

## Computing Science Staff Student Sub Subject Committee (SSSSC) Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> of April 2018, 1pm in 4B108

### Attendance:

#### Students

Manjinder Singh  
Filip Olsson  
Sara Wilson  
Peter Carlyle  
Stephanie Massie  
Petra Peterkova

#### *Apologies*

Matthew Burt  
Ismael Sanchez Leon  
Silvia Nacheva

#### Staff

Dr. Kevin Swingler  
Dr. Savi Maharaj

### CSCU9A2

- Not a large amount of feedback since the previous meeting
- Confusion was highlighted by students regarding the assignment and plans for any missed lectures – has since been mostly resolved through speaking to Dr Jones
- Several students had last minute questions about what to do for parts of the assignment; unsure whether genuine struggles or just procrastination
- A few students felt that the content of the module was too simple, others felt it was too complex

### CSCU9B2

- Again, not many specific complaints other than general statements about how the module is “bad” with little explanation
- Several students felt that the practical classes were not in depth enough for the content of the assignment (large jump in difficulty)
- There were a few complaints about a lack of communication between Dr Bracciali and the students regarding plans during the industrial action, what lectures they should seek out on last year’s Listen Again, etc.

#### CSCU9V4

- Students are seeking out possible drop-in sessions during office hours to ask questions regarding material missed due to industrial action
- Lectures are still on track and going well; no major concerns
- Students are happy as the deadline for the assignment was pushed back two days to accommodate for bad weather days – less stress on students

#### CSCU9T4

- Several complaints were made regarding the extremely large amount of XML content in the lecture slides, and how this has caused every lecture to overrun in time
- XML content was said to be far more than was necessary for the tasks surrounding it
- Students were not informed that Forth Valley College students would be attending lectures, so there was a degree of confusion as to whether students were in the correct class or not
- Students also expressed that they felt the assignments were very close together, and that they could have benefited from the XML and Java assignments perhaps occurring before and after the mid-semester reading week respectively, to line up more with the module structure
- Several students highlighted their belief that some practical classes were written with the assumption that every student took all three modules (Y4, V4, and T4) which was a stumbling block for a few Business students who missed out on some potentially useful information in other modules

#### CSCU9YM

- No major complaints about the module, most content has run smoothly despite the disruptions
- Students recognised the hard work of Dr Bracciali to ensure everyone was still sure of what to do after the disruption caused

#### CSCU9Z7

- The additional 2-week extension for the dissertation was appreciated by the students

#### CSCU9YH, CSCU9YW

- No new feedback

#### Elections

- Chair: **Stephanie Massie**
- Secretary: **None decided yet**
- Short talks about the roles of the Chair, Secretary and Faculty Officers

END OF MEETING
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