

Computer Science - SSSC

Wednesday 22nd October, 2014

Present: **Course Representatives**

Kieran Docherty
Jamie Johnston
Petra Peterkova
Benjamin Bumpus
Haydn Davies
Craig Docherty
Sam Thomson
Michael Weiss
Amy Sampays
Zan Ling Maung
Michael Ball
Tom Davenport

Staff

Dr. Marwan Fayed
Dr. Savi Maharaj

Committee

Craig Docherty
Sam Thomson

Notes

Craig Docherty was elected as chair.
Sam Thomson was elected as secretary.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19th.

Feedback for Undergraduate Modules

CSCU9A1

Kieran Docherty, Jamie Johnston, Petra Peterkova

- Students are enjoying the course
- There is a satisfactory workload
- Some concerns that practicals may be too fast paced or unclear (especially 9 and 10)
- It is thought that more demonstrators may be beneficial

It was also noted that a Facebook group has been set up by students on the course. There was a suggestion that staff may wish to partake in this as students ask questions about the course there.

CSCU9B1

N/A

- No representative. Savi noted that she would be in contact with Dr Shankland

CSCU9A3

Benjamin Bumpus, Haydn Davies

- Some complaints about the Java refresh part of the course being too long.
- Most people satisfied with course, however.

CSCU9N5

Craig Docherty

- The course material was reported to be engaging.
- The assignment is also satisfactory.

CSCU9P5

Craig Docherty

- Some concern about the deadline for the first assignment being too short.
- This was further reinforced by the fact that the assignment is not graded.
- Lectures and practicals are otherwise fine.

CSCU9Q5

Craig Docherty

- According to some, the course isn't very engaging ("dull").
- Kevin Swinger was reported to be good at responding and engaging with students.

CSCU9V7

Tristan Metcalfe (attended on his behalf by Craig Docherty)

- Lots of students were concerned about the class test:
 - Unclear instructions/ambiguous
 - Not enough time
 - Lack of preparatory practicals beforehand

CSCU9YD

Sam Thomson

- It was reported by one student that the tutorials should be published further in advance due to the amount of work involved in them.
- The practical nature of the course was praised, with specific attention given to the checkpoints being worth 20% - this was well liked.

CSCU9YE

Michael Weiss

- A small number of students felt that the course was not technical enough and could be more challenging or engaging.
- It was also noted that some students were struggling in tutorials, however, suggesting disparity between students on the course.

CSCU9YQ

N/A

- No representative.

CSCU9YS

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

- The course is engaging and interesting.
- There is a feeling among some students that security should be more highly emphasised by the department given recent developments in society and the industry

CSCU9Z*

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

- Everything seems to be fine.

Feedback for Postgraduate Courses

Big Data

Amy Sampays

- More practicals/introduction to the course would be appreciated.
- It was reported that the assignment had a few problems:
 - Lack of background to it
 - Short deadline compared to others
- DB software (MongoDB) is not installed in MSc computer labs - this would be helpful.

Computing for Business

Zan Lin Maung

- Some timetabling problems were reported which resulted in large gaps. Savi acknowledged this but said it was outwith the department's control.
- More practicals would be beneficial.

Computing for Financial Markets

Michael Bell

- Michael's opinion was that there should be more synergy between what is taught in the course and what is practiced in the industry.
- It was reported that BlueJ was used as an IDE, despite it being relatively obscure and that no support was given for popular Java IDEs like NetBeans.
- Michael also stated that he and one other person found elements of the course to be trivial, such as shape manipulation.

Information Technology

Tom Davenport

- The database module was reported to be too fast paced.
- More tutorials would be appreciated (they felt rushed and were therefore lacking in depth)

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.