

Institute of Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science: Mathematics Student-Staff Consultative Committee

Wednesday 25th April 12.10pm Room MP3.02, Physical Sciences Building

Present: Rob Douglas (rsd), Yuan Shen (yus10), Adam Vellender (asv2), Adil Mughal (aqm), Chris Svendsen (chs56), Joel Greenwood (jsg11), Tom Painter (thp18), Daphne Pacey (dap60), Cameron Wilcox (caw44), Panna Karlinger (pak25), Vick Peel (vip), Kieran Quaine (ksq, Chair), Tudur Davies (itd), Damien Clarke (dac49), Ariel Ladegaard (arl13), Anwen Thomas (ant32), Daniel Hammond (dah53), James Cuffe (jpc11)

In attendance: Jackie Hedley (Minutes)

Apologies: Simon French (sif4), Morwenna Jeffrey (mrj11)

1. Minutes of 21/2/2018

Minutes agreed.

2. Matters Arising

Action Number	Minute Number	Action	Whose Action	Action Status
1	3.5	Alert Timetabling about Year 1 lecture congestion on Thursdays.	rsd	Done
2	4.2	Reps are asked to advise students to report directly to IS about problems with cameras on whiteboards.	All Year Reps	Done
3	5.0	Year Reps are asked to help promote and advertise the Careers Fair on 13 th March.	All Year Reps	Done

It was also noted that Law and the Business School will be holding exams on a Saturday during semester two.

3. Student Matters

3.1 TUN – Nothing to report.

3.2 Year M – Students have asked if their Major Project presentations could be held in either MP0.10 or MP0.11, rather than MP3.02. Tudur pointed out that the room had been chosen for the whiteboard space.

Action: itd will check to see if either MP0.10 or MP0.11 is available.

Year M students have also asked if a Beamer help sheet could be provided.

Action: itd to provide Beamer presentation support.

3.3 Year 3 – All content and are happy with the exam timetable this semester.

3.4 Year 2 – Generally content, except for a few people struggling with Complex Analysis. They feel that there could be more detail in the explanations from the lecturer.

There is slight concern about having 3 exams in the first 4 days of the exam period, but overall the timetable looks good.

It was asked whether the sessions during revision week could be recorded on Panopto. This would be up to the individual lecturers.

3.5 Year 1 – students have noted that not all past papers have the solutions available. rsd stated that it had been agreed amongst staff, that between 0 and 2 papers per module would have model solutions on Blackboard.

Students have been advised to contact the lecturer directly if there are no solutions available for a particular module.

There has been concern that missed content from lectures cancelled due to Industrial Action will impact on future years. rsd explained that adjustments to modules could be made if needed, but that when topics are reintroduced in later modules, they are reviewed; the review could be more extensive than normal.

3.6 Year 0 – No year representative present.

3.7 Welsh Medium – Nothing to report.

3.8 Joint Honours – Nothing to report.

3.9 MathSoc. – The End of Year Dinner is to be held on Tuesday 1st May, 7.30pm in the Pier Brasserie. Please can £10 deposits be paid by the end of the week to any of the committee members.

3.10 Postgraduate – Nothing to report.

4. Surveys

4.1 MEQ – rsd discussed the MEQ summary data (circulated prior to the meeting). All was well for Year 3. Some comments about lectures lost due to strikes from Year 1. The main areas of concern were the poor response rate from Year 0 and some aspects of MA/MT21510 and MA25710.

In addition to this, it was reported that certain rooms were not suitable. rsd has passed this information on to Timetabling.

5. Employability

yus10 is disappointed that engagement with employability has been low this year. An event that was organised yesterday had a grand total of 0 attending! He asked student reps to let him know if they had any suggestions on how students could be encouraged to attend more. It was mentioned that students would possibly attend more events if they received some form of credit. jpc11 urged students to be proactive in establishing a (professional) online presence, and in seeking employment: in today's job market, many appointments are made in response to direct enquiries, rather than via formal adverts.

6. Staff Matters

The *AberSU Celebrates: Staff and Students Awards* Ceremony will take place at 7pm tomorrow (Thursday 26 April) in the Great Hall at Aberystwyth Arts Centre. Mathematics has been shortlisted for Department of the Year, Mathematics students for the Election Heroes Award, Adam Vellender for Personal Tutor of the Year and Cameron Wilcox for SSCC Representative of the Year. Good luck to them all 😊

The Lecture timetable from week 11 will be mapped onto revision week, with the following exceptions: no lectures from yus10; no teaching on Bank Holiday Monday (7th). These revision sessions will not appear on student timetables (via student records), so students are advised to check on Blackboard for details.

Congratulations to MathSoc on winning the award for best non-charity fundraising this year.

7. Any Other Business

rsd, on behalf of all of the staff, thanked all student reps for serving on the committee this year.

Meeting closed at 12.50pm.

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1	3.2	Check the availability of MP0.10 or MP0.11 for Major Project presentations for MMath students	itd	
2	3.2	Provide Beamer presentation support for MMath students	itd	

