

## GRADUATE STAFF-STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

**Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd February 2016 from 2pm - 4pm S2.133 (Meeting Room).**

**Staff representatives:** Kelly Taylor, 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.

**Absent students and staff representatives:** Muthoo Abhinay.

**1) Attendance of the members:** The attendance was taken at the beginning of the meeting.

**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: The printing only computer doesn't work properly.

Action: The Department will contact the IT team to ensure its functioning. Unfortunately, the IT team has replied acknowledging such a function was impossible to implement.

### **4) Library issues:**

Issue: Students asked for more hard copies of particular module's books.

Action: Helen Riley confirmed the lack of copies and agreed to get more.

### **5) Curriculum Development:**

Issue: While studying for macro and micro exams, some students, due to the amount of topics covered, decided to specialise on main topics for the exams. Jennifer Smith asked the GSSLC members whether it would be good to answer all of the questions in the exam. Most of the GSSLC members agreed with answering all of the questions, but only if the workload is normal.

Issue: There is high demand for lecture capture.

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. Thus, a revision of the rooms was taken into place to look for a possible solution to technology gaps. Nonetheless, was found that most of the rooms have the facilities installed but was on lecturers' preference not to use lecture capture. It was agreed the

representatives would approach to those lecturers willing to use lecture capture but with no information on how to do it to help them.

Issue: Some students showed their concerns about their understanding about Stata, reason why the GSSLC representatives asked for particular help on this issue from the Department, especially when doing the Dissertation.

Action: The Department announced students could find help for specific Stata issues while doing the dissertation, as well as the availability of some Stata explanatory videos from Mirko Draca.

## **6) Methods of Examination and Assessment**

Issue: After term 1 exams, the time needed to publish the results was considered too long by most of students. Thus, the GSSLC representatives asked for a shorter period of time and specific dates for the preliminary results to be published.

Action: The department will try give out results in a short period of time.

Issue: Considering econometrics project as well as other optional modules the load of work leads to clashes. Therefore for students it would be good to have the information to start the assignments as soon as possible.

Action: This is up to the lecturers and they could consider to improve publishing assignment details in more flexible time.

## **7) Other Business.**

Issue: Some students will face the end of their residence contract before the deadline for submitting the Dissertation.

Action: The Department contacted the Accommodation Services, which kindly asked students to contact them directly.