The 5/2010 Student Staff Consultative Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday 19th October 2010 in room 203/Building 72 at 1:00 pm.

Minutes

Present:  A/Professor L. Kleeman (Chair)
Professor Arthur Lowery (HoD)

Apologies: Ms Ros Rimington

Students Present:
  Samuel Trolland (Level 3 BE)
  Adam Harris (Level 3 BScBE)
  Elizabeth Anderson (Level 4 BE),
  Lynn Meng Wang (Level 3 BE)

Minutes

The Intelligent Robotics elective ECE4078 was discussed. This is a popular elective due to the interesting laboratories and lectures. The vision lectures were new this year and were well received.

Comments were made concerning the revised ECE3022 lectures and labs. The style of lectures and the slower pace was liked by the representatives on the committee, however lecture attendance was low. The new labs were well synchronised to lectures. The lab notes were well integrated with notes on the theory. Some more practical lab experiments were felt would improve the unit. There were some issues with the pace of presentation being too slow at the start and that this left little time towards the end of semester to finish the required syllabus.

ECE3051 was discussed. The students appreciated the effort of synchronising lectures and labs. The demonstrators were very much appreciated. Some students felt that lecture slides would be useful since many of the lectures were presented straight from detailed notes and tended to jump around between different equations in a different sequence to the notes.

Feedback on the design elective ECE3091 was positive. There was a view however that the time commitment was excessive for a single unit. LK noted that similar sentiments were expressed in the recent article in IEEE Robotics and Automation article from University of Pennsylvania [1] and this may be an inherent requirement of learning in project based design units. Students found this rewarding but commented that their other units suffered as a result of the time put into basic construction, parts procurement and testing for ECE3091. There was a view that more support from the university would help for finding and provision of
components. The budget of $100 was also not always adhered to by some student groups.


Next scheduled meeting: semester 1 2011