Student Staff Consultative Committee Meeting

The 3/2013 Student Staff Consultative Committee Meeting was held on
Tuesday, 27th August 2013 in room 203/Building 72 at 1.00 pm.

Minutes

Staff:  
A/Professor L. Kleeman (Chair)  
A/Professor R A Russell  
Ros Rimington

Students Representatives:  
James Salamy (1st yr Mechatronics/BSc)  
Brendan Wreford (5th yr BSc/BE)  
Gabrielle Syliuris (2nd year)

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Evening weekday access until 9 or 10 pm to ECSE labs first floor 35 was discussed. 
A trial is planned for this semester from week 10 to week 12 with a HelpDesk style supervision of the labs.

The committee discussed the student experience in labs sessions and the quality of lab demonstrators. It was noted that the ECSE HelpDesk needs better advertising particularly among first year students.

Anonymous discussion groups were flagged as a useful feedback mechanism and the fact they are not available in Moodle. Blackboard supported anonymous discussion groups. They are still not available in Moodle despite several requests being made to the Monash Moodle implementation team last year. The chair will make another formal request for this to be provided.

The idea was canvassed for third year design to be split into several projects to support different specialities of students such power, communications, electronics, control and computer systems. Whilst this is a noble idea, resourcing the development and implementation of these projects poses a serious problem in the current University funding environment.

The meeting closed at 2 pm.

Next scheduled meeting: Week 10 Semester 2 2013