



Faculty of Information Technology, Clayton Campus Student/Staff Meeting

Meeting 4, Semester 2 2015

Date and Location: Tuesday 22th September, 2015 at 2pm in Building 63 Room 115, 25 Exhibition Walk.

PRESENT

Chair: Sue Bedingfield

Assistant to Chair: Daniela Rodrigues

STAFF

David Albrecht
Peter Tischer
Yuan-Fang Li
Arun Konagurthu
Stephen Huxford
Marc Cheong
Kerri Morgan
Nandita Bhattacharjee
Reza Haffari
Bala Srinivasan
Michael Brand
Graham Farr
Carlo Kopp

STUDENTS

Anureet Kaur (BBIS 3rd Year)
Akansha Kapoor (BBIS 3rd Year)
Patrick Shaw (BSE 1ST Year)
Alexander Zenin (BICAH 1ST Year)
Kevin Vo (BICAH 1ST Year)
Jeddi Tirtowidjojo (BBIS 1ST Year)
Rebekah Chan (BBIS 1ST Year)
Vinu Alwis (BSE 2ND Year)
Leo Bouillet (BCS 3rd Year)
Tilley Wong (BBIS 1ST Year)
Timothy Banova (BCS 2ND Year)
Jared Blackman (BCS 1ST Year)
Benjamin Ng (BBIS 2ND Year)

APOLOGIES (For the main meeting)

STAFF

David Squire
Alan Dorin
Jennifer Flegg
Chris Ling
Julian Garcia
Robyn McNamara

STUDENTS

Matthew Gueit (BSE 1ST Year)
Julian Colantuono (BBIS 2nd Year)
Piyush Dhir (BSE 3RD Year)
Sajeeb Lohani (BSE 2nd 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 from the previous minutes.

3. UNIT FEEDBACK

FIRST YEAR UNITS

FIT1004 Data management Maria Indrawan-Santiago, (CE) and Manoj Kathpalia, Lecturer

Students would like the slides to be posted before the lectures. This was being done for about two weeks, but then stopped. Students would also like results and feedback from assessments to be provided quicker. Student representatives have also commented that there is a lot of talking within the lectures and that students enjoy coming to lectures for the clicker questions. In the last meeting, student representatives mentioned that there was too much theory, now students are finding it is the opposite, with not enough theory being provided. Students would prefer a balance of theory and clicker questions.

FIT1008 Introduction to computer science David Albrecht, (CE)

Students are enjoying this unit. However, students don't like the MEPS and are finding it difficult. Students appreciate that the clicker questions are not mandatory and that there are quizzes instead, which are based on the clicker questions.

FIT1010 Introduction to software engineering Chris Ling (CE), Yuan-Fang Li

A student representative had a question regarding whether the class diagrams are similar to Java, and whether it is meant to look like Java? Yuan-Fang will clarify this for students. Students have still been confused about what needs or can be included in the e-foilos. Students would find it useful if they had a good example of a journal and what they need to include and write. Yuan-Fang will again follow this up and clarify it for students.

FIT1013 IT for business Yen Cheung (CE)

Students are finding that the tutors are not providing enough help to students in their tutorials. Students are unsure if they are required to work the questions out themselves. Overall, students would like more interaction from their tutors and more help from their tutors with their questions. Students would also like to go through exam questions and excel within the lectures to help students to be more prepared for the final exam.

FIT1029 Algorithmic problem solving Julian Garcia (CE), Kerri Morgan

Students think this unit is going well and are enjoying it.

FIT1031 Computers and networks Sid Ray (CE)

Students are finding the content of this unit interesting. Students feel that the unit is well structured and that the tutorials are run well. Originally students were not finding the lectures as engaging, but they are now very finding the lectures are good and very engaging.

FIT1040 Programming fundamentals Stephen Huxford (CE), Cheryl Howard

No Feedback

FIT1043 Introduction to data science Wray Buntine (CE)

No Feedback

SECOND YEAR UNITS

FIT2002 Project Management Margot Schuhmacher (CE)

No Feedback

FIT2004 Algorithms and data structures Reza Haffari (CE), Arun Konagurthu

Students are finding the lectures are good and well explained. However students are finding the lecture slides hard to read when written. A student representative has suggested that students may need to attend PASS sessions, as it

was heard that the fail rate for this unit has been high. Having uploaded annotated slides in lectures may also help students.

