

**Scottish History since 1914/Early Modern Scottish History
Staff-Student Liaison Meeting
15th March 2011 1pm-2pm 2M.26**

Dr. Ewen Cameron (Course Organiser)
Dr. Julian Goodare (Course Organiser)
Mr. Alasdair McKillop (Tutor)
Mr. David Ritchie (Tutor)
Miss Clare Guymer (Course Secretary)
Robaidh Allighan (Student)
Rebecca Pringle (Student)

1. Introductions

EC welcomed everyone and asked for those present to introduce themselves.

2. Apologies

Kyle Thomson (Tutor) is currently in the United States at a conference and was unable to attend.

3. Lectures

The following points were raised:

- Use of PowerPoint is preferred in lectures
- Economic lecture was harder to understand than the others
- Matthew Dziennik's lecture on the Highlands was commented on as a good lecture
- First lecture on resources especially good. EC commented that sadly Margaret Forrest (School Liaison Librarian) was unavailable to give this lecture this semester
- Especially useful to visiting students here for this second semester
- Comments that the course was political-centric e.g. use of graphs and tables
- Suggestion that the social revolution lecture should have come at the end of the series
- EC asked if there was any issues with the synching of the lectures and tutorials – did not appear to be, comments were raised in previous meetings regarding this issue

4. Tutorials and presentations

No points were raised.

5. Source Analysis/Essays

The following points were raised:

- Source analysis was less interesting than last year
- Too many graphs and tables in source analysis

6. Web-CT

The following points were raised:

- WebCT is a useful resource for students
- Problems among some students in AMcK's tutor groups finding e-reserve readings
- JG raised use of websites for Scottish History 1 and Scottish History 2 in previous years
- No statistical analysis on WebCT as mentioned in the handbook
- Printed handbooks would be preferred to students having to print them off WebCT
- DR - Tutors do print out readings each week for students

7. Library provision

The following points were raised:

- Hub reserve is good
- Not too difficult to access online journals
- Problems with access to Scottish Historical Review, copyright means only journals from early 1990s available
- EC – asked if students were able to access journals in basement of main library – agreement that they were able to do this

8. Other points raised

- JG mentioned use of lecture handouts in EMSH and then they are added to WebCT.
- Slides helpful on WebCT to jog memory about lectures and when writing essays.
- Tutorial participation mark – unsure of mark depending on tutor opinion, does it encourage or incentivise attendance?

9. AOB

There was no other business and EC agreed to act on these suggestion for the next session and thanked everyone for their attendance.