

## **MRes/PhD GRADUATE STAFF-STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE**

For the Graduate Staff-Student Liaison Committee Meeting to be held on  
Friday 03 November 2023

### **MINUTES**

- 1. Nomination of Chair and Secretary**
  - i. Chair: Damiano**
  - ii. Secretary: Freddie**
- 2. Resources (Library/IT)**
  - i. Open to Feedback, positive and negative**
  - ii. Can borrow 999 objects**
  - iii. Use click and collect services if you need to get hold of taken books**
  - iv. Subscriptions for FT and Economist are available**
- 3. Teaching and Learning**
  - i. PG teaching. There has been improvements in teaching experience.  
Early contracts, early noting about marking.**
    - 1. Issues: single contract. Get contracts sorted out within a  
reasonable amount of time**
  - ii. Research contracts (RA contracts via Unitemps): delay in getting  
contracts.**
  - iii. Is there a point of contact for research contracts? Apparently no, but  
Manuel will figure out who is responsible for that.**
- 4. Assessment and Feedback**
  - i. No matters**

## **5. Student Engagement and Support**

### **i. PRES 2023 Results**

- 1. Only 27 PhD students responded to bad!**
- 2. Disappointing result in “Support” (way below Warwick average)**
- 3. Comments on how to improve this are welcome. Contact Manuel or Natalie or one of the SSLC reps.**

## **6. Matters Arising**

- i. Second year courses not as useful as first year courses. Department will keep an eye on evaluations and remain the option to be more intrusive in course content. There will be a meeting to follow up on that.**
- ii. Money on immigration health surcharge is refunded post payment. There is a request to get the money upfront. This topic has been raised at the induction. At the moment, the question is how this can be done as this is a financial risk for the department (3k pp).**

## **7. Equality, Diversity, and Inclusivity**

- i. Q: Does the department have an EDA policy? A: the whole university has one. Q: does the department target a degree of diversity? A: MRes/PhD is diverse internationally. The department tries to be diverse both in terms of gender and nationality. But they do not have a written down policy. Gender ratio of 40% women is targeted. African countries are underrepresented but efforts prove difficult.**
- ii. Q: How does Warwick compare to other universities? A: a document will be created.**
- iii. For UGs 50/50 overseas and home/Europe**

- iv. **Q: Are there many applications from African countries? A: no, only 1 or 2.**
  - v. **In the AMP we get lots of prospective PhDs from African countries. Is it that they don't apply for PhD in the end.**
- 8. Any other business**

**Next meeting: Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> of December 2023**