



## Faculty of Information Technology, Clayton Campus Student/Staff Meeting

Meeting 1, Semester 1 2015

Date and Location: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2015 at 2pm in Building 63 Room 115, 25 Exhibition Walk.

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### **PRESENT**

**Chair:** Sue Bedingfield

**Assistant to Chair:** Voula Apos

### **STAFF**

David Albrecht  
John Betts  
Alan Dorin  
Asad Khan  
Yuan-Fang Li  
Julian Garcia  
Chris Gonsalvez  
David Grant  
John Head  
Carlo Kopp  
Arun Konagurthu  
Robert Merkel  
Vidya Saikrishna

### **STUDENTS**

Nazim Rizvic (BBIS 1<sup>st</sup> Year)  
Julian Colantuono (BBIS 2<sup>nd</sup> Year)  
Benjamin Ng (BBIS 2<sup>nd</sup> Year)  
Michelle Chu (BCS 1<sup>st</sup> Year)  
Jesse Duffield (BCS 2<sup>nd</sup> Year)  
Matthew Gueit (BSE 1<sup>st</sup> Year)  
Nikolas Skoufis (BSE 2<sup>nd</sup> Year)  
Ramith Alwis (BSE 2<sup>nd</sup> Year)  
Hayden Razzell (BSE 3<sup>rd</sup> Year)  
Kevin Vo (BICA 1<sup>st</sup> Year)  
Alexander Zenin (BICA 1<sup>st</sup> Year)

### **APOLOGIES (For the main meeting)**

#### **STAFF**

Marc Cheong  
Piyush Dhir  
Graham Farr  
Stephen Huxford  
Peter Tischer  
Daniel Swanborough

#### **STUDENTS**

Kelin Ma (BBIS 2<sup>nd</sup> Year)

### **1. WELCOME**

Sue commenced by welcoming everyone to the meeting and thanking them for attending.

### **2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

No business arising.

## 2. UNIT FEEDBACK

### FIRST YEAR UNITS

#### **FIT1006 Business information analysis** (John Betts, CE)

Students are enjoying this unit. No real issues.

#### **FIT1008 Introduction to computer science** (David Albrecht, CE)

No feedback.

#### **FIT1029 Algorithmic problem solving** (Julian Garcia, CE)

Students are enjoying this unit. Students would like the lecture slides put up earlier. Julian has noted this and has started to put up slide a day prior to the lecture. Students who are in the Seminar Room can't see the pointer used in the lecture theatre. Julian has acknowledged the technical issue and it should not be a problem anymore.

#### **FIT1030 Introduction to business information systems** (John Betts, CE and Mary Lim)

Lecture notes are a little hard to follow. The room Mary Lim uses has an echo however her online recording is clear with no echo.

#### **FIT1040 Programming fundamentals** (Stephen Huxford, CE and Marc Cheong)

Students are enjoying this unit. They also like the chocolate provided at the lectures.

#### **MAT1830 Discrete mathematics for computer science** (Daniel Horsley, CE and John Head)

Students are enjoying this unit. Students like the weekly assignments, assignment sheet given at the lectures and solutions that are posted on Moodle.

### SECOND YEAR UNITS

#### **FIT2001 Systems development** (Chris Gonsalvez, CE)

Students are enjoying this lectures. Positive feedback noted about group assignments. Some students feel that groups may not work, thought they understand it can't be changed. S3 lecture projector on the right is darker then the left. Students tend to only look at the left projector.

**Action: Faculty to raise projector issue with technical services. (Voula Apos)**

#### **FIT2003 IT professional practice** (Kirsten Ellis, CE)

Students do not agree with the set homework task counting towards marks in the Efolio. Students feel that there is too much emphasis on how to prepare for an assessment rather than allowing the students to independently prepare for themselves. Students would like more clarification on grading and clicker questions. Students however do enjoy learning about interview skills which helps with confidence and forming networks.

