

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTING ~ MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY
Minutes of the 300-Level Liaison Committee Meeting
15 September 2009 1pm

Present:

Student Representatives	Units	Student ID
Peter Schimdt	COMP340 COMP347	
Arun Neelakandan	COMP329	

Staff Representatives	Units
Ros Ballantyne	Chair
Bernard Mans	HoD, COMP333
Christophe Doche	COMP333
Tony Sloane	COMP332
Peter Busch	ISYS301
Abhaya Nayak	COMP329
Mehmet Orgun	COMP329
Yan Wang	COMP344
Rajan Shankaran	COMP347
Matthew Roberts	ISYS303
Matt Cabanag	ScienceIT, Labs
Melina Chan	Executive Officer
Len Hamey	COMP347
Adam Shah	ScienceIT
Jackie Walsh	Dept Admin
Raina Kim	Minutes

Apologies:

Debbie Richards, Josef Pieprzyk, Annabelle McIver, Jian Yang

Meeting started 1:05pm

UNIT MATTERS

COMP329: Unit Convenor- Abhaya Nayak

Lectures:

- Lectures are going well.
- AN will inform the students that the lectures will be held as normal for tomorrow's strike.

Tutorials and Practicals:

- Tutorials are going very well.

- Some students prefer AN to go through the tutorial questions rather than the students having to lead the discussion in front of the class.
- Student preferred the tutorial hours to increase to cover problem solving. Discussion took place on redesignating the class hours to 2 hours lectures and 1 hour tutorial problem solving for the next offering.
- There was a problem in processing assignment solutions using Latex. AN advised other software could be used instead.

Assignment:

- Assignment 1 submission date is Wednesday 16th September.

COMP340: Unit Convenor – Debbie Richards

This is an industry project.

- A practice presentation for the final Industry Presentation took place. Everything is well under progress.
- The final exam (worth 25 %) has been set to week 10.

COMP347: Unit Convenor – Rajan Shankaran

Lectures:

- Lectures are running smoothly.
- iLectures are very helpful. Only audio ilectures are available.
- Student wanted the video lectures be available. Student was advised video lectures were only available in theatres.

Tutorials and Practicals:

- Tutor Peter Nicola covers the material in detail and connects well with the students.
- There was a small problem in attaching the routers in last week's practical, but all was resolved.

Assignment:

- Assignment 1 submission date is this Friday 18th September.

Labs:

- RS requested the students to handle the cables with care. Some new cables have already been damaged. RS would post a note to remind the students.

ISYS303: Unit Convenor- Matthew Roberts

No student representative attended this meeting.

- The unit is running smoothly.
- The students are generally happy with everything.

COMP344: Unit Convenor – Yan Wang

No student representative attended this meeting.

- All classes are running smoothly.
- The submission date for the last stage of the assignment is Friday 18th September.

COMP332: Unit Convenor- Tony Sloane

No student representative attended this meeting.

- The unit is running smoothly.
- The results for the 1st assignment will be handed out tomorrow.

COMP333: Unit Convenor – Christophe Doche

No student representative attended this meeting.

Tutorials and Practicals:

- Student suggested having a mixed class of tutorial and practical. It would be considered for the next offering.

General Issues:

Labs:

- The problem with the system freeze still occurs around 3 to 4 times per hour.
- Student informed Eclipse was unreliable in labs.
- No major noise or disruption issues in the labs.

Meeting finished at 1:25pm.

Next meeting: week 11