

**DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTING ~ MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY**  
**Minutes of the 300-Level Liaison Committee Meeting**  
**31<sup>st</sup> August 2006**

**Present:**

<b>Student Representatives</b>	<b>Units</b>
Carl Svensson	COMP329/332/333
Vikas Nayak	COMP333
Richard Ramos	COMP332/333
Ray Elinon	COMP333/340
Yuan Tao	COMP344
Raymond Lay	COMP344/329/347/345
Issac Leung	COMP329
<b>Staff Representatives</b>	<b>Units</b>
Mehmet Orgun	COMP329
Kate Stefanov	COMP332
Abhaya Nayak	COMP329
Bernard	COMP333
Len Hamey	COMP347
Rajan Shankaran	COMP347, 344
Yan Wang	COMP344
Lee Flax	COMP345, 346
Richard Miller	CTS
Ian Cowell	CTS
Lisa Chanell	Minutes
Louella Almeida	Admin

**UNIT MATTERS**

**COMP329**

Lectures: Are going well no problems  
Tutorials: Great – the marking systems is good it encourages students to attend  
Feed back on the work you have done is great and very helpful  
Issues: None at this time  
Practicals: Are helpful to the learning outcomes, but the tutorials are more important.  
Text: Book not in use as information on the material provide is sufficient

**COMP332**

- Lectures: Are okay – there are great spaces in the lecture slides and text is too small would be good to have power point. Could there please be extra examples in lectures.  
Topic & code link on webpage
- Tutorials: Challenging – with excellent structure which in turn helps the student to prepare for exams
- Practicals: These are relevant to the assignment as there are 4 practicals before the assignment.
- Text: Book was late into bookshop (available now)

### **COMP333**

- Lectures: Software presentation is good and easy to follow  
The notes are released in 2, 6 & 9 slides per page  
Can assignments please be offset with COMP332?
- Tutorials: Very good feed back – interesting, learning lots
- Practicals: Supervisor is lively and very good at getting people involved in the class. The same person does the tutorials as well
- Text: Both books are good

### **COMP340/345/346**

There is concern that they are behind in COMP340 and in 345/346 there is an outline or structure.  
The structure of 340 has changed so there are lectures combined with 345/346 in the first 6 week of the year.  
Students have not had an exam in COMP340 and they are worried about what will be needed to revise for the end of year exam  
There is not a clear definition between COMP345 & COMP346 – the difference is in the implementation  
Peer review forms have been requested for the deliverables in 345/346  
Working in a group is a great way to learn – it is also sometimes hard as some people do not deliver on time if at all.

### **COMP344**

- Lectures: Good course – structure and workload is reasonable
- Tutorials: Valuable and helpful towards the assignments which is in exam style. Students know what is expected of them. The assignments so far are very interesting.
- Practicals: Able to finish in practical time questions given

Text: 3 books recommendation only for extra information

Running Access on Spider server is not a good idea – never use access for any commercial use.

### **COMP347**

Lectures: challenging course there is a big step from COMP247 especially or students who have not done COMP226 will find the first assignment hard.

Tutorials: Very helpful – questions are very similar to exam style.

Practicals: Requested more CISCO Lab in W9 & W10 advance  
Needed to attend the COMP247 practicals and the time allocation was not enough.  
I- Lectures are good

### **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

Feed back will be asked for in the next meeting

### **Next Meeting**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 1pm E6A357