

## Computer Science – SSSC

### Staff-Student Committee Meeting Minutes

<b>CSC9A1 – Introduction to Computing Science</b>
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No student representative present
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<b>CSC9B1- Essential Skill for the Information Age</b>
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No student representative present
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<b>CSC933- Computing Science III: Objects and Information Systems.</b>
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No student representative present
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<b>CSC9N5 – Multimedia and Human-Computer Interaction</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Positive feedback on how the course is going and students are enjoying the course.</li><li>• Students are pleased at the flexible deadline and the support given by Dr Cairn on the due date.</li></ul> |
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<b>CSC9P5 – Software Engineering 1</b>
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Assignment Issues
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students were concerned with presentation topics as they were given little notice on their selected topic and time in which the presentation would take place.</li><li>• Some students with disabilities applied for extensions but there was an uncertainty that these would be allowed – Megan Halliday was dealing with these issues to try to resolve the problem.</li></ul> |
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Tutorials
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students are now given sketched solutions to help with answers within the tutorials.</li></ul> |
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- Students were pleased with the help given with any problems they may have and the lecturers have urged people to come forward with issues adopting the office door is always open policy. Overall students are pleased with this support.
- Students within this module have suggested that listen again would be beneficial.

#### **CSC9Q5 – Database Principles and Applications**

- The problem is still on going with late arrival of the lecturer.
- Many students still find it hard to understand the lecturer as he mumbles; students feel they need to sit around speakers to hear but the problem of being unable to see the projections then becomes an issue. Therefore suggests have arisen that the lecturer should try to speak more clearly and closer to the microphone.

#### **CSC9V7 – Concurrent & Distributed Systems**

- There were no major issues with this module.
- Students feel that practical three was very difficult and therefore most students worked in small groups to assist each other allowing this to be a group exercise proving very helpful.

#### **CSC9Z – Honours Project**

- Students feel that the lecture schedule can often be very confusing as the schedule often changes.
- Students also feel that there is a lot of high pressure and therefore the constant need to be in the computer lab is essential to keep up with the workload.
- Some students feel that schedules with advisors need to be set more often to allow help and advice throughout each stage of the project.

#### **CSC9YA – Language Implementation**

No student representative present

#### **CSC9YB – Technology for Commerce**

No student representative present

**CSC9YE – Artificial Intelligence**

No student representative present

**CSC9YP – Enterprise Portals**

- Students feel that the assignment was very limited as the topic was on sailing. Students suggest that this topic should have been more open ended as they may have better knowledge on the subject area.
- Students are happy with the lectures and practicals.
- The attendance was not great in the lectures.

**CSC9YS – Computer Security & Forensics**

- Students feel that more tutorials would be beneficial and help with assignment work and exam preparation.
- Dr Cairns explained that he balances the number of lectures with that of the number of tutorials.

**PDM9L6- Information Technology Skills**

No student representative present.

**PDM9L7 – Advanced Information Technology Skills**

No student representative present

**ITNP01- Principles and Practise of Programming**

No student representative present

**ITNP23 – Foundations of Information Technology**

No student representative present

**ITNP33 – Database Principles and Applications**

- Students are happy with the course module and felt there is a great deal of co-operation with lecturers.
- Students are also happy with the flexible deadlines and the help given in meetings.

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**ITNP43 – Interface Design and the World Wide Web**

**ITNP1A – Concurrent and Distributed Systems**

**ITNP2A – Computer Security & Forensics**

**ITNP3A – Technologies for e-commerce**

**ITNP4A – Artificial Intelligence**

No student representatives present

**MSC Information Technology**

**MSC Advanced Computing**

**MSC Computing for Financial Markets**

- Students feel like deadlines should have been more spread out as there is a degree of stress in meeting these rigid deadlines.
- Students think it would be beneficial if assignments were given out earlier.
- Overall the feedback for the modules was positive and students are enjoying the course.

**General Issues**

- A point raised by a large number of students was the temperature within the computer labs – 4X5 ( this lab is too cold at times with the air conditioning) 4B8 and the masters lab. These labs are very warm for students.
- Log in times are often slow as results of broken profiles.
- Students feel that over the whole department that listen again would be a very useful for recording lectures.
- Students have expressed their interests in more open lectures such as the C++ lecture that the 4<sup>th</sup> year students attended. The tips and the techniques for programming were helpful and gain a better understanding into this programming language.
- Perhaps more general programming tutorials could become available to CS students of all years, taught by lecturers, PhD students and master students?