The 2/2011 Student Staff Consultative Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, 19th of April 2011 in room 203/Building 72 at 1.00 pm.

Present:
A/Professor R A Russell (Chair)
Professor A Lowery (HoD)
Dr. Andrew Price

Apologies:
A/Professor L. Kleeman
Ros Rimington

Students Representatives Present:
Amirhossein Bahmanpour
Nikolai Sidorov
Xuan Tong
Andrew Ringenbergs
Hannah Ervin
Meng Wang

Minutes

Referring back to concerns raised at earlier meetings:

ECE2061 - students would still like access to the labs so that they can do additional work on the electronics labs.

ECE2011 - there were a couple of concerns: The first was in connection with the tutorials and involved the limited time between the tutorial questions being made available and the actual tutorial class (where it is assumed the students will have attempted the problems). The connection between the lectures (highly abstract) and tutorial problems (more applied) was a concern. Would be nice if lecturer went through some tutorial style problems on the OHP. Also a concern that because the past exam questions are recycled from year to year they have become a test of memory alone.

New comments/concerns:

A level 4 the project dominates all other considerations so the students do not have time to think greatly about other things. ECE3092 students are troubled by the open-ended nature of the assignment. This concerns a high-level design process rather than the design calculations students are used to. This leaves them feeling the assignment specification is too vague. We tried to assure them that they really did have some knowledge in this area and also must accept this as an important aspect of their learning.

Next scheduled meeting: Week 12 Semester 1 2011