

Minutes of the Graduate Staff-Student Liaison Committee (SSLC) Meeting

held on Wednesday 28 November 2018 at 12:00
in Room S2.133, Social Science Building

Attendees:

Staff Representatives:	Naylor, Robin	Director of Studies
	Karalis Isaac, Alex	Deputy Director of PGT Programmes
	Riley, Helen	Library Representative
	Andrews, Carolyn	PTL Manager
	Wyld, Andrea	Postgraduate Secretary
	Redding, Stephanie	Senior Careers Consultant
	Smith, Jeremy	Head of Department
	Taylor, Kelly	Quality Assurance Manager

Student Representatives	Bollati, Edoardo	MSc Econ
	Guerrieri D'Amati, Andrea (Secretary)	MSc Econ
	Perkins, Catherine (Secretary)	MSc Econ
	Zayat, Aline (Chair)	MSc Econ
	Stafford-Johnson, Natalie	MSc BES (Econ track)
	Chen, Binjie	MSc EIFE
	He, Qi	MSc EIFE

1. Review of Minutes & Actions meeting 24 October 2018

The last minutes of the last meeting on 24 October 2018 were found to be true and accurate.

2. Matters Arising

Nothing to discuss.

3. Learning Resources (Library/IT)

Library:

- Following up the discussion from the previous meeting, it was pointed out that later Library Tours are already available, and that it is not up to the Department to arrange them but up to the Library.
- Resources available for Postgraduate students were advertised, such as the PG Hub and the Mentorship Scheme

IT:

- Many students reported that some of the computers in the computer room S2.81A do not always work.
 - Department will let IT know about the issue, and suggested students to report the issue to IT directly in the future.

4. Careers and Skills

Careers:

- Stephanie Redding will give careers advice appointments over Christmas holiday on Skype as many students will not be on campus.

5. Teaching and Learning

EC910/EC902/EC907L/EC987L:

- Students were concerned about the relevance of the problem sets, which though useful for the project and the dissertation, are not relevant for exam preparation.
 - Department will look into this, however they emphasize the importance of learning Stata as this is a valuable part of studying Econometrics. Moreover, they will try to provide some exam practice and/or extra revision lectures next term, especially for students studying in Behavioural Economics Science.
- Students were concerned about the gap between EC910/EC987L and EC902/EC907L
 - Department is aware of the difference as the two courses are designed to equip students with different kinds of knowledge they might require after the MSc (i.e. more practical or more theoretical depending on career prospects). The Department will make this clearer for future students.

Stata:

- Students suggested to set up a separate Moodle page for Stata help as it is not easily accessible.
 - Department will try and set it up, and will report back.

EC9011:

- Problem sets solutions were slow to be uploaded.
 - Department will inform the module leader.

6. Student Engagement and Support

Snap polls:

- Quick polls were distributed to students during lectures, but they only included three short questions and no opportunity to give written feedback.
 - These polls were made for the Department to get a quick feedback on how the course was doing. Moreover, the Department will look into sending the survey through MyWarwick rather than making students type the URL. Later

on, Module Evaluation survey will give students the opportunity to give more feedback on the course.

7. Assessment and Feedback

Nothing to discuss.

8. Dissertation

Nothing to discuss.

9. Organisation of the course

Nothing to discuss.

10. Gender Equality and Diversity

Gender Equality:

- Students were concerned that Zumba has not been running, and the only alternative for Extra Activities was Football, which is perceived to be for boys only, it was suggested that another more gender-inclusive sport could be introduced such as volleyball.
 - Department emphasized that Football is open to everyone, but it will look into feasible alternatives for Zumba.

11. AOB

Lockers in S2.81A:

- Some of the lockers in S2.81A appear to be unused despite there being a waiting list for the lockers.
 - Department already sent out an email reminding students who do not use the locker to make them available for others, but will keep reminding.

Review Tutorials:

- Positive feedback was given for EC9011 Review Tutorials because they can submit questions beforehand on a Google Doc, and suggested the same should be done for EC9012 ones.
 - Department will look into this.

Behavioural Economics workload:

- Students in Behavioural felt overloaded with assignments and questioned whether it was relevant to have so many assessments in such a short amount of time.
 - Department will raise the issue with the Psychology department though it will not necessary be a reduction in workload, but more of a change in priority

and even if it raises the issue, there is no guarantee that a change will happen.

EC9011 seminars

- Students have reported a reluctance to attend due to the communication style of the seminar tutor
 - Department cannot do much other than encouraging students to engage more in seminars, and to talk to the seminar tutor about any issue that might arise during those.

12. Next meeting

The next GSSLC meeting is scheduled on Wednesday 16 January 2019, 12.00-13.00 in room S2.133.