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Minutes of a Meeting of the Computing Science **Staff and Students Subject Sub Committee** held on Wednesday 16th October 2013 from 1.00pm – 2.00pm in 4W3.

1.   Attendance
1.1   <u>Reps Present</u>
         Ryan Begen   Committee Chair
         Megan Halliday   Committee Secretary
         Anna Frashure   CSC9A1
         Craig Docherty   CSC9A3
         Kaspian Oaken   CSC9N5
         Celine Lagorio   CSC9Q5
         Nicolle Strachan   CSC9YP
         Lara Bostock   MSc Information Technology

1.2   <u>Staff Present</u>
         Simon Jones   Chief Examiner
         Kevin Swingler   Staff Representative

1.3   <u>Apologies</u>
         Samantha Houghton   CSC9P5

1.4   <u>Absent Without Apologies</u>
         Colin Mackie   CSC9A1
         John Steven   CSC9B1, PDM9L6, PDM9L7

2.   Matters Arising From Previous Minutes
         2.1   No minutes are available

3.   Undergraduate Courses
3.1   <u>CSC9A1</u>
         No feedback – All is good
3.2   <u>CSC9B1</u>
         No Rep present
3.3   <u>CSC9A3</u>
         Everyone happy with lecturers as they are very hands on and very helpful with any problems. Staff are good at sending e-mails when changes are agreed upon to inform students. Students would like some guidance on the format of the final exam. The course as a whole is very well liked. Students like the practicals but feel it would be beneficial if lectures could be incorporated into practicals.
3.4   <u>CSC9P5</u>
         This course students believe puts subjects into prospective regarding the real world. Don't like 2 hour lectures as they find it hard to concentrate. Practical sheets are good however, students feel tutorials are not needed and should be used as drop ins. Practical and tutorials out of sync with assignment. Some students feel Andrea can be unclear at times. Labs in 4X5 are good but too many people chatting loudly. Practicals haven't been useful for first assignment
3.5   <u>CSC9Q5</u>
         Some students feel Amir could be more engaging, helpful and constructive but Kevin is complete opposite. Some students are unhappy with content of practical there are mixed opinions on this. 1A11 computers are dirty and not cleaned also room is very noisy. Students would like a newer version of phpMyAdmin (not everyone's opinion) - going to speak to Sam regarding this. Amir is sometimes not attending lab sessions. Students like the use of the Google calendar. Amir is going through questions too fast in tutorials. Tutorials

aren't that great answers are just loaded on to the screen also more discussion on examples to see more solutions.

3.6   CSC9N5
Content in lectures is thought of as common sense. Carrons lectures are very interactive however some students feel the others are lacking this aspect causing them to become disengaged with content. The class is good as giving students examples of how testing is done in industry. Practicals are good and relate well to assignment. Students dislike lecture room 3V2 as there is only small TV rather than projector and has odd layouts so students have to rearrange the room on entry.

3.7   CSC9V7
Practicals are not taking the 4 hours assigned. Problems with checkpoints not checking people off until after the lecture. No info for class test on the website. Lectures could be more engaging.

3.8   CSC9YS
Lectures are very interactive and a lot of real world examples used within the lectures. Good content, but people getting paranoid

3.9   CSC9YD
Content in practicals and lectures are fine.

3.10   CSC9YP
Students like that lectures and practicals are alternative weeks. They would like a past paper. Students also think they might be pushed for time because they need to complete all practicals for the assignment.

3.11   CSC9YE
No Rep.

3.12   CSC9Z7
Wednesday classes are helpful, especially statistics. Should give us more idea of software packages we could use in our projects.
Some students feel the jump from assignments etc. to the project is very high and

4.   **Personal Development Modules**

4.1   PDM9L6/7
No Reps.

5.   **Masters Courses**

5.1   MSc Information Technology
No big issues. Timetable gets updated but no email notifications. Course members feel lectures should be integrated with practicals. Good balance in the course in respect to challenging. Tutorials are especially good back up of lectures. Lecturers could be more engaging and helpful.

5.2   MSc Advanced Computing
No Rep.

5.3   MSc Computing for Financial Markets
No Rep.

6.   **Feedback on BSc Course as a whole**
Students have asked for more access to repositories and more exposure to non-eclipse based ones.
Some students feel that there should be more exposure to linux/unix in the dept. and possible a class on administrating unix-like and windows.
Exam timetable, the 4th year exams are all very close together, with two on one day.

7.   **Feedback on Division**
Honour students in other depts. in the school have a common room with food facilities such as a fridge and microwave, could we get one.
Simon explained that in the past there was one but it wasn't used so was made into an office for PhD students.
Craig suggested we get divisional hoodies for students and that several students have thought this, I said that students in 4th year also want these. We agreed to create a Design committee and look for prices etc.

8.   **Date Of Next Meeting**
Mid-November (Doodle to be sent out)