



**Clayton School of Information Technology  
Student/Staff Meeting**

Meeting 1, Semester 2, 2012

Date & Location: Monday 13 August 2012 at 12pm in Building 63 Room 115

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**PRESENT**

Chair: Sue Bedingfield

Assistant to Chair: Karen Nisbet

STAFF

David Albrecht  
Marc Cheong  
David Dowe  
Reza Haffari  
Carlo Kopp  
Rod Martin  
Robert Merkel  
Sid Ray  
Bala Srinvasan  
Margot Schuhmacher  
David Taniar  
Geoff Webb

STUDENTS

Catherine Perrett (BBIS 1<sup>st</sup> yr)      Thomas Moore (BSE honours)  
Katie Dartnell (BCS 1<sup>st</sup> yr)      Stas Likane (BSE honours)  
Will Lucas (BCS 1<sup>st</sup> yr)      Oke Ijala (BBIS honours)  
Harmohit Sabharwal (BCS 1<sup>st</sup> yr)  
Stuart Lloyd (BSE 1<sup>st</sup> yr)  
Michael Stephens (BSE 1<sup>st</sup> yr)  
Bianca Gibson (BCS 2<sup>nd</sup> yr)  
Matt Gamble (BCS 3<sup>rd</sup> yr)  
Ben Tune (BBIS 3<sup>rd</sup> yr)  
Jonathon Rau (BBIS 3<sup>rd</sup> yr)

**APOLOGIES**

STAFF

John Betts  
Kirsten Ellis  
David Green  
Carlo Kopp  
Ann Nicholson  
Kris Ryan

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Chad Snow (BSE 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr)  
Xile Wang (BBIS 3<sup>rd</sup> yr)

**WELCOME**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**UNIT FEEDBACK:**

**FIRST YEAR UNITS**

FIT1002 **Computer programming** Stephen Huxford (CE) David Green  
No feedback

FIT1004 **Data management** Lindsay Smith (CE) David Green  
No feedback

FIT1008 **Introduction to computer science** Graham Farr (CE) Aldeida Aleti  
Issues with labwork and one tutor running out of time but rep. Lloyd contacted the tutor and the situation was sorted.

FIT1010 **Introduction to software engineering** Ann Nicholson (CE) Robert Merkel  
All presentations not in Moodle. *RM: Deliberate design (and inherited) decision to encourage students to take notes themselves.* Attendance is 50-60%, but more people with guest lecturer *RM: attendance was taken so suspect with guest lecture so is a reflection of this.* All else is fine with the unit. Would like slides to be separate file to the video as have to download whole lecture to get slides at the end.

FIT1013 **IT for business** Yen Cheung (CE) Sue Bedingfield  
Labs – the 15minute test is working well. Some struggle to finish the lab work, but they are able to complete it at home.

FIT1016 **Advanced project level 1** Ann Nicholson (CE)  
Unit started this week so no feedback.

FIT1029 **Algorithmic problem solving** David Albrecht (CE) Peter Tischer  
No feedback.

FIT1031 **Computers and networks** Sid Ray (CE)  
Lecture speed is too slow then rushed at the end. *SR: trying something different with samples and working through them in lectures, with lots of slides for students to work through in their 8 hours of private study. Those at lectures are keener to do the homework whereas those missing the lectures find that the overhead projector is harder to read online. Trying to sort the student majority's needs and this includes both campuses and all FIT undergraduate courses. It has been noted that consultations have a poor attendance*

## SECOND YEAR UNITS

FIT2002 **Project management** Rod Martin (CE)  
No feedback.

FIT2004 **Algorithms and data structures** Geoff Webb (CE) Reza Haffari  
Going well. Lecture good. Consultations are really good.

FIT2014 **Theory of computation** David Dowe (CE) Graham Farr  
No feedback.

FIT2024 **Software engineering practice** David Squire (CE) Yuan-Fang Li  
Going well. Students are getting a lot of work completed on time. David is doing a good job at getting slides up in a timely manner.

FIT2044 **Advanced project level 2** Ann Nicholson (CE)  
Unit is just started so no feedback.

FIT2070 **Operating systems** Bala Srinivasan (CE) Carlo Kopp  
Lectures are good but the lecturer can talk quickly, and the animation of the slide can be

distracting. Though all students doing the pre-lab work, some have trouble with the unit, some don't. In the lab, the machine got slow, whereas outside the lab, it didn't lag.

**FIT2078 Introduction to security** Nandita Bhattacharjee (CE) Bala Srinivasan  
No feedback.

**MAT2003 Continuous Mathematics for Computer Science** Tom Hall (CE)  
Enjoying it but lectures not recorded so difficult to revise. Really good notes but done on an overhead so not recorded.

