

Staff-student liaison meeting for IME2A Wednesday 17th November 1pm in Room G.09

Present:

Dr. Tom Brown (Convener)
Professor Judith Green
Dr. Gianluca Raccagni
Margaret Forrest (Liaison Librarian)
Mr. Tom Turpie (Tutor)
Ms. Clare Guymer (Secretary)
Kim Beasley
Oscar Drewitt
Alexa Forte
Rob Kane
Julie Nordtomme
Katie Roper
Lucy Standish-Hayes

1. Introductions.

Dr. Brown welcomed everyone and asked those present to introduce themselves.

3. Arrangements for minutes.

Dr. Brown thanked Ms. Guymer for doing the minutes.

4. Library provision.

This topic was addressed first.

Issues raised by some student representatives include:

- lack of books able to be borrowed close to the tutorial,
- more copies of books appearing frequently in the reading list required
- many copies of some books, limited copies of others
- reluctance of students to use the recall system
- short loan bring constantly used, so books are never available

Ms. Forrest suggested that if books were needed to be moved from the short loan and standard loan to the hub, she should be notified. Students should recall books if they are needed. Ms. Forrest also highlighted the student research rooms as a place to study.

5. Lectures

Issues raised by some student representatives included:

- Thematic nature of lectures a success
- Not enough lectures, should be three per week like other courses
- Positive comments about handouts providing a structure for the lectures
- 10 am too early for lectures
- Suggestion of taped lectures made available as a revision aid
- Possibility of taped lectures being added online

Dr. Brown explained that the frequency and time of lectures was unlikely to change. Dr. Brown would speak to Karen Howie about the possibility of recording lectures in the future.

5. Tutorials and presentations

Issues raised by some student representatives included:

- Peer assessment was unfair, students unqualified to grade presentations
- Issue of student presentation possibly presenting incorrect information
- Too many presentations within one tutorial session
- Suggestion of possible change in percentage of peer assessment
- Possible change to a "debate" style of tutorial
- Suggestion made to circulate sample presentations
- Issue of timetabling fitting tutorials in after lectures
- Suggestion change to the title of tutorials, framed as possible questions

- Positive comments made as to extensive tutorial reading list
- Idea of having access to copies of primary sources
- Talking in small groups suggested
- Purchase of biscuits by students as an aid to help discussion

Dr. Brown would take the ideas into consideration.

6. Essays

Issues raised by some student representatives included:

- Good range of questions
- Short reading lists
- Suggestion of more articles to be included.

Dr. Brown asked that any further issues that the students would like raised should be addressed by email to him.