Student Staff Consultative Committee Meeting

The 5/2008 Student Staff Consultative Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, 2nd September 2008 in room 203/Building 72 at 1.00 pm.

Minutes

Present: A/Professor Lindsay Kleeman (Chair)
Professor Arthur Lowery
A/Professor Grahame Holmes
Dr. Andrew Price
Ros Rimington

Students Present:
Elizabeth Anderson (Level 2 BE),
Ahmad Sammour (Level 3 BE)
Ryan Alexander (Level 5 BEng(ECSE)/LLB)
Andrew Bonavia (Level 3 / 4 BTE),
Anushi Kulasiri (Level 5 BScBE)
Aiden Lister (Level 4 Mechatronics)
Xiao Fei SHI (Level 2 BE)

Level 4:

Issues were raised with the changing of criterion for assessment during the semester that were not consistent with the unit outlines in ECE4043. In particular a group assessment was reported to have changed to individual assessment. The enthusiasm and passion of the lecturer was greatly appreciated however. In the 4th year thesis projects more information was requested on deadlines and report guidelines. Other 4th year electives were seen as running well.

Level 3:

Level 3 was reported as travelling well and “all good”. There were comments on the ECE3051 test being too hard and this was discussed during the meeting where Grahame Holmes argued that this was not the case. The test solutions were planned to be presented together with explanations in a lecture in under the time allocated for the test. The opinion was expressed that ECE3022 lectures needed to make objectives clearer and give more examples to illustrate the concepts and context of the material. Also the labs were commented on as not having objectives, being out of date and referring to old equipment no longer in use.

Peer assessment was raised as a possibility in the evaluation of student designs – that is in a group project students are permitted to evaluate the performance and contribution of their fellow group members.
Level 2:

The opinion was expressed that ECE2021 lectures needed to make objectives clearer and give more examples to illustrate the concepts. It was also felt to contain too many Mathematical derivations and calculus in particular that did not seem relevant to the unit.

Next scheduled meeting: 7th October 2008.