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Meeting commenced at 1:05pm with an address by Len Hamey.
COMP343 - Cryptography and Information Security  
Unit Convenor: Christophe Doche  
Other Lecturers: Leslie Bell

General

Everything is fine and there are no major issues with the subject. Students comment that there is a lot of content covered in the lectures with it being fairly easy to fall behind, however there are notes provided and the readings can bring you back up to speed.

Students comment that they are unsure what amount of theory and mathematics will be involved in the exam. Len asked whether students should be given a more clear direction as to what the units core content is and what is extra, students believed the distinction was reasonably clear.

The tutorials and practicals have been good at ensuring that students are learning the content.

Assignments

Students would have liked some test data to be provided for the most recent assignment. Groups of students are cross checking their implementations however they could all in theory be incorrect. Christophe comments that they could have wanted students to design their own tests.

COMP330 - Computer Graphics  
Unit Convenor: Scott McCallum  
Other Lecturers: Manolya Kavakli-Thorne, Matt Cabanag

General

The unit consists of mostly Bachelor of IT students majoring in software technology and games design. Having some day classes would many students better than the current night offering. Len and Steve Cassidy discussed issues of our timetabling system with there being a work around solution which can be considered for future offerings.

An issue of food availabilities for night students is raised as the food court closes down around 6pm. Len acknowledges that these facilities are important however valid points were raised regarding the commercial realities which limit what is feasible.

Assignment

A student comments that there was a lot of cross over from Java to C++ which they have found difficult, particularly with lists, pointers and garbage collection. Scott comments that students did not need to use pointers, which were one of the reasons the Department switched to Java.

The assignment was meant to have an element of challenge however some students did not start the assignment until it was too late.

Another student had issues with Open GL passive mouse motion and mouse motion.
Tutorials

Each week students have a relatively short task to submit which should be marked by their tutors. Some of the tutorial submissions have not yet been marked with 2 of the 3 tutors being very behind. Scott comments that they will aim to catch up with marking as much as possible this week and into the break. Tutors are very good.

ISYS302 Management of IT Systems and Projects

Unit Convenor: Ian Krycer
Other Staff: Eng Lim

General

Students have had a really positive response to the unit with all the good stories and interesting perspectives provided by staff. Eng used Twitter, personal email and his personal mobile number at the start of the semester to ensure students could contact him as he could not get access to the relevant systems, this has since been resolved.

Textbook

Students comment that the textbook, Information Technology Project Management (7e) by Kathy Schwalbe is “dull and tedious” while also being hard to follow. Ian comments that he also doesn’t like the textbook and would suggest Project Management for Information Systems (5e) by Cadle & Yeates as a replacement for future offerings of the unit. Schwalbe while having interesting references often skews information with unclear graphics and strange representations. Eng confirms that some of the material in the textbook is incorrect.

Steve Cassidy views textbooks as another voice and as such you should refrain from saying which content is right or wrong and just provide your opinion on the issue.

Practical

It is suggested that practicals run for a longer period of time as there is a lot of material to cover regarding Microsoft Project. Eng is adapting practical content to suit the different learning styles of the students.
General

Student comments that the 15 minute break half way through the 3 hour lecture makes them much more tolerable. There is only a dozen students attending the lectures of the 46 enrolled. Tutorials have a lot to cover and they are very fast paced. Half of the course material is fairly straight forward while the other half is much more difficult e.g. Db spaces.

Oracle and Practical Tasks

Students are having issues with Oracle, they are told to install Oracle Express on their personal machines to avoid overwhelming the Universities servers. However some practical exercises cannot be completing using Oracle Express as it has limited functionality.

The Oracle installation on the lab computers is also not satisfactory for database administration tasks due to user privileges being too restrictive. Steve Cassidy suggests that we could install a separate Oracle instance for each student using disk imaging or using an alternative such as PostgreSQL.

Staff will flag which tasks cannot be done in Oracle Express or on the University installation.

Marking

A student raises that there as discrepancies in marking with the example of a paper marked 60% being remarked to receive 96%. Marwan comments that some students had correct solutions that were not included in the marking scheme. Steve Cassidy suggests an audit of the rubric and marking guidelines as they should accommodate for such issues.

Students also commented that they were told assignments might not always have comments explaining what they did wrong.
COMP348 - Document Processing and the Semantic Web
Unit Convenor: Diego Molla-Aliod
Other Lecturers: Rolf Schwitter

General

There are three hours of lectures spread across two days. There are only 9 people out of the 30 attending. Students are having difficulties with the units content, only two students found the tasks easy. Students had issues with assignment one, one student spent 10 hours total working on and refining their solution.

Workshops and Content

Wednesday classes are crowded and the room is always completely full however the Thursday class only has a few students where they get through the content much faster. Diego said he will make an iLearn post telling students to go to the Thursday class if it suits them.

Students not in the practical classes have been disruptive and the tutors will need to be more assertive in maintaining a quiet learning environment.

Diego asks whether the number of tasks and their complexity is suitable for the students, to which a student confirms that they are good and enjoys the challenge of the non-required tasks. Some of the mathematics is difficult and it is hard to see where to start and where to go with it.

Diego will provide worked solutions for problems in the lecture which is a suitable solution for the student.

General

A student has had issues with Echo 360 with it stopping every 5 - 10 minutes forcing them to manually refresh and seek to the desired time. The solution was to just download the whole stream and listen to it. Echo 360 is hosted off campus in Adelaide so the problem has nothing to do with our network infrastructure.

Meeting ended at 2:05pm.