Minutes of the last meeting:
- Amendments to COMP247 the “Assignment” should be “Assessment”.
  Second point in this section should be referred to the quizzes.

UNIT MATTERS

ISYS201: Unit convenor-Jian Yang
No student representative attended for this unit. There is a prac class on at the same time.

Lectures:
- In yesterday’s lecture the guidelines to the 1st assignment was discussed which covered main issues and problems.
- This year many students with little technical computing background have enrolled into the unit and these students find the unit difficult, especially
with Java method. JY said a possibility of adding more Java will be reviewed.

**Assignment:**
- The 1st assignment was marked. The lowest mark was zero and 2 students received full mark. The average marks were 10 or 11 out of 15. If the students participated well in the practicals they would have had no problems with this assignment.
- The 2nd assignment is due in week 12. JY will try to have this assignment marked and will aim to have a discussion in week 13 before the exam.
- For consistency in marking JY has assigned only one marker.

**Tutorials:**
- Tutorials are going well.

**Practicals:**
- There is a lot to cover in the practicals and therefore many students cannot finish the work in time. Many students do not continue the work at home.
- AN suggested to identify the tasks to be done in class and at home. JY said mostly they are a single task and cannot be divided. Each prac is independent of the other.

**COMP225: Unit convenor-Annabelle McIver**

**Practicals:**
- Students are frustrated of other students present in the lab who are not enrolled in the unit and are interrupting the class. Therefore, some students prefer not to attend the class.
- Some students cannot terminate programs. Next week’s practical will cover some basic programming.

**Mid-semester Exam:**
- Mid-semester exam was held in week 8.
- Students would like more space for putting answers on the question paper.
- 1 or 2 questions were ambiguous. AM would look into these questions and review the results.

**Assignments:**
- The format for assignment 3 is much easier to read compared to the previous ones.
- Students will get help in the practicals. Doing the practical questions will help with the assignment.
- Assignment 3 submission deadline is now extended by 2 weeks.

**General Issues:**
- On the unit website (outline), students want the italics to be change to normal text unless the words are emphasised. It makes it hard to read for some students. RB will follow up.

**COMP247: Unit convenor-Rajan Shankaran**

**Lectures:**
- Ilecture is working again. Students want the written material given by the lecturer during the lectures to be available on ilectures. This can be achieved by using the visualizer. RS will look into this.
There is a conflict in the material taught in lectures and the tutorials. Needs to be looked at.

Assignments:
• Assignment 1 will be handed back this week except for the Monday morning class. The students in this class will receive it next Monday.
• The marking guideline for the assignment will be posted next Monday afternoon.

Practicals:
• Some students felt that they were not learning much in the practicals. They simply followed the instructions but did not know what they were doing. RS said the theory behind the exercises were uploaded Wednesday prior to the prac classes and urged the students to learn the material before attending the classes.

General Issues:
• There is a significant difference in the student’s level of experience or knowledge in networking. This issue will be looked at next year when exercises are prepared. Providing a set of exercises for all levels of knowledge could be one possibility. Students can then work according to their ability and pace.
• Networking problems: issues with no dedicated machines for networking. The configuration needs to be reset every time.
• Many students with no/very little hardware knowledge found networking and virtual machines difficult to grasp. Covering hardware in the beginning would help with understanding.

COMP249: Unit convenor-Rolf Schwitter

Lectures:
• The lectures are running smoothly.
• More screen cast would be helpful.
• RS suggested starting Python a little bit earlier.
• Students said CSS is not very hard to learn.

Mixed class:
• The classes have been very helpful.

Assignments:
• Students are confused with the assignment submission on Moodle.

General Issues:
• The information on the Python website is too web specific and do not have enough documentation. Students want more examples. Students think the lecture notes provide more information than the website.
• Students were distracted by the others who were not enrolled in the class.
• Students have problems with blackboard and much prefer to use Moodle which is much better with wireless connection. The department is looking at moving into Moodle.
• Student has written a report on suggestion for improvements in regards to Blackboard and Moodle.

Meeting closed at 2:05pm.

This was the last meeting for semester 1, 2009.