FIT2014 Theory of computation Graham Farr (CE)

Students are really enjoying this unit and think there should be more other units like it. Students think the lectures and tutorials are good. Students find that there is a lot of theory, well written tutorials and assignments. The unit is overall hard and challenging, but enjoyable.

FIT2043 Technical documentation for software engineers David Squire (CE), Robyn McNamara

Students find this unit is similar in content to FIT2001 in some areas. Overall, students think the lectures are good and easy to understand.

FIT2070 Operating Systems Bala Srinivasan (CE), Peter Tischer

A student representative commented that the content of the unit is explained well in the tutorials and assignments are also clarified. However, there has been some comments were students feel some of the content is irrelevant.

FIT2078 Introduction to security Nandita Bhattacharjee (CE), Ron Steinfeld

No Feedback

MAT2003 Continuous mathematics for computer science Jennifer Flegg (CE)

Students are finding no problems and feel the unit is going well.

THIRD YEAR UNITS

FIT3003 Business intelligence and data warehousing David Taniar (CE)

Students feel the lectures are very example based. Students would like to have more theory work in order to have a better grasp of the content.

FIT3013 Formal specification for software engineers Yuan-Fang Li (CE)

Students have found that some of the tutors are not prepared well for their tutorials and have at times been late. Students have preferred to go to Yuan-Fang's tutorials.

FIT3036 Computer science project Alan Dorin (CE), Ingrid Zukerman

No Feedback

FIT3048 Industry experience studio project 1 Peter O'Donnell (CE), Marc Cheong, David Grant

No Feedback

FIT3080 Intelligent systems Ingrid Zukerman (CE), Reza Haffari

Students have found that there is an improvement in having more participation within classes. However, there has been fewer students attending, which is disappointing. Students have also felt that the tutorials run short of time. Overall, students though are enjoying the lectures and feel that the lectures provide more examples, making the content much clearer. This also helps students to be able to catch up on the material. Questions were also raised about when the results for the last assignment are to be released.

FIT3083 e-Business software technologies Stephen Huxford (CE)

Students think the lectures are good. Comments by students have also been made in regards to how the unit is moderated. Stephen informed students that he does the moderating for the unit. Students have also commented

that the BBIS students in particular find this unit more challenging and appear to struggle with this unit. Suggestions have been made to possibly to slow down a bit, as students are finding the content is worked through at a fast pace. Another suggestion raised was possibly posting videos that students can view and refer back to at a later stage, as like FIT1040 the labs and tutorials suggest that this would be good for this unit. Stephen commented that these suggestions will be taken on board and would be good to implement next year.

FIT3088 Computer graphics Peter Tischer (CE)

No Feedback

FIT3107 Advanced programming for database applications David Taniar (CE), Aamir Cheema

No Feedback

FIT3136 IT governance and strategy for business Mahbubur Rahim (CE)

Students feel that this unit is going well overall. There has been some comments regarding the assignments having to be submitted electronically and in hardcopy formats. Students feel the hardcopy format is a redundant process and feel like there are too many submissions.

FIT3138 Real time enterprise systems Mary Lim (CE)

No Feedback

FIT3139 Computational science Arun Konagurthu (CE)

Students are enjoying this unit. Students are finding that there are no problems and that the unit is running smoothly.

FIT3142 Distributed computing Carlo Kopp (CE), Asad Khan

No Feedback

FIT3152 Data science John Betts (CE)

Students think this unit is very good. Students have commented that the lectures are very interesting, but the tutorials don't follow or have the same interest as the lectures. Students have also commented whether the CL and MA pages can be split on Moodle? as the material is uploaded late and Clayton students are waiting for the material to be uploaded.

FOURTH/FIFTH YEAR UNITS

FIT4002 Software engineering industry experience studio project David Squire (CE), Lachlan Andrew, Yuan-Fang Li, Robyn McNamara, Robert Merkel, Carlo Kopp

No Feedback

FIT4010 Advanced topics in algorithms and discrete structures Kerri Morgan (CE), Guido Tack

No Feedback

FIT4012 Advanced topics in computational science Julian Garcia (CE), Arun Konagurthu

No Feedback

4. OTHER/GENERAL BUSINESS

Meeting closed at: 2.45pm