

Computer Science - SSSC

Wednesday 19th November, 2014

Present: **Course Representatives**

Kieran Docherty
Jamie Johnston
Petra Peterkova
Benjamin Bumpus
Haydn Davies
Craig Docherty
Sam Thomson
Zan Ling Maung

Staff

Dr. Kevin Swingler
Dr. Savi Maharaj

Committee

Craig Docherty
Sam Thomson

Feedback for Undergraduate Modules

CSCU9A1

Kieran Docherty, Jamie Johnston, Petra Peterkova

- Students are reportedly struggling with the checkpoints/practical labs.
- Savi reported some students had their checkpoints refused - concerns about copying/sharing of code.

CSCU9B1

N/A

- No representative.

CSCU9A3

Benjamin Bumpus, Haydn Davies

- Java refresh over - the course is now running at a better pace.
- Reports of ambiguous wording/instructions in the practicals resulting in confusion which is perhaps being mistaken as the work being difficult.

CSCU9N5

Craig Docherty

- Complaints about Flash - it is only available in 4X5, students are reportedly also unable to work on the assignment at home using their own copies of Flash Creative Cloud.

CSCU9P5

Craig Docherty

- There's a feeling that is beneficial to see the subjects from a management perspective rather than just at the implementation/programming level.
- The suggestion was made that the 2 hour lecture slot could be put to better use, perhaps by introducing step-by-step demonstrations of the concepts included in the practicals.

CSCU9Q5

Craig Docherty

- Questions about assignment marking - 4th years suggested that they were marked down on SQL syntax despite assignment not specifying that - this has been communicated down to the 3rd year and they're now concerned about it.
- Dr Swingler noted that he would address the concerns with the current students.

CSCU9V7

Tristan Metcalfe (not present but feedback sent in)

- Nothing to report.

CSCU9YD

Sam Thomson

- A large number of students expressed concern about the deadline for the assignment. It was felt that 10 days was insufficient for an assignment of its size.
- Dr Maharaj said that an extension would be considered - it has since been granted.

CSCU9YE

Michael Weiss (not present)

- Not present - no feedback.

CSCU9YQ

N/A

- No representative.

CSCU9YS

Kaspian Oaken (not present - some feedback was given by Sam Thomson)

- Sam reported that the course seemed fine and the assignment had passed without any notable problems.

CSCU9Z*

N/A (no rep - some general feedback was given by Sam Thomson)

- Sam reported that while there may be issues with individual projects, there didn't seem to be any problems with the organisation of the module as a whole.

Feedback for Postgraduate Courses

Big Data

Amy Sampays (not present but feedback sent in)

- Nothing to report.

Computing for Business

Zan Lin Maung

- Time concerns about the class test - students felt that one hour was too short (especially for international students).
- It was also reported that some students felt that the relation between lectures and practicals wasn't clear.

Computing for Financial Markets

Michael Bell (not present)

- Not present - no feedback.

Information Technology

Tom Davenport

- There is a lack of past papers for the ITNP01 and ITNP23 modules.
- Time concerns about ITNP01 class test - Dr Maharaj noted that this was the first time the class test had been issued and it would possibly be revised.

Software Engineering

N/A

- No representative.

Feedback for Personal Development Modules

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- No representative.

PDM9L7	N/A
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- No representative.