

**DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTING ~ MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY**  
**Minutes of the 100 -Level Liaison Committee Meeting**  
**August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2006**

**Present:**

<b>Student Representatives</b>	<b>Units</b>
Ian Hayman	COMP125/ISYS114
Robert Douglas	COMP123/165
Nathan Tarr	ISYS114/154
Nick Harkins	ISYS123
<b>Staff Representatives</b>	<b>Units</b>
Manolya Kavakli	ISYS123
Jian Yang	ISYS114/154
Lee Flax	Apologies
Scott McCallum	COMP125/165
Steve Cassidy	COMP125/165
Lisa Chanell	Minutes
Louella Almeida	Admin
Ian Cowell	CTS
Renzie Jayasekara	CTS
Richard Miller	CTS

**UNIT MATTERS**

**ISYS123**

There is a difference between what is taught and what is required in the practical assignments.

Would like more practical information in practical classes

Lecture slides on line is a good idea

A suggestion on introducing examples which are not on the slide will help with attendance this is done in COMP125

Over all a good unit and has helped with knowledge of computer skills

**ISYS114/154**

The objectives which have been set have helped the expectation of the students.

The reference to chapters within the lectures this is a great help as to what to be learnt

Lecture notes to more closely correlated with the textbook

Layout of the lecture notes are too much information on the slides (text)

Suggestion of using dot points but explained with examples  
Tutorials very good: small group work mirrors work situation and with real examples.  
Practical excellent – step by step instructions, which will help with the assignments.

## **COMP125/165**

Work load is good with no problems – could there be a bit more theory  
Tutorials and Practicals are balanced  
Could W4 & W5 be up in the same week on the Thursday before the week due?

### Tutor consultation

The consultation time in 100 level labs especially for COMP125 have proven to be most helpful – with one tutor providing not only one on one help but group help as well.

Enjoying the lectures objectives are clear, tutorials are proving to push the students to think.

The correlation of material between lectures, practicals and tutorials are good. Excellent tutorials and timetabling of tutorial followed by a prac is very good as it is fresh in students' minds.

There was a mention of Stacks at the end of the lecture will there be more on this subject later. Answer: in more detail later just an introduction at this stage  
Strings are a bit confusing – maybe run some programmes in the lectures so the students can see the code. This was done in COMP155 in first semester.

Video tutorials have proven to be a hit and please continue.

## **General Issues**

### Pay for printing

Due to the cost of maintenance of printers and paper costs – Department of Computing have ask the reps to go back and talk to other students regarding the 2 systems with has been put forward today.

1 Student card system - this system is already in place at the library at 11c per copy

2 EFPOST credit or debit systems – this system is an external based

- Print jams after hours
- Shut printers off after 6pm
- 40 pages per student per week not necessary
- Shorten print queues

➤ After hours for important for other Units (300 Level)  
Feed back will be asked for in the next meeting

**Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at 1pm in E6A357**