

GRADUATE STAFF-STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

For the Graduate Staff-Student Liaison Committee held on Thursday 10th December 2015 at 12pm in room S2.133 (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.

Missing student representatives: Radu Gabriel Cristea.

1) Attendance of the members taken.

2) Review of the last meeting minutes:

The minutes from the last meeting were approved and the actions agreed by Department were implemented accordingly.

3) Computing issues.

Issue: Members of the GSSLC wanted computers to have the latest windows update, which is useful for job application processes.

Action: The IT services update computers every year with new updates, which implies the problem could prevail until August next year.

4) Library issues

Issue: Helen Riley suggested that the PG Hub could be open on weekends too, something that would be useful for postgrads.

Action: PG Hub is now open until midnight, but for weekends it would incur in additional costs for the university. In such a case, it is uncertain if PG Hub could open on weekends during the following months.

5) Curriculum

Issue: There is an important necessity of extra stata classes for Econometrics A and B, in order to directly apply the concepts from the lectures and seminars and obtain the ability to programme using the software by students.

Action: An email will be sent to all students regarding stata classes, which will take place next term.

Issue: Many students required the possibility of office hours from both class tutors and module leaders/lecturers during first week of Spring Term prior to January exams.

Action: An email including lecturers extra office hours will be sent to all students by the Department.

Issue: There was a lack of information regarding optional modules' lecture captures.

Action: The Department informed that optional modules won't have lecture captures due to lack of technological facilities on rooms. Also, members of the Department argued that lecture capture decreases lecture attendance. Nevertheless, due to the fact that the evidence exposed came from undergraduates' actions (which could differ from postgrads'), Nick Zammit mentioned he would take the topic to further instances.

6) Methods of Examination and Assessment

Issue: Some students considered appropriate to have reading time for econometrics.

Action: For Econometrics A there will be 15 minutes reading time, with the exam lasting for 3 hours. Nevertheless, due to the different format of the Econometrics B exam, it won't have reading time.

7) Student support and Guidance

Issue: Revision classes needed.

Action : There will be additional revision classes on January before macro and micro exams.

8) Other Business

Issue: An important number of students would like to have a microwave for the Msc. common room.

Action: Unfortunately, due to the lack of kitchen facilities on that place, the Department can't provide microwave to common room. Nonetheless, students are allowed to use one located on routes building.

Issue: There is no clock on the common room.

Action: The Department will provide one clock during the following week.

Issue: The computers available on the common room are at many times totally occupied, something that affects students who only want to print.

Action: The Department will establish a computer for printing only, allowing the students to be logged in during a short period of time (probably 15 minutes).

It is important to notice that The University will be shut from 24th of December to 4th of January.