

**Early Modern Scottish History  
Staff-Student Liaison Meeting  
16<sup>th</sup> March 2011 1pm-2pm 2.26**

Dr. Julian Goodare (Course Organiser)  
Miss Clare Guymer (Course Secretary)  
Gavin Cameron (Student representative)

1. Introductions

JG welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

No apologies were received

3. Lectures

The following points were raised:

- Handouts were preferred to PowerPoint presentations
- Lecture theatre used (Robson Building) was fine
- Handouts on WebCT helpful if a lecture has been missed
- In lectures on towns and rural life, images/diagrams would be helpful e.g. housing

4. Tutorials and presentations

The following points were raised:

- Lots of people do not look at all documentation for the tutorials and depending on who has read what, this determines how much discussion takes place
- JG asked if students were overwhelmed by the number of documents, some students prefer a lot of documents some a few, no consensus
- Students enjoy more gruesome readings and ones of personal experiences e.g. Adventures of Lord Maxwell
- Middle Scots – challenge of language good, posed no problems
- Good to have a varied diet in tutorials, using documents in some weeks but not others

5. Essays

The following points were raised:

- Very good spread of questions
- Some broad questions e.g. was early modern Scotland a fun place to live? and some more specific students, different prefer each one
- JG requested that CG compile statistics with number of students answering each essay question for essays one and two
- Highlighted readings in reading lists helps, JG asked would high, medium and low priorities help? GC was unsure
- Some books for course not in reserve
- More books for British History 1, although it is a bigger course

## 6. Web-CT

The following points were raised:

- Good to catch up on missed lecture notes
- JG asked if students see it as a handbook or website? More as a handbook
- Any benefits to having it on big screen? JG asked. Students print off tutorial sections from handbook and some have it on laptop in class, working in small groups, would not add a huge benefit

## 7. Library provision

The following points were raised:

- Hub reserve not as helpful if you want to take books away and study at home
- Search engines not very helpful in library. Speak to Margaret Forrest Liaison Librarian

## 8. Other points raised:

- Reception fine since move for collection of essays, everything is in one building.

## 9. AOB

There was no other business and JG thanked everyone for their attendance.