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INSTITUTE OF MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS**

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STAFF/STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (MATHEMATICS)**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 4 APRIL 2014 AT 1.00 PM IN THE DMAPS  
COMMON ROOM**

**Present:** Damien Clarke, Ryan Myles-Roberts, Thomas O'Neill, Sylvan Bliss, Daria Andreeva,

**Staff:** Dr Robert Douglas, Dr Tudur Davies, Dr Eleri Pryse, Dr Adam Vellender, Dr Dave Binding, Mr Alan Jones

**Apologies for absence:** Lewis Pryce, Sahn Nikoi (Information Services), Dr Rolf Gohm

**In attendance:** Trystan Pugh

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**M I N U T E S**

**1. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the last meeting which was held on 2 December 2013 were discussed. An error was highlighted on 'Year 2 – Student Matters'. The minutes stated there was 'no' information on Blackboard regarding the MP26020 module. The minutes should have indicated there was 'some'.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no other matters arising from the Minutes.

**3. SEMESTER ONE QUESTIONNAIRES**

A separate meeting will be arranged for the following week to discuss the feedback from semester one questionnaires, and will be combined with the results from semester two.

**4. STUDENT MATTERS**

**Year 1**

No first year students were present.

**Year 2**

Students asked whether practical notes for Regression and Anova could be placed on Blackboard. Mr Alan Jones said this would be done shortly.

Students requested a refresher session for using Python for second years.

Students complained that 2 hour slots for Complex Analysis was too much. Staff agreed that they would try and split lectures up next year.

### **Year 3**

No third year students were present.

### **Year M**

Concerns were raised over project deadlines coinciding too closely with exams. Staff agreed that the deadlines could be moved.

### **Postgraduate**

Contracts for part-time teaching took a long time to be finalised, but PGs are now finally getting paid.

## **5. STAFF MATTERS**

Use of mobile phones in lectures is an ongoing issue, especially amongst first years. Staff maintained that, if used correctly, the technology could be of benefit to the students. However, when used recreationally they're a distraction to others.

Staff raised concerns over the level of attendance, with some modules reporting less than 50% participation. It was agreed that next year's first year representative should encourage attendance from the start of the academic year.

Staff requested that the minutes of this meeting, as well as previous SSCC meetings, should be put online ASAP. The General Office will take care of this.

## **6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Maths Society will encourage students to use the library help desk, which is currently underused.

A BBQ social has been arranged by the Maths Society, which will take place at Aberystwyth Rugby Club on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2014. A recreational/educational trip to Oakwood has also been mooted, and could potentially combine with the equivalent societies of both Physics and Computer Science.

**Meeting closed at 1:45 PM**