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Apologies:

Robert Dale (ISYS100), Dominic Verity (COMP115).
Meeting started at 1:05pm

MD welcomed all to the meeting and invited staff representatives to introduce themselves to the student representatives.

UNIT MATTERS

ISYS100: Unit Convenor – Matthew Mansour

General:

- Student representative found the unit good – introduction is easy – can grasp easily. The tutor described HTML/creating a webpage very well, it was easy to understand and they had no problems so far.
- MM advised that we have put a lot of work into this unit and wanted to make sure that it is tailored for everyone. The numbers have not dropped so this is a good sign.
- Student rep advised that everyone thinks it is good and has not met anyone that has said otherwise.
- Student rep likes MM teaching style.
- Student rep advised that he was doing eBusiness and ISYS100 was listed as a planet unit and he was able to choose this as the planet unit and questioned this.
- CD advised that ISYS100 was not a planet unit for our degree and he would take the student reps details and contact AMIS.

Labs:

- Student rep commented that for HTML do we have to use basic notepad or notepad ++? MM mentioned either should be fine. Computers are great.
- TS commented that this was the first request from a first year student.

Assignment:

- Student advised that he found the assignment easy to understand.
ISYS104: Unit Convenor – Jian Yang

General:

- Student rep advised unit was really good. Very similar to IPT (after coming from High School – similar concepts). Pretty straightforward – even if you have not done IPT, as long as you listen.
- Student rep commented that he found unit well structured.
- Student rep suggested that having student outline and iLecture links on Moodle would be easier – could not find the unit outline so did not know which textbooks to buy.
- MM had put iLecture and unit outline links on Moodle.
- Computing is moving to Moodle next semester – as of January 2012 everything on Moodle. Students happy about that.

Labs etc:

- Well set out – not confused at any stage. MM and tutors explain everything well.
- Exercises – tuts are well structured.
- Everything on Moodle.
- Good support. Happy with tutors – every helpful, know what they are doing and answer all questions.
- MM recommended that students purchase the $33.00 e-book – a lot of textbooks now becoming e-books.
- Lectures are split over two days – frustrating.
- MM: first hour trying to get all lecture done and second hour trying to focus on assignments.
- Great lecture – MM is great. He simplifies everything for the students and is very engaging. He walks around to everyone.
- Pracs are easy at the moment. Pretty happy.

COMP115: Unit Convenor – Tony Sloane

General:

- Going fairly well – still early days.
- Would be helpful to have a mention of Moodle on the Blackboard site. TS thinks there is but will check.
- Some opinions raised about using other languages.
- For someone with no programming background, finds it good, but only his personal opinion – as intro subject it is pretty good.
- TS: considered different languages for this unit. Was C++ before but confused people. Processing lets us get to more interesting examples. More engagement of students in material. Graphical things can be done more easily – does not require so much scaffolding. Processing is a compromise – did consider Python as well (but quite different from
other languages).

- Student rep asked what are thoughts about submitting assignments in other languages.
- TS agrees that other styles are important but as it is an intro unit, have to cater for students with no programming backgrounds – so limits us somewhat. Asked if the unit was sufficiently interesting for students with no programming background.
- MM asked if we could test students at the beginning and see if they could skip the unit and do 125 instead. The department has considered this but not doing anything at the moment.
- Use of Moodle forums is good.
- TS commented that more students are using Moodle this year, which is good to see.
- Student rep said forum talked about in lectures.
- Processing is good for people who have never programmed before – good to get result.
- Learning a lot about processing etc. Really interesting. Looking forward to more complex assignments. TS advised that this was coming.
- TS: iLecture working well. If students do not want to attend lectures – cannot force them.
- TS: evening lecture more comfortable – smaller room. Mason Theatre too big and more impersonal.
- Prac sessions going well – people that are supervising are good.
- TS: Prac work has to be assessed in prac – he asked was this reasonable – do not get mark if do not attend. Students agreed that this was reasonable.
- Student rep advised that one tutor not good at helping students if need help just tells them to look at textbook.
- Tutor does not seem to know processing.
- TS advised that tutor should know enough to help with what students are doing in class.
- TS to have a talk to the tutor and remind them to give feedback. Do expect students to read textbooks and keep up with what is happening in class.

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS:

- General discussion if facilities and labs all ok.
- BM asked how many students were using wireless connection. Some student reps advised that it is hard to get wireless signal from some of the lecture theatres. Sometimes cannot get in, other times really fast, others had no reason to.
- BM asked students if they want anything else on campus – like apps for iphone, ipad, Facebook etc.

MD thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for their valuable input.

The meeting closed at 2:00 pm.