Computer Science - SSSC

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Present:

Course Representatives

Kyle Kirkpatrick
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Petra Peterkova
Michael Baylis
Celine Addie-Lagorio
Craig Docherty
Samantha Houghton
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Craig Docherty
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Feedback for Undergraduate Modules

CSCU9A2	Kieran Docherty, Petra Peterkova

- General feeling is that the module is less difficult than last semester.
- Assignment reported to be okay - more favourable than last year's group work.

CSCU9B2	Petra Peterkova

- Practicals said to be difficult.
- Concerns that practicals are unrelated to lectures/practical material not covered in lectures.

CSCU9T4	Kyle Kirkpatrick

- No comments.

CSCU9V4	Kyle Kirkpatrick

- C Practicals reported to lack clarity or informative instructions.

CSCU9Y4	Kyle Kirkpatrick

- It is felt that students haven't been given enough guidance for the assignment report.
- CSCU9N5 was given as an example of a module where better guidance is given.

CSCU9N6	Craig Docherty

- Generally favourable comments.

CSCU9P6 — Craig Docherty

- Recurring problems with Alloy for some students- many not familiar with the maths.
- Group projects going well.

CSCU9W6 — Craig Docherty

- Mostly positive feedback.

CSCU9T6 — N/A

- No representative.

CSCU9YH — Michael Baylis

- The Android emulator is said to be painfully slow.
- The practicals involve little more than just copying and pasting code.
- The web services practical was also unsuited to students not doing web services.

CSCU9YW — Celine Addie-Lagorio

- Lectures are hard to follow, not engaging and lack background context.
- It is felt that CSCU9V7 should be listed as a prerequisite due to concepts from this module, like RPC, being present..
- Labs and lectures feel quite different in the material covered.
- Lots of concerns about the assignment. Especially relating to wrong JRE, etc.
- Students said they can't even get past the first stage of the assignment due to errors outwith their control.

CSCU9YM — Samantha Houghton

- Lectures are interesting, examples are linked with code to show context.
- Some practicals reported to be challenging - suggested more lectures to cover them.
- Concerns about the time given to complete the second assignment, especially with dissertations and such.

CSCU9Z*	Kaspian Oaken

- Lack of organisation in the module.
- No guidance for the technical chapters of the project.
- Level of feedback/support from supervisors is highly inconsistent, especially as it relates to students providing supervisors with draft chapters, with some supervisors only accepting drafts of the final report, rather than individual chapters.
- It is thought that the module should be better introduced to 3rd year students.

Feedback for Postgraduate Courses

Big Data	Amy Sampays

- It is thought that past papers would be helpful for revision.
- More detail in lectures would be beneficial.

Any Other Business

Kyle Kirkpatrick was selected as Committee Chair for the next academic year (2015-2016).