSc and MRes students:
  - SSLC execs for the MRes cohort and the MSc cohort are set to discuss a possible joint social for the two cohorts. The execs will discuss with Stef with regards to the planning of the event.
  - Action: a meeting has taken place, with ideas now being finalised.
4. MRes/PhD inclusion in breakfast events etc.
  - Stef is to make sure MRes/PhD students are invited to the department breakfasts and brunches
  - Action: Stef has added department wellbeing brunches to the tabula of MRes/PhD students while the brunches will also be mentioned in the coming newsletter. They are currently scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup> of February, the 17<sup>th</sup> of March and the 29<sup>th</sup> of April.
5. PG Summer Social:
  - An email will come out soon regarding this. Representatives are told to remind their cohort about it.
6. MRes seminars:
  - The MRes year 1 cohort is advised to give a direct request to the EC9A1 lecturer regarding appropriate replacement for the seminars that did not take place. One of the SSLC reps also offers to cover as seminar tutor.
  - Due to difficulty in booking lecture rooms across the whole university, it seems the 9am lectures in the second half of term 2 for year 1 MRes students are not able to be moved to a time later in the day.

7. Other:

- It is suggested to have contacts of the SSLC Chairman and Secretary in the MRes/PhD common room.
- Action: Stef has put up a poster of contacts for all MRes/PhD SSLC exec in the common room, while a feedback form will be added to the SSLC page. Through this form students can submit their feedback directly to the MRes/PhD course reps.