#### **FIT2004 Algorithms and data structures** (Arun Konagurthu, CE)

Students are enjoying this unit and think Arun is a good lecturer. Students would like more immediate feedback on assessments. Arun is aware of this from previous Semesters; however feels that by giving feedback earlier on it does tend to cause students to feed off that feedback. Students would also like to prepare earlier for the lecture. Arun will release lecture notes/slides two days in advance. It was also noted by students that demonstration/discussion in the lectures are great. Though Arun agrees, he is conscious of lecture time and cannot allow this every week. Students would prefer 3 hour lectures as opposed to 2 hours.

#### **FIT2006 Business process modelling and workflow** (Yen Cheung, CE)

Students enjoy this unit. The lecture is great however they would prefer for the tutorial to be more engaging. Students would prefer different format to the tutorial where the questions are done at the start and then followed by discussion.

#### **FIT2017 Computer models for business decision making** (Mark Carman, CE)

Students feel that there isn't enough preparation for the tutorials from the lectures. They would prefer tutors to go through the tutorial question at the start and use more explanation.

**FIT2024 Software engineering practice** (David Squire, CE and Robyn McNamara)

Students are enjoying this unit and find it fun. S1 lecture theatre right projector does not turn on.

**FIT2069 Computer architecture** (Carlo Kopp, CE)

Students enjoy this unit. Students like Lachlan Brumley as a tutor.

**FIT2081 Mobile application development** (Stephen Huxford, CE)

Students feel that there is too much information in the lecture. Lecture slides are difficult to understand and little explanation is given in the lecture. Students would prefer more Java examples than Scribble. Students find it difficult to link the tutorials to the lectures. Students would like to see clickers introduced for the lecture; have online quizzes, tutors to provide more written feedback on assessments, solutions to be made available online an extra reading material to assist with student study groups. Students would also like the amount of questions to be reduced in the tutorials as they feel there is not enough time to answer them all. The lecture recordings are not very clear as the lecturer doesn't seem to speak/stand near the microphone. Students do find this unit interesting and enjoyable.

**FIT2082 Research Project 2** (Julian Garcia, CE)

No feedback.

**FIT2083/FIT4005/FIT5125/FIT5143 Research methods in computer science/IT research methods** (David Green, CE)

No feedback.

<b>THIRD YEAR UNITS</b>
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**FIT3036 Computer science project** (Sid Ray (CE/Lecturer)

No feedback.

**FIT3042 System tools and programming languages** (Peter Tischer, CE)

No feedback.

**FIT3047 Industrial experience project 1** (Peter O'Donnell, CE, Marc Cheong and David Grant)

No feedback.

**FIT3051 Decision support systems for finance** (Mary Lim, CE)

No feedback.

**FIT3063 Human –computer interaction** (Marc Cheong, CE)

No feedback.

**FIT3077 Software engineering architecture and design** (David Squire, CE and Robyn McNamara)

No feedback.

**FIT3140 Advanced programming** (Robert Merkel, CE)

No feedback.

**FIT3143 Parallel computing** (Asad Khan, CE)

Students are enjoying this unit. Tutorials are going well. Students like that tutorial questions are attempted at the start, and then the tutor goes through the answers.

<b>FOURTH/FIFTH YEAR UNITS</b>
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**FIT4002 Software engineering industry experience studio project** (David Squire CE, Lachlan Andrew, Yuan-Fang Li, Robyn McNamara, Robert Merkel, and Carlo Kopp)

Students feel unsure about how to start the project and feel this (project management) is something that should be covered at the beginning of the semester. Students feel that there was no software methodology material to help prepare them. Students feel that first time supervisors do not have enough knowledge of the unit.

**FIT4004 System validation and verification, quality and standards** (Robert Merkel, CE)

No feedback.

**FIT4009 Advanced topics in intelligent systems** (Ingrid Zukerman, CE)

No feedback.

**4. OTHER/GENERAL BUSINESS**

Meeting closed at: 2.45pm

Next meeting date: TBA, semester 1, 2015.