

Institute of Mathematics and Physics: Mathematics Student Staff Consultative Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th May at 2-00pm in 231 (SEL), PSB

Committee:			
Chair	Sarah Fay	SAF8	Yr 3 Student Rep
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	Katherine Ball	KTB9	Yr 2 Student Rep
	Cerys Rand	CER9	Yr 2 Student Rep
	Bethan Thomas	BTT8	Yr 3 Student Rep
	Jeff Smith	JES7	Yr M Student Rep
	Adam Vellender	ASV09	PG Student Rep
	Martin O'Hagan	MTO7	MathSoc Rep

1 Minutes of the Last Meeting

1.1 The minutes for the meeting held on the 25th March 2011 were approved.

2 Matters Arising

3.1 DAJ reported that it was not possible to move Part 1 exams without creating more problems.

4.3 Mathematics replies had reached the required quota for the National Student Survey; data will appear in the next report.

An email had been received from Professor John Gough (JUG).

3.4 It was noted that a mock paper and solutions had been distributed for MA37810: Stochastic Models in Finance after 25th March. The original minute appeared accurate.

3.7 JUG noted the 50/50 split in the content of MA37810: Stochastic Models in Finance. The more challenging material had been presented first.

3 Student Matters

Yr 1: no issues to report.

Yr 2:

3.1 Some students had expressed a wish for more information about Year 3 module choices; the representatives considered the information received was fine.

3.2 It was noted with regret that there appeared to be little interest shown by Year 1 in taking over the running of MathSoc in the next session.

Yr 3: no issues to report.

Yr M: no issues to report.

Postgrad: no issues to report.

MathSoc: having contributed to 3.2, nothing further to report.

4 Questionnaires

4.1 DAJ kindly provided questionnaire data for Semester 2 modules.

4.2 It was noted that the response rate for some modules was less than 50%. In MA27510: Theory and Practice of Sampling there was no formal lecture in week 9 (when questionnaires were handed out).

4.3 Organisation and Presentation scores were disappointing for MA21510: Complex Analysis; however Year 2 Reps did not think that there had been a problem with this course.

4.4 MA25610: Hydrodynamics I was perceived to be difficult.

4.5 The quantity of set work score in MA27510: Theory and Practice of Sampling accurately represented time spent on the module according to Year 2 Reps.

4.6 In response to ASV09, DAJ noted that MP26020: Mathematical Physics returns (from Semester 1) were now available. Some were marked either M (Mathematics) or P (Physics), but not all.

4.7 In response to MTO7, DAJ reported that there had been plenty of comments; these represented extreme views.

4.8 Yr 3 Reps didn't think any module had been very difficult.

4.9 Some comments had discussed the use of Powerpoint in lectures. BTT8 thought that the appropriateness of use depended on the nature of the module.

5 Staff Matters

5.1 RSD raised the issue of the unofficial survey conducted by Physics students which had included responses by Mathematics students; a report was now available. Regarding Mathematics, questions were either not relevant, or replies indicated general satisfaction.

6 AOB

6.1 CER9 noted that there were student guides who had not yet been paid for Visiting Day activities at the beginning of April. Late payment had been an issue in the past.

Action: RSD to report concerns about late payment to TSV.

6.2 The student representatives were thanked for their diligent work throughout the academic year.