

Computing Science Staff Student Subject Sub Committee (SSSSC) Meeting

Attendance

Present:

Ismael Sanchez Leon

Silvia Nacheva

Christina Millar

Euan McVeigh

Albert Jozsa-Kiraly

Matthew Burt

Maame Anamua Joy Ewusie-Mensah

Marina Ostapucka

Staff:

Dr. Savi Maharaj

Dr. Kevin Swingler

Committee Chair: Petra Peterkova

Committee Secretary: Matthew Burt

23rd of November 2016, 2pm, 2A9

Masters

Not many issues were raised, simply the same as last time, people on part time work struggle with timetable because of things being spread among 4 days (lectures and labs). Hard to attend classes while holding down a job to support yourself outside of university. Maybe condense things from four days to three days.

The MSC program/timetabling department can be given feedback, but no change can be made instantly. Things may be moved around.

MSC Big Data – Christina Millar

Not much feedback, but there was complaints raised about the examinations being bunched up. Foreign students ask if they are allowed to bring dictionaries.

CSCU9N5 – Petra Peterkova, Silvia Nacheva

Module is going well, everything middling in difficulty, with good demonstrators. Assignment may be too open ended, but not too difficult. People unsure how far to go with implementation though.

More guidance on the assignment was requested so there was a Q/A session which proved to be useful. Positive feedback was given on the lecturing.

CSCU9P5 – Ismael Sanchez Lion, Petra Peterkova

The lectures are good, interesting. Generally happy with the help provided in labs.

Some suggested that arranging meetings for group and lecturers can be tricky. The Q/A lecture about the assignment would be more useful, if it took place later in the semester; maybe around two weeks before the deadline or so and it would be great if we had the assignment instructions available earlier. Some disliked the individual essay, because it was too long.

CSCU9Q5 – Ismael Sanchez Lion , Silvia Nacheva

Generally happy with assignment, short and easy. Students are finding the lectures boring however, lectures maybe need more interactivity from lecturer and students. Students request more accessible means of contacting university staff, with a course introduction lecture informing students of who is who among staff.

People are not happy with the slide colour schemes still, and request change, as the slides are still too bright, mixed with the V1 lecture theatre projector not being too great.

CSCU9A3 – Matthew Burt, Albert Jozsa-Kiraly

Overall lectures are getting better, however the assignment is somewhat cryptic. Students complain that instruction on early parts was long but got shorter as the assignment progressed, however the deadline was extended, which students are happy about. The assignment changed part way through, with variables being asked for in assignment but ultimately not used. Assignment ran in parallel with lectures which meant students all worked at same pace, which was met with mixed views. Default assignment code would not function alone, so was frustrating, and required more comments on functionality.

CSCU9B1 – Maame Anamua Joy Ewusie-Mensah

More assignment feedback requested, website/spreadsheet test same value of percentage yet spreadsheet test takes longer. With no exam, students seem unmotivated to even attend the lectures.

CSCU9A1 – Evan McVeigh

Most people are struggling with practicals because the lecturer ran out of time to finish the subjects, so people are now struggling. People feel the lecturer did not create his own lecture slides, and people feel put off by the lectures due to this. The arrays part of the course was missed out on, which is a core part of the course.

The date for the next meeting will be Wed 15th of February at 2pm in 4B96.