

Staff Student Liaison Committee Meeting (UG)

7th February 2017 – Minutes

Apologies: Mark Hamitski, Christiana Addo

In Attendance: Professor Marcus Chambers, Katarzyna Hadala, Guy Conroy-Smith (Student Reps), Sauvanik Das (Student Engagement), Hannah Tagg (minutes)

Minutes from last meeting: In addition to the previous points raised about exams some students are concerned about errors on exam papers. Marcus Chambers confirmed that there are procedures in place to limit errors and given the amount of exams that the department has these occurrences are rare. This point was possibly raised in light of an issue surrounding an EC202 exam in the previous academic year where there was an issue with the invigilator as oppose to the exam paper itself.

The student reps advised that there were two third year mid-term tests taking place on the same day, EC351 and EC384 on the 27th February and that this has caused some concern amongst students. EC384 is scheduled for 11:00am and EC351 is scheduled for 1:00pm. This will be reviewed by the relevant member of administrative staff to see whether it was due to a timetabling issue.

UG Concerns: There are concerns surrounding an assessment for EC201 - Macroeconomics. The students have been given less than 4 weeks to hand in the assignment due to there being a mistake on one of the questions on the paper. They have also been advised that they are expected to write 18-19 pages, which they feel is excessive. This will be reviewed by the administrative staff.

Sauvanik Das also suggested that students be referred to speak to the Talent Development Centre if they have any queries or concerns regarding assignments or coursework. The TDC can provide a number of different means of support and guidance where necessary.

The student reps advised that students don't always provide constructive feedback and it is hard to get them to engage with the student reps regarding any concerns they may have. It was suggested that possibly more students would complete the SAMT surveys if they were given a hard copy as given the amount of emails that they receive. It was explained that the lecturers and class teachers had been advised to encourage the students to complete the surveys on their smart phones during the first 5 minutes of their classes or lectures. Lorna Woollcott to advise again for the spring term surveys.

Sauvanik Das enquired about Economics FB users, the student reps advised that the Economics FB page is quiet. The possibility of linking the Economics FB page to the Economics Society FB page and possibly the Trading Society FB page was discussed. Sauvanik to follow up, the only concern is that they are both SU FB pages so it may not be possible.

AOB: No Comments

Date of Next Meeting: TBC