

# GSSLC Meeting on 6th March, 2026

Venue:

Online meeting via Teams Participants:

Staff:

1. Andrea Wyld
2. Alexander Karalis-Isaac
3. Stephanie Redding
4. Shubham Kailthya
5. Stefania Toscano
6. Jackie Hanes
7. Claudia Rei 8. Ali Collins

Students:

1. Samantha Eves (Co-Chair) 2. Aathira Pillai (Co-Chair)
3. Madhuvanathi Sounderrajan
4. Moksha Bhangaria
5. Riya Rajvanshi
6. Shiva Chelluri

(Transcribed by Shiva Chelluri)

## Topics Covered:

The following topics were discussed in the SSLC meeting on 6th March 2026. To keep the Minutes of the Meeting succinct, we primarily review the discussion, problem-solving, and actionable next steps.

### Administrative Updates & Action Items

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved with no corrections or additions. Regarding matters arising, Stef successfully sourced and installed wall-mounted whiteboards in all MSc study rooms, fulfilling a previous student request. Additionally, module evaluations are now open and will run until 22nd March. Finally, the external examiner's report has been shared with student representatives for their reference.

### Key Action Items:

- **Stephanie:** Follow up with IT about the Alumni Careers Journey event recording, include it in the next Economics Careers Bulletin, and send out the bulletin this week or next. The recording of this session is now available on this page [Alumni Journeys Careers Event](#).
- **Stef/Bozena (Action Completed on 11/03/26):** At the SSLC meeting, Stef mentioned Hayley Wooldridge (lead on mentoring programme) will send a promotional email to all students about the alumni mentoring program and share the slides and recording from the Alumni session held on the 24 Feb. Stef subsequently (on 11/03) sent an email to all MSc students on behalf of Hayley covering the above.

Bozena is also planning to create a landing page on the economics website featuring mentors.

- **Course Leader:** Communicate scheduling requirements to students regarding the EC992 third topic block.
- **Social Events Team:** Book a larger venue and order 2-3 additional pizzas for future MSc social events.
- **Students:** Promote Jackie's upcoming lecture on library resources for dissertations.

## Skills Development and Careers

- **Stephanie:** The recent Alumni Careers Journey event clashed with MSc lectures, resulting in low student attendance. To address this, Stephanie will share the recording in the upcoming Economics Careers Bulletin. Stefania has also shared the recording with the SSLC after the SSLC meeting ([Alumni Journeys Careers Event](#)). The neurodivergent strengths session was fully booked with 60 students registered, and a follow-up session open to both MSc and undergraduate cohorts will take place in the Summer term, focusing specifically on applications and interviews. Furthermore, the Asia Insight events series, coordinated by the central team, is scheduled for next week. Finally, regarding the Alumni Mentoring Program, attendance at recent sessions was low; therefore, an email has been sent to students with slides and a recording of the session. Bozena is considering creating a dedicated landing page to feature the alumni mentors.

## Assessment and Feedback

**Shiva:** Students provided highly positive feedback on this term's exam feedback, finding it particularly helpful for Micro A. The provision of a question-specific marks breakdown before summary statistics was greatly appreciated, as it helped students accurately gauge their standing compared to the cohort distribution. While there was initial concern regarding lower-than-expected scores, understanding the overall distribution alleviated this by demonstrating the exam's difficulty. The individual question marks allowed students to compare their expectations with actual performance effectively, making the second feedback form particularly useful.

## EC992 Topics in Data Science Module

**Aathira:** A concern was raised regarding the module's structure: guided project plans are released at different points across the three topic blocks, but all presentations are scheduled for the same final week. This gives students interested in the third topic less time to prepare. Staff responded that sequential teaching by experts is a module strength, and the task is not so open-ended that extra weeks would provide a material advantage. The course leader will communicate with students to ensure those interested in the third topic schedule their time appropriately.

## **Student Engagement and Support**

**Aathira and Sam:** The recent MSc and MRes pizza social was well-attended and highly appreciated by the students. However, turnout exceeded expectations, leading to a crowded venue and a catering shortage. Stef highlighted the importance of students completing the registration form so that organisers can accurately plan catering. The room used for this event was originally requested by the SSLC, but a larger space will be arranged next time. The next social event will be a breakfast with scones and tea scheduled for Monday, 9th March at 9:30 am.

## **Library Resources**

**Jackie:** The library has updated its access to *The Economist*, moving to a single sign-on (SSO) authentication system. Students now only need to enter their university email address to be automatically logged in, and existing accounts will be automatically matched with the new system. Additionally, students were asked to promote Jackie's upcoming presentation on library resources for dissertations, which will take place in next week's dissertation lecture.