

Final Year Actuarial Science & Data Science SVG Meeting
STUDENT VOICE GROUP
HELD ON 13/11/2019
ROOM 3.408

Apologies	Attended	
	Students Adam Abdula	Staff: Haslifah Hashim & Joe Bailey

No.	Item	Report
1	Introduction by Dr Hashim	N/A
2	Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting*	These were approved by all
3	Update on Actions from the previous meeting*	No actions to be reported
	Section A: Student Business	
4	Feedback on Autumn maths modules: MA225, MA304, MA305, MA312, MA317, MA318, MA319, MA323, MA830 MA199	MA305, MA317, MA323 – No students present taking these modules. No reported concerns from fellow students. MA225 – Nothing to report MA304 – Nothing to report MA312 – Students felt there was more proof than had previously seen in modules. MA212 had focussed on examples and using formulae rather than direct proof. However, it was recognised that this was an important process and it has helped students understand why certain formulae are used in certain cases. Teaching style and methods were fine. MA318 – Some students are struggling to keep up with the material. There were reports of the module being very theory heavy, without as many examples and practice questions as some students would like. Some students felt they were unable to follow from one lecture to the next. This is exasperated by the module featuring 4 hours of lectures per week. Some students have stopped going as they found they were not keeping up. Students recommended that more practice sheets and

		<p>examples using data would be helpful. In general there was no problem with the teaching, the students just felt they had to cover a lot of material.</p> <p>MA319 – nothing to report. The initial room was not ideal, being held in the CSEE seminar room featuring no whiteboard and chairs with individual fold out trays rather than tables. However, this has been changed to a proper LTB room which is much more suitable.</p> <p>MA199 – Fine. Students reported that whilst it was seen as a bit of work and the assignments can seem a bit long, the benefits of the module were appreciated and this seemed to be the sentiment amongst most fellow students. Although attendance was low, the students felt that attendance to the lectures (Especially at 9am) was not necessary to do the work.</p> <p>MA830 – Fine. Students on AS don't start their projects until Spring Term so not much to report.</p>
5	Modules taken in other Departments	EC202 – Microeconomics. Nothing to report
6	<p>General issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Attendance, punctuality and Learner Engagement Activity Portal (LEAP). ii. Coherence/organisation of degrees iii. Lecture rooms iv. Timetable v. Resources (including department handbook) vi. Careers vii. Personal Tutors 	<p>(i) Students seemed unaware of LEAP. Whilst it had been noticed, students weren't sure what it was for.</p> <p>(ii) Having all homework and tests in the same week was felt to be unideal. Although after it was explained that this was to stop students having constant deadlines throughout the term it was agreed that both methods had their positives and negatives and changing to more spread out deadlines would not solve the problem.</p> <p>(iii) This was an issue for MA319 (as mentioned in point 4), however the room has now been changed to an LTB room which is much more suitable.</p> <p>(iv) Lectures have been a bit spread out across the week, with students commuting in often coming on to campus for one lecture. However, this has suited other students as lectures are in general not spread out during any given day so students do not have to "hang around" on campus waiting for the next lecture.</p> <p>(v) The library seems to have too few books for all modules. This could be an artefact of the sudden increase in student numbers both at UG and PG level. It was noted that students should keep requesting</p>

		books from the library as that will help the department's case when asking for the library to buy more copies of texts. (vi) It was reported that Actuarial students would like more talks from practising actuaries, from a wide range of specialities. (vii) No problems reported
7	New and revised programme developments (if any).	Nothing to report
8	Welcome week feedback	It was noted the one welcome back event was not well attended. Students reported not being aware of when or what the meeting was regarding. Perhaps including something more "fun" would help attendance, such as some food/refreshments.
9	SAMT	Nothing to report
	Section B: Department Business	
10	ARC Reports	This wasn't available.
11	External Examiners' Reports	Reports were handed around. The report on the AS degree was the most pertinent and it was noted that the findings were positive.
12	Library Matters	As previously mentioned, more text books are needed.
	Any Other Business	None