Student Staff Consultative Committee Meeting

The 6/2009 Student Staff Consultative Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, 13th of October 2009 in room 203/Building 72 at 1.00 pm.

Minutes

Present:  
A/Professor Lindsay Kleeman (Chair)  
A/Professor Grahame Holmes  
Dr. Andrew Price  
Ms Ros Rimington

Apologies:  
Prof Arthur Lowery

Students Present:  
Ashleigh Sun (Level 3 BE)  
Elizabeth Anderson (Level 3 BE),  
Sarah Fitzpatrick (Level 3 BE)  
Praneel Pradhan (Level 3 BCom/Mechatronics)  
Wendy Ni (Level 5 BSc/BE)  
Rory Paltridge (Level 4 BCSE)  
Andrew Bonavia (Level 3 / 4 BTE),

Minutes

The chair thanked the student representatives for their comments and constructive feedback during the year. Certificates acknowledging their contributions will be distributed next week.

Level 3/4:  
There was some concern about the congestion in the project labs in building 35 and the perception that first year labs were displacing 3rd and 4th year students working on design and final year projects. Some discussion took place about the benefits of first year students seeing first hand the project work of later years and how this had a motivating effect on the first year students. There were practical problems in moving first year labs due to the equipment and soldering needs. The level 2 labs were not available to project students due to many factors such as bench space, carpet flooring being incompatible with general soldering and equipment availability.

There were some complaints registered about the week 11 deadline for 4th year thesis submission. This is earlier than previous years. AP stated that the change was to allow more time for reading of the theses before the presentations in week 13.

The guest lectures in ECE4075 were acknowledged by the student representatives as interesting and useful. LK commented on the concerns raised about the ECE4075 labtest being too difficult. The results did not support this view since the average mark was 65% and 14 students from the 66 that sat the test achieved a HD result (i.e. > 80%). Feedback on ECE4075, ECE4042 and ECE3051 was positive. There was
some concern raised about faulty equipment during the ECE3022 lab test and the student concerned will be contacting the unit coordinator to follow up on this matter.

There were some comments suggesting that Biomedical electives could be more interesting and that some material from a guest lecturer in ECE4053 was not well received. DGH has addressed these concerns by making available additional lecture notes on the unit website.

**Level 2**

No matters raised.

The meeting concluded at 1:50 pm.

**Next scheduled meeting: Week 4 semester 1 2010**