

GRADUATE STAFF-STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

For the Graduate Staff-Student Liaison Committee held on 29th October 2015 at 12pm in room S2.73 (Meeting Room).

Staff representatives: Carolyn Andrews , Rattigan Sue, Zammit Nick, Smith Jeremy, Helen Riley.

Student representatives: Chandrakanta (Msc. Econ), Radu Gabriel Cristea (Msc. Econ), Gokhan Er (Msc. Econ), Keshni Sritharan (Msc. Econ), Amaro Alaffa (Msc. EIFE), Natalie Miner (Msc. EIFE), Marius Dietsch (Msc. BES).

Chairman: Amaro Alaffa.

Secretary: Gokhan Er.

Missing staff representatives: Muthoo Abhinay , Horsler Lynne.

1) Attendance of the members taken.

2) Review of the last meeting minutes:

a) Lecture recordings will be available in a short period of time (possibly one week) rather than three weeks.

3) Computing issues.

Issue: Lack of computers on the MSc common room.

Action: The Department will increase the number of computers available for the aforementioned room shortly, including a computer only for short term use.

4) Library issues

Issue: Lack of books at the library for recommended economics books.

Action: Students should preferably email the representatives so we can contact Helen Riley (Library representative) directly and she will try to make sure that there are enough copies in the library. This is to avoid too many mails to Helen and increase effectiveness. Nevertheless, it is important to notice that hard copies could take some time to arrive (from few days to one month), in which case it might be better to ask for the ebook.

5) Curriculum

b) The difference between econometrics A and B will be discussed with Wiji and Marko and students will be informed why A or B is the right choice for them. To do so, a possible online self assessment regarding the differences of A and B was discussed and will be analysed further in order to be implemented next year.

c) More help to be provided by seminar teachers before exams, possible solutions were discussed. Increasing the duration of the seminar, to alternative video recordings for the worked out seminar solutions.

6) Methods of Examination and Assessment

Issue: For the maths and stats test many people thought there wasn't enough help that was provided by the lecturers and seminar teachers.

Action: Jeremy would let teachers explain the full intuition while studying for exams.

Issue: Students would like to know the distribution marks for the past maths and stats exam.

Action: The Department will provide the distribution of marks for the math and stats exam on the math and stats website.

7) Student support and Guidance

Issue: Some students arrived later and could not attend the sessions which were intended to explain how to read the time tables and find the location of buildings, something that affected their attendance to lectures earlier on Term 1.

Action: The Department said that they kindly directed any student queries regarding this topic, and possibly in the future videorecording and such similar sessions could be an alternative solution.

8) Other Business

Issue: Many students wish to pursue internships.

Action: It is the department's responsibility to make sure we do not get distracted while we do our dissertation as it is a 12 month course.

Issue: There are many websites to check for Msc. students instead of only one.

Action: Due to the fact that the University will maintain its scheme, the representatives of the GSSLC will develop a PDF with the list of all the relevant links and a brief description.

Issue: Some students are worried about a lack of information regarding their dissertation.

Action: A specific lecture regarding possible dissertation topics will be held on February 2016, as well as a session from the Library to help students to get the information needed.

Issue: More information about Ph.D.'s opportunities should be provided.

Action: An event to advertise such opportunities will take place on November 12th, including a careers event solely for economics students.