

[2nd Year Actuarial Science Student Voice Group]

STUDENT VOICE GROUP
HELD ON Wednesday 13-11-2019 1 pm
ROOM 3.407

Staff: Dr Spyros Vrontos, Dr Jackie Wong

Attended: Students: Julia Bilas

Not Attended: Kathryn Younger, Adam Wood

No.	Item	
1	Starring items	The main concern is regarding the summer exam timetable for 2 nd year actuarial students, where two exams are scheduled to take place on the same day, putting pressure on students' revision. There are also some issues with MA200 Statistics 2 in particular (see below).
2	Approval of Draft Minutes	The previous minutes were approved.
3	Update on Actions	Dr Vrontos explained that there is no new module for this year, but it is noted that some modules need to be updated next year in relation to the new IFoA curriculum (which does not affect the current batch of 2 nd year students).
	Section A – Student Business	
	MA200 Statistics 2	There is a significant decrease in the attendance for this module's lectures. There were a number of issues being raised: quick pace, packed contents, lack of sufficient examples, lecturer reading through slides.
	MA201 Linear Algebra	Nothing specific
	MA203 Real Analysis	Nothing specific

	MA210 Vector Calculus	Nothing specific
	MA212 Contingencies 1	Students liked the idea of making annotations on lecture notes along with the lecturer. One suggestion though is to upload the assignment earlier to allow students more time in attempting the questions.
	MA222 Classical Mechanics	Nothing specific
	MA199 Employability	Nothing else to suggest, although it was noted that the attendance can get quite low at times.
	EC201 Macroeconomics (Intermediate)	Amazing lectures, students liked the lecturer's style of connecting and relating all the topics sensibly.
	Exemption issues	<p>-Students are aware that the only option to obtain exemptions on modules/components that they did not managed to score (in their 1st year) is to resit the exams directly through the IFoA in London. However, students would like us to explore the possibility to bring the external exam to our campus rather than having to travel somewhere else, paying certain amount of fees.</p> <p>-Another possible option, to be explored, is to provide the option for students to take additional exam for modules that provide exemption during summer, again, paying extra fees. For example, 2nd year students (and possibly MSc students) could sit for the MA126 Financial Mathematics summer exam if they intend to be exempted from CM1.</p>
	Other general issues	<p>-The lecture room for MA200 Statistics 2 is too large, and the settings are making it uncomfortable to write notes.</p> <p>-One of the metrics used (accessing computers on campus) to monitor student's engagement in LEAP does not make sense since most students do not use computers on campus.</p> <p>-It was suggested that it may be beneficial to have an actuarial session for module changes during Welcome Week.</p>
	Section B – Department Business	

	External Examiners Reports	
	Personal Tutors	It is noted that most 2 nd year students do not meet their personal tutors (PT) much (some do not seem to know their PT either). One possible reason is that students are not aware of what support and guidance are being provided by PT, and hence, are not comfortable with speaking to the PT.
	ARC	
	Library Update	Students are reportedly found to be very happy with the library being accessible 24 hours, mainly for space and flexibility reasons.
	AOB	
	Date and time of next meetings	26-2-2020 1-2 pm venue-TBC