

**Department of Computing**  
**300-level Liaison Meeting**  
**20 March 1pm- 2pm**

**Present:**

Yan Wang (Chair)  
Bronwen Wade-Leeuwen (minutes)

**Staff:**

Adam Shah ISYS302  
Manolya Kavakli COMP330  
Mark Drass COMP348  
Mehmet Orgun ISYS326  
Josef Pieprzyk COMP347

**Student Reps:**

Elizabeth McMurray ISYS302  
Enrico Susatyo COMP323  
Nathan Tarr COMP330  
Yenchi Cao COMP348, COMP330.

**CTS Staff**

Richard Miller

**Apologies:**

Diego Molla Aliod, Debbie Richards, Louella Almeida, Len Hamey, Steven Sommer, Peter Busch, Leszek Maciaszek, Bill Dalglish

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**GENERAL PROBLEMS:**

1. Blackboard problems- Unit outlines are not linked to public page specifications. Students can't reference back and forth, no browser access on 6/3/08. Not everyone knows where to find things.

**ACTION:** (RM) to look into this.

2. Problem with class times, as there is a clash between COMP346/249 on at same time. Clashes with COMP346 and MPCE360

3. The set ups for COMP346 course still has 2007 requirements and needs upgrading.

**ACTION:** (YW) to inform (DR)

4. Some labs need cleaning.

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**Unit**

**ISYS302**

*(Peter Busch, Adam Shah)*

**Lectures:** Generally good, students like how the base the lecture notes on the US model which has more relevant research.

**Practicals:**

**Tutorials:**

**Assignments:**

**Textbooks:**

## Unit

## COMP323

*Student Representative, Enrico Susatyo-. unable to attend the meeting see comments sent on 13.3.08*

### Lectures

The lectures have been going really well with attendance of 15-20 people.  
Lecture notes are available online and many people printing it.

### Practicals

Practicals has been well supervised, there is no casual practical demonstrator working on this unit.

### ACTION: (?)

### Tutorials

Tutorial has attendance of about 30 people, and tutor has suggested another tutorial hour on Fridays 1pm and 4pm; however not many people interested in it.  
Tutorial class has been quite crowded, with one or two students can not find any seat. Some students had to stand during the tutorial hour.

### ACTION:

### Assignments

The subject is generally interesting; half of the students have done MATH136 which makes the lectures easy to follow. However some people who has only done MATH135 find it a little bit hard to follow the lectures.  
The project has been online since last week, and is due 18th April. Many students has already printed project outline and few people has started working on the assignment.

### Text Books

### General matters

The news that came up on the screen when we log on into the computers in computer labs are really informative and useful.

The tutorial hour for COMP323 clashes with this meeting and also the next meeting,  
**Suggestions:** it would actually be great if the meeting can be rescheduled so students and tutor can attend.

Some labs needs a little bit of cleaning.

Printers are working well. Some students tried to burn his/her data on pompeii to a cd-r, however only administrators can burn data into cd.

## Unit

## COMP330

*(Manolya Kavakli)*

**Lectures:** Generally good, students have asked for more maths programming and more explanation of RNG Docs. The lectures help progress the assignments and provides opportunities to ask questions.

**Practicals:** A good balance of practicals and tutorials (P & T). The introduction was good and explored many concepts. Practical start out simple and getting more complex.

**Suggestions:** provide more material in tuts & prac to correlate with the assignment question.

**Tutorials:** Tuts link into the information straight from the lecture notes.

**Assignments:** The lectures help progress the assignments. There are about 35 students.

\*\*\*Some students have limitations and are struggling with clipping i.e. windows.

**Textbooks:** A good choice of textbooks- reference to new editions.

Many students find the information useful but don't follow the text books as they can get a greater variety of resources off the internet.

\*\*\*With the software there has been some trouble with laptops- suggest extra code in library for interface.

**Others:**

## **Unit COMP348**

*(Mark Drass)*

**Lectures:**

Lectures are good but not always well explained. Not enough commentary given. 3 hour lectures with the evening classes is hard with only a short break.

**Practicals:** The exam material from pracs and tuts is important for the assignments.

**Tutorials:** Concepts need more explanation.

**Assignments:** Most students got the information needed for the assignments; Part 1 will be further explained tonight.

No one seems to be aware when this is due as there were no announcement on blackboard?

**ACTION:** (MD) to check this out and get back to students.

### **OTHER:**

1. (BWL) reminded students there is a **helpdesk** and checked that students knew how to get help if it was required. Students were aware of this.

2. (YW) asked all attendees to try to promote the Liaison Committee to other students in the course. Convenor and academics to find student reps for those units still not represented for next meeting.

### **3. Units not represented.**

MPCE360

COMP340

COMP342

COMP343

COMP345

ISYS346

Meeting Closed 2pm

**Next meeting** Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1-2pm

