Computing Science
Staff Student Subject Sub Committee (SSSSC) Meeting

Attendance

Apologies:

Mr Kevin Swingler
John Ramsey

Present:

Matthew Burt

Albert-Josza Kiraly

Silvia Nacheva

Ismael Sanchez Leon

Petra Peterkova

Staff:

Dr.Savi Maharaj

Committee Chair: Petra Peterkova

Committee Secretary: Matthew Burt

22nd of March 2017, 2pm, 4B96

CSCU9T4 – Matthew Burt, Albert Jozsa-Kiraly

Overall students requested more clarification on assignments, as it was occasionally unclear what was being asked for, or what parts were worth the most part of the grade. The XML content felt very condensed, and somewhat rushed, with the lecturer just reading off the slides and having problems with the example code.

CSCU9V4 – Matthew Burt

The assignment was released slightly later than scheduled, however students found that the actual assignment document was very clear and well laid out, making the assignment incredibly understandable. Students are split on the screen-cast tutorials, around half the students want screen cast half want face to face.

CSCU9Y4 – Matthew Burt

Students found the peer review on the assignment very useful, as it meant that they had a fresh set of eyes on their coursework. Students found this a very helpful way to find ways of improving on their assignment, making them more confident about the result. The only issue raised was that the peer review session was early in the morning, making it hard to read 3000+ words per person quite challenging.

CSCU9N6 – Ismael Sanchez Leon

The lectures were not very highly rated by students, who said it was hard to pay attention. The theory lectures were hard to follow due to the majority of lectures being spent reading code, without seeing it in action. The lab sessions have led to students asking for more demonstrators, as there was only one giving checkpoints. A suggestion was to have a checkpoint hand in session. The assignment was well received, forces a lot of learning, which students are happy with, as well as the fact the assignment uses everything people learnt.

CSCU9P6 – Ismael Sanchez Leon, Silvia Nacheva

Few students requested that they are given an extension on group assignment, but overall students are happy with the assignment. Deadlines are close to the W6 deadline, making it a bit more difficult than necessary. Students feel as though Alloy is useless, making it tedious to work with.

CSCU9W6 – Petra Peterkova, Silvia Nacheva

Students are fond of the lecturer, but complain about AJAX. Students feel that PHP and AJAX needs more content. A suggestion was made to introduce PHP in Q5 to help in the future. Peerwise grade specification is also unclear to students, which they feel needs to be improved.

CSCU9T6 – Petra Peterkova

The assignment brought a lot of confusion, received Sunday of reading week, however was extended, making things better. A lot of students are confused, as part of the assignment needed students to experiment with variables in models, but students were not certain about the math behind it, so they felt that it was down to guesswork, where changes made are hard for students to explain.

Histograms being made in excel also brought confusion, as people were not too sure about how to make them. It was felt that excel was not a god choice for this. Students feel maybe more instructions would help, as even starting was difficult.

Chair and secretary election

Matthew Burt was elected as the Committee Chair for year 2017/18.
Secretary: tbd
Date of next meeting: tbd