Student Staff Consultative Committee Meeting

The 2/2010 Student Staff Consultative Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, 27th April 2010 in room 203/Building 72 at 1.00 pm.

Minutes

Present: A/Professor L. Kleeman (Chair)
Prof Arthur Lowery
Dr. Andrew Price

Apologies: Ms Ros Rimington, A/Prof Grahame Holmes

Students Present:
Elizabeth Anderson (Level 4 BE),
Ashleigh Sun (Level 4 BE)
Sarah Fitzpatrick (Level 4 BE)
Vaibhav Verma (Level 3 BE)
Ryan Beeby (Level 2.5 BSc/BE)

Minutes

Comments were made that the labs in ECE3073 were going well and student feedback was positive, especially with the wide availability of the DE-2 boards in other laboratories across the Department. AP reported that laboratory C code upload was implemented as recommended by a student representative at the previous meeting in order to allow for checking of plagiarism. Questions were asked about the new version NIOS II IDE and AP agreed to provide a link to information on using the new IDE since it requires a new approach. Also AP also agreed to provide example Design Requirements Analyses for the Project Blackboard site.

It was suggested that scanners be made available to students so that signed coversheets can be included electronically. The chair responded that if assignments were submitted electronically via Blackboard then the student has effectively signed the coversheet by virtue of logging into Blackboard. Also digital cameras were so common in phones that these could also be used to digitise coversheets.

Positive feedback from students taking the mechatronics unit TRC3500 Sensors and Artificial Perception to BE students has lead to the comment that the unit should be made available in the BE elective pool. This will be considered by the Department and can already be approved on a case by case basis.

The elective unit ECE4054 is to be cancelled for semester 2 due to staff leaving. This will be announced on the ECSE website and students informed about the staff departing.

No issues were reported with level 2 units. There was some discussion about the merits of employing local students who have completed the Monash course as demonstrators.

Next scheduled meeting: 25th May 2010