

**DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTING ~ MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY**  
**Minutes of the 100-Level Liaison Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2005 at 1pm**

**Present:**

<b>Student Representatives</b>	<b>Units</b>
Maria Sergeeva	ISYS123
Aarti Joshi	ISYS114
Anjali Vijayan	ISYS123
Jimmy Lo	ISYS123 & COMP125
<b>Staff Representatives</b>	<b>Units</b>
Ros Ballantyne - Chair	
Peter Busch	ISYS114
Frank Moisiadis	ISYS123 & ISYS114
Lee Flax	ISYS154

**Apologies:** Scott McCallum (COMP125), Manolya Kavakli (ISYS154), and Lisa Chanell

**GENERAL ISSUES**

**100 Help**

Students thought this a very good idea – better than individual consultation. Many students have attended and /or are planning to attend soon.

**Tute Style**

Group work in Tutorials is very helpful and students much prefer this style of tute. They learn about the subject and also learn to communicate their ideas to other students.

**Information Systems & Technologies**

A second year computing student (currently enrolled in ISYS123) recommended that all students should do ISYS123, as it is very useful and show how computers can be useful.

## **UNIT MATTERS**

### **ISYS123 Introduction to Information Systems and Technologies**

Lectures: Okay easy to comprehend. Notes are usually available by Thursday but there have been a couple of hiccups. Mac Theatre gets quite crowded particularly at the back and if arrive late have to find a seat in the front.

Practicals: Not as well - structured as tutes. Not well attended so far but assignment due this week and more should attend in future. Concern about some Practical Supervisors arriving late and not being very approachable. Students would prefer more explanations from prac supervisors rather than the supervisor taking over and doing the work for them. Depending on their background some students found the practical exercise quite hard while others found the early ones relatively easy.

Tutorials: Very constructive, share ideas, group environment is particularly helpful. Some tutors singled out as being very friendly and very good at explaining with diagrams. Another tutor seemed to focus too much on marketing aspects.

Text: Bit complicated not following the lectures. Frank indicated that he had introduced some material early that was not in the text (and had provide very good notes for this section). But from now on the lectures would be following the text and the text would be more useful.

### **ISYS114 Introduction to Systems Design & Data Management**

Lots of positives reported by many students to the rep

Lectures: Loves lecture slides, really helpful, no need to buy text

Practicals: not to bad

Tutorials: Encouraging group work is very good. Students enjoy working together in groups and then presenting ideas to class for discussion. Some tut exercises are too long.

Assignments: seems Okay

### **ISYS154 Introduction to Systems Design & Data Management (Advance)**

Only 7 students!

### **COMP125 Fundamentals of Computer Science**

Lectures: Good. Both lecturers are good and Scott is very thorough

Practicals: Excellent but low attendance

Tutorials: One tutor was singled out as being a “top bloke” – very smart and helpful person.

Text: Good – not used in COMP115 but now more useful

Assignment: Bit hard for some but easy for others. Lots have finished  
Special assignment tute was a good idea but some were too confused to benefit from it.

**Next Meeting: Will be advised shortly please look at the web page for an update**