



**Sefydliad Mathemateg a Ffiseg**  
**Institute of Mathematics & Physics**

## MATHEMATICS STUDENT STAFF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 2:00pm  
 In Room 231 (SEL), Physical Sciences Building

### MINUTES

#### Present:

Chair:	Sarah Fay	SAF8	Year 3 Student Rep
Secretary:	Miss Sarah Spring	RMS	Secretary
	Dr Tarlochan Virdi	TSV	Administrator
	Mr Steve Smith	TNS	IS Representative
	Dr Rob Douglas	RSD	Staff
	Dr Adil Mughal	AQM	Staff
	Mr Alan Jones	DAJ	Staff
	Deiniol Hughes	DEH5	<b>Apologies</b>
	Jacek Wychowaniec	JKW1	Yr 1 Student Rep
	Paul Arnold	PDA9	Yr 2 Student Rep
	Katherine Ball	KTB9	Year 2 Student Rep
	Cerys Rand	CER9	Yr 2 Student Rep
	Bethan Thomas	BTT8	<b>Apologies</b>
	Jeff Smith	JES7	Year 4/M Student Rep
	Adam Vellender	ASV09	PG Student Rep
	Martin O'Hagan	MTO7	<b>Apologies</b>

#### 1. Minutes of the Last Meeting

1.1 The minutes for the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011 were approved.

#### 2. Matters Arising

5.2 DAJ stated that there was nothing to report as yet, he explained that the exercise for this session would be done next week, with the same wording for the feedback question.

3.5 RSD reported that he had talked to one of the tutors of MP26020: Mathematical Physics who explained that one lecture had been cancelled due to the snow. RSD also reported that the lecturer had stated that he was happy to help maths students with physics concepts but felt that example classes were the appropriate time and that more postgraduate helpers would be beneficial for these sessions.

3.7 DAJ stated that this was a problem which the University was trying to address but that there was currently no way round using Wednesday afternoons (up to 2pm) for teaching.

3.9 DAJ reported that this had been done.

3.10 RSD had reminded staff that this should be done asap.

### 3. Student Matters

#### Yr 1:

- 3.1 JKW1 noted that all Year 1 exams for joint Mathematics and Physics students (course FG31) were in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week and asked whether they could be more evenly spread out in future.

**Action: DAJ to look into the layout of the Part 1 exam timetable in order to ensure that exams are more widely spread out across the three weeks.**

#### Yr 2:

- 3.2 Year 2 Representatives thanked DAJ for his work in rearranging examinations (to ease congestion).
- 3.3 CER9 reported that students felt there had been a lack of feedback from the lecturer of MA27210; Regression and Anova. The lecturer agreed and apologised.

#### Yr 3:

- 3.4 SAF8 asked whether mock exam papers together with solutions could be given out to students asap for module MA37810: Stochastic Models in Finance. RSD suggested that students speak to the lecturer in order to request this, as he had reminded staff of the need to produce mock papers for new courses (see 2.3.10).
- 3.5 SAF8 reported that a small number of students felt that the last 4 exams were scheduled too closely together (4 in 4 days). SAF8 noted that the majority of students were happy with the exam timetable.
- 3.6 SAF8 requested that as many past exam papers' and solutions as possible were made available to students.
- 3.7 SAF8 reported that students on MA37810: Stochastic Models in Finance had complained that the finance content of the course appeared rather late; it seemed dominated by the Stochastics part.

#### Yr 4:

- 3.8 No issues to report.

#### PGs:

- 3.9 No issues to report.

#### MathSoc:

- 3.10 No representative present.

### 4. Staff Matters

- 4.1 DAJ reminded students that Student Feedback Questionnaires would be circulated next week. DAJ reminded students of the importance of filling these in.
- 4.2 TNS informed the meeting of the Information Services User Survey; as many replies as possible would be appreciated.

4.3 DAJ reminded all final year students to complete the National Student Survey.

**Action: DAJ to forward an email reminder about the National Student Survey to the General Office for circulation to all final year students.**

5. **AOB**

6. **Date of Next Meeting**

6.1 It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm.