Minutes of the 300-Level Liaison Committee Meeting

14th May 2012 1pm

Present:

**Student Representatives** | **Units**
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Michael Van Treeck | COMP330, COMP348, ISYS326
Doug Shearman | COMP365, ISYS302, ISYS326
Colin Coker | COMP365, COMP330, COMP348
Stephen Guy | COMP348
Joe Mahoney (via text) | COMP343

**Staff Representatives** | **Units**
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Len Hamey (LM) | Chair of the Committee
Dominic Verity (DV) | Acting Head of Department
Peter Busch (PB) | ISYS302
Christophe Doche (CD) | COMP343, Director of Teaching
Mehmet Orgun (MO) | ISYS326
Michael Johnson (MJ) | COMP342
Mark Johnson (MaJ) | COMP348
Abhaya Nayak (AN) | ISYS326
Les Bell (LB) | COMP343
Scott McCallum (SM) | COMP330
Manolya Kavakli (MK) | COMP330
Stephen Smith (SS) | COMP355, COMP365, ISYS355
Richard Miller (RM) | ScienceIT
Melina Chan (MC) | Executive Officer
Jackie Walsh (JW) | Department Administrator (Minutes)

Apologies: Debbie Richards.
Meeting started at 1:05 pm

LH welcomed all and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Unit Matters

ISYS326: Unit Convenor – Abhaya Nayak

Lectures:
- Lectures are going reasonably well.
- Visualiser helpful but things on visualiser cannot be captured in the iLecture.
- Some students cannot attend because of clash with DMTH??

Tutorials and Practicals:
- Not a great deal of connection between content in lectures and content in assignments. Just a general feeling.
- MO: In future may want to align concepts in Oracle?? with assignments??
- Some of the work done on object databases – maybe something can be done in practical?
- MO needs to see what Oracle supports.

COMP330: Unit Convenor – Scott McCallum

Lectures:
- Lectures are fine.
- SM’s lectures contain less slide shows.
- Last lecture switched off – became a wall of words – sometimes less is more.
- MK: May need to slow down the content a bit more.
- MK: May be that concepts are too intense towards the end.
- MK: Missed a lecture because of public holiday – trying to catch up.
- SM: Suggested 3 hours to 2 hours?
- Student Rep prefers the Uni supplies the resources to teach that extra hour.
- SM: Lecture attendance is not that high. Offering a balance. Students have varying views.

Tutorials:
- SM posted solutions and will continue to do so.
- Some of the material put up, students cannot get working.
- MK: Going to cover this week.

- Normal tutor away – someone replaced.
- SM: Some software in the morning workshop not working. Working on it.
- Hope to post some guidelines how to get software working for those from
morning workshop.

COMP343: Unit Convenor – Les Bell

Lectures:

- Great lectures by LB.
- Marks weekly tasks do not come back??
- LB ??? (see MC)??

COMP348: Unit Convenor – Mark Johnson

- Liaison reps page updated.
- Student has not checked email link??

Lectures:

- MaJ: Lecture recording should be working now.
- MaJ: Find iLearn console?? incredibly complicated.
- MaJ: Feedback: assumed when speakers working the microphone was working and sometimes it was not.
- SS: Ceiling microphone even if you mute it.
- MaJ: Easiest thing would be…….? ? (see MC)
- Student rep: iLecture dashboard? Not working. Len did contact about.
- Tutor helpful.
- Going well – lecture workshops good.
- Helpful with exams coming up to have one sample review material – with more detailed questions.
- MaJ: Will have a review day at the very end – remind students of materials covered.
- Student rep: Have not exercised brains regarding answering questions – have been mainly coding in the workshops.

General:

- Moving to Masters next year – last year of Honours – would be good to know what Masters ?? would be.
- DV: MRes Program still under development – will appear on website in a couple of months.
- Student Rep: Did not receive email about Honours seminar from DM until a week later. Maybe DM can talk about changes in next Honours seminar.
- DV will double-check if you can still enrol as an Honours student in 2013.
ISYS302: Unit Convenor – Peter Busch

Lectures:

- Going reasonably well.
- Adam doing reasonably well – no major complaints.
- 3rd assignment due in 2 or 3 weeks – group assignment.
- Actions resolved from last meeting????? (see minutes from last meeting)

ISYS360

- There was no student representative from this unit or Unit Convenor present at the meeting.

COMP365: Unit Convenor – Deborah Richards (Apologies)

- Group work – directionless – unit as a whole.
- Contact with DR is sporadic.

ISYS355 and COMP355: Unit Convenor – Deborah Richards (Apologies)

- There was no student representative from this unit present at the meeting.
- Struggling what to supply clients or DR.
- Providing what they are asked for – not sure they are being agile – confused.
- LH: Sounds like you are doing basic principles of agile.
- SS: Points noted about agile – hard to use with something that is existing.
- Student Rep: Is our major project based on learning of last 2 years. Capstone unit – would have expected to be taught more agile? concepts?? – part of pre req units??

COMP342: Unit Convenor – Michael Johnson

- There was no student representative from this unit present at the meeting.
- MJ reported that feedback from students regarding Francois is very positive.
- MJ advised that he will take Unix??? and other comments (in last minutes)?? into account.
- MJ reported that students are doing well.

General Matters

- Not all are using the iLearn grading facilities.
- DV: Seeing marks for others – assignments probably not a good thing.
- DV: Need to track down who is not doing that and give them support.
- DV: Ability for students to see where they are in the class is important.
- SS and PB will take that on board.
• MJ observed our HOD wanting to help??
• DV suggesting that he wanted to support those that want to upload? grades etc. iLearn???

The meeting closed at 2:00 pm