The 4/2010 Student Staff Consultative Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday 10th August 2010 in room 203/Building 72 at 12:00 noon.

Minutes

Present: A/Professor L. Kleeman (Chair)
Professor Arthur Lowery (HoD)
Ms Ros Rimington
Dr Andrew Price

Apologies:

Students Present:
  Ryan Beeby (Level 2.5 BSc/BE)
  Samuel Trolland (Level 3 BE)
  Adam Harris (Level 3 BScBE)
  Sarah Fitzpatrick (Level 4 BE)
  Elizabeth Anderson (Level 4 BE),
  Lynn Meng Wang (Level 3 BE)
  Li Huey Tuen (Level 4 BCSE)

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The student representatives reported that there was general satisfaction among students. The chair reported that the student survey results for the ECSE Department were very good for most units, supporting the view that the undergraduate teaching programmes were running well. Particularly pleasing was the dramatic improvement in ECE3093 which is supported well by inspiring lectures and thorough detailed tutorials. ECE3022 was travelling well and students are appreciating the many examples on the OHP.

Next year with the change to 12 week semesters, week 0 has been raised at various committees within the university as a more important time for student activities. These could include generalist short courses, such as Excel or Autocad skills training, or CV writing for jobs. There was a suggestion that the safety introduction could be held in week 0. The general view expressed by students was that week 0 cannot be used for compulsory activities and should not be used as a substitute for week 13.

Students requested an email formally notifying them of staffing changes with new staff arriving this year. Arthur promised to send this out and keep students formally notified of changes. One comment from a student was that there is too much email “noise” whereby bulk emails for final year student events are sent to all students. Some others thought this may be beneficial for non final year students to be aware of what is going on.

Next scheduled meeting: week 8 semester 2 2010