

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTING ~ MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY
Minutes of the 300-Level Liaison Committee Meeting

Thursday 1st September 2005 1pm

Present:

Student Representatives	Units
Farhan Alam	COMP340
Wenqing Tom Shi	COMP332/333/329
Aleksander Blomskold	COMP329/344/332
Scott Chinchon	COMP332/333/349
Ilan Perez	COMP349/344
Fredrik Klingebey	COMP329
Daniel Chaibi	COMP329/332/344
Staff Representatives	Units
Frank Moisiadis	Chair
Rolf Schwitter	COMP349 UC
Yan Wang	COMP344 UC
Mehmet Orgun	COMP329 UC
Abhaya Nayak	COMP329
Bernard Mans	COMP333 UC
Debbie Richards	COMP340/345 UC
Kate Stenfanvo	COMP332
Louella Almeida	Program Manger
Lisa Chanell	Minutes UG Admin

UNIT MATTERS

COMP340 Systems Engineering Project

Lectures are very helpful in the interview process
Request for 1 lecture to deal with presentation and to cover topics
Share lectures with COMP345/346 to help with the presentations

Students are required to read the textbooks as a good source of information and reference.

The company standards are different to what is being delivered.
This will be revised for next year and student will be required to ask more questions regarding the skill set.

COMP329 Knowledge Systems

Good course

Examples of older logic is not available in first weeks of semester as students are required the knowledge before this section is provided.

Lectures are very noisy and are hard to concentrate – students are lost in the material taught.

An example was given of COMP226 – Lecturer asks question and are more interactive and students will be more attentive

A suggestion of Piers to tell students to be quite + breaks instead of 1 maybe 2.

Assignment 1 okay due next week

COMP332 Programming Languages

Very interesting, well explained & structured
Some students have struggled along the way
The practical approach is mentally stimulating
The best course so far

Assignment 1 a lot of java – good to know which files to use to modify

COMP333 Algorithm Theory and Design

Assignment marking – a lot of work for such a small mark!!!
Found it hard with the (no talking rule) to other students about the assignment

This rule is only for the first assignment and it was advise that the student are more than welcome to come and see the lecturer to discuss ideas

Good examples given and enjoying the course

Lectures are great

It has been requested for more test runs for the next assignment

COMP344 E-Commerce Technology

Students are not satisfied with this unit?

It is a difficult course “what is it about”

Not getting much out of the lecture/overwhelming, unable to grasp the concept

A lot of details in the lecture and lecture notes or information do not correspond to the textbook

Exams are a big concern as to what will be examined

Tutorial: unable to understand the tutor – students are having difficulties explaining the question and feel that the tutor does not have a good grasp of language to understand or explain the answers to their questions.

Assignment will be marked in their practicals

COMP349 Spoken Language Dialogue Systems

Practical supervisor there is a problem – Rolf is aware of this and is working on this matter.

BGO a request if they could for next year not have 9am lectures

Practical/ tutorial 1 hour is not long enough – maybe 1.5 to 2 hours.

General Issues

It was asked if Python is up to date system. It was explain that it is up to date as it is the next one on from Pearl.

Next Meeting

Week 11