

Postgraduate Taught Student - Staff Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 22 November 2018, 14:00, Room 2.405

Chair: Dr Aris Perperoglou (Director of Education)

Present: Dr Georgi Grahovski (Deputy Postgraduate Director)
Mr Omar Rashid Garcia (PGT course representative: Stats & OR)
Mr Michael Nambago (PGT course representative: Actuarial Science)

1. Introduction

Dr Grahovski briefly reminded the purpose of the meeting. The members of the committee introduced themselves.

2. Review of the PGT handbook

Positive comments were received in general. It was noted that it would be more helpful to list all optional modules for Level 7 students together with the relevant prerequisites for each module.

3. Feedback on modules

The Course representative did not do in advance any preliminary consultation with their peers. Below are the free comments received by the representatives.

The DMS will ensure that comments are communicated to the relevant staff in order to make improvements during the term (where practical) and to inform the development of the modules in question.

MA200-7-AU: Statistics II (*Dr Dan Brawn / Dr Aris Perperoglou*)

It was commented that this module can be also useful for MSc in Statistics and Operational Research students.

MA204-7-AU: Abstract Algebra (*Prof Gerald Williams*)

No comments were received.

MA304-7-AU: Exploratory Data Analysis and Data Visualisation (*Dr Aris Perperoglou*)

No comments were received.

MA305-7-AU: Nonlinear Programming (*Dr Xinan Yang*)

Positive comments were received in general.

MA312-7-AU: Contingencies II (*Mr Keith Bannister*)

It was commented that having coursework each week is tough but good. At the same time, it was noted that overall there are no problems with this module.

MA317-7-AU: Modelling Experimental Data (*Dr Martin Griffiths*)

No comments were received.

MA318-7-AU: Statistical Methods (*Dr Hongsheng Dai*)

It was noted that students find this module hard and challenging. It was commented also that it might be helpful to provide students pre-reading list before each lecture.

MA319-7-AU: Stochastic Processes (*Dr Junlei Hu*)

Positive comments were received: lots of exercises, helpful in general. However, it was noted that it might be helpful to make the prerequisites for this module better explained in the module directory.

MA323-7-AU: Partial Differential Equations (*Dr Georgi Grahovski*)

No comments were received, since no MSc students are taking the module this academic year.

MA902-7-FY: Research Methods (*Dr Haslifah Hashim*)

No comments were received.

MA199-7-FY: Employability (*Prof Christopher Saker*)

No comments were received.

4. Library

No comments were made on this.

5. Facilities and computing

It was commented that it would be nice to have in place a system announcing/designating which rooms are free to study in.

6. Departmental Seminars

Dr Perperoglou reminded the students about the regular Departmental seminars running on Thursdays from 14:00 – the usual venue is STEM 3.1 (the Event Place on level 3 of the STEM building - opposite to Bites Café).

7. Any other business

It was commented that there were a lack of introductory info provided/circulated during the Induction week – e.g. info about module/class structure, prerequisites and so no (or it was not very clearly explained where one can find it).

Finally, Dr Grahovski suggested to the course representatives for the spring term SSLC meeting, that it would be useful to do some advanced consultation work with their peers,

like creating online surveys and to circulating it through the WatsUp group MSc students already have. Then, course representatives can summarise the comments and provide a proper feedback to the SSLC meeting.

8. Date for the next meeting:

Spring 2019 (exact date and time to be announced).