### THIRD YEAR UNITS

**FIT3003 Business intelligence and data warehousing** Dhananjay Thiruvady (CE) Sue Bedingfield

Good. Hiran is a good tutor. DJ works through questions well. The step-by-step guide teaches you well, and builds up knowledge well. Also it is good that he periodically goes through the information rather than leave the recap to the very end. Lecture/tutorial combination works well.

**FIT3013 Formal specification for software engineering** Yuan-Fang Li (CE) Peter Tischer  
Good. The unit jumps into discrete maths quickly though so some students are struggling. Students who had already done FIT4004 found it a useful background. Reps suggested more discrete maths references/online resources or there being given out a cheat sheet similar to what Yuan-Fang did for FIT4004. The lecture tends to be full of rules but with no working examples so lecture slides alone seem pointless. Could the lecturer ask for feedback/change the pace a little as if you lapse in concentration, you lose the thread of the lecture and can't catch it up. More interaction needed.

**FIT3036 Computer science project** Sid Ray (CE) David Dowe  
Started well, and got off the ground well. David D group are happy, particularly as they had a range of options (5) to choose from. Gopal group not as happy with choices available, but they did have 2 choices. *SR: Historically there have only been 2-3 projects to choose from for the unit so this year students have been lucky with having choices.*

**FIT3080 Intelligent systems** Ingrid Zukerman (CE) Reza Haffari  
Enjoyable unit but would prefer tutorial questions to be put out earlier.

**FIT3107 Advanced programming for database applications** David Taniar (CE) Stephen Huxford  
Material interesting. Lectures are pure demonstrations so it is hard to concentrate for the two hours straight. It is a technical unit so lectures are a good guide on how to do things. Tutorials/tutors are good. Good length. Not too much so tutors can get through it all in the time allocated. Good balance for practical tutorials and theory in lecture, and good balance for the student cohorts. There were some issues with installing software at home as software was Windows XP rather than Windows 7 based.

**FIT3136 IT governance and strategy for business** Mahbubur Rahim (CE) John Betts  
Rahim is a good lecturer and tutor, and though the unit content is dry, he teaches it well. John is also good at teaching the unit, using the screens and getting feedback from students at different tables so that you can see what other groups are doing.

FIT3138 **Real time enterprise systems** Sue Foster (CE)

Sue is really good. All students like it. All students are engaged. She uses relevant u-tube links that are funny. Sue is a good tutor, goes through questions and gets student feedback on how to answer the question. Other tutors not as thorough and students are leaving early

FIT3139 **Computational science** Arun Konagurthu (CE) David Albrecht\

Software on lab computers not installed, but now rectified.

FIT3142 **Distributed computing** Carlo Kopp (CE) Asad Khan

Only have good things to say about it. Students like the seminars; they understand the point of them and think they are worthwhile. They don't know if they entirely relate to distributing subjects but are enjoying it. *CK: They are MURPA seminars so broader subjects as several units covered, so a general seminar.*

## FOURTH/FIFTH YEAR UNITS

FIT4002 **Software Engineering Studio Project** Peter Tischer (CE) David Squire

Guest lecturers are really good. Generally fine. Moodle/Website not updated so no information on assessments. Eg. Unit guide says the interview is being assessed but not by how much, and the lecturer didn't know if it was being marked. Tutor is not doing milestones. **ACTION: Sue Bedingfield and Ann Nicholson to follow up**

FIT4007/FIT5181 **Advanced topics in information systems** Ron Weber (CE)

Caulfield students prefer to have some video conference and contribution held from Caulfield. Most students are at Caulfield so why is it held at Clayton and VC to Caulfield? Very good otherwise.

FIT4008 **Reading unit** Michael Morgan (CE) Alan Dorin

No feedback.

FIT4009 **Advanced topics in intelligent systems** Ingrid Zukerman (CE) David Dowe/ Reza

Haffari No feedback.

FIT4012 **Advanced topics in computational science** Jon McCormack (CE) Alan Dorin

No feedback.

FIT4000 **Honours thesis extension** Michael Morgan (CE) Alan Dorin

FIT4441/4442/4443/4444/4448 **Honours thesis part 1/part 2 /part 3 /final /final** Michael Morgan(CE) Alan Dorin

FIT5000 **Minor thesis extension** Michael Morgan (CE) Alan Dorin

FIT5551/5552/5553/5554 **Minor thesis part 1/part 2 /part 3 /final** Michael Morgan (CE)  
No feedback.

Meeting closed at: 1.45pm

Next meeting date: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 12noon