

Medieval Scottish History and Modern Scottish History Staff-Student Liaison Meeting 26th November 2010 1pm-2pm

Dr. Matthew Hammond
Dr. Alex Murdoch
Ms. Clare Guymer
Ms. Laura Leach (MESH)
Mr. Dougal Barr (MOSH)
Ms. Shauna Mullarkey (MOSH)

Apologies:

Dr. Steve Boardman
Shelley Sauerhaft
Samantha Grody

Dr Hammond provided a brief background on issues relating to MESH this semester: No electronic essay submission and the move that had taken place mid-semester. Dr Murdoch also highlighted the move as an issue for MOSH and stated that he had new recruits tutoring for his course.

Communications from students

Medieval Scottish History

- Positive comments about the tutors, especially Tom Turpie
- Helpfulness of set questions each week for the tutorial groups to discuss.
- Some confusion as to what format essay proposal should take; TT was able to clarify this.
- Question of including a mark for participation, would it make more people prepare for presentations? Students would become used to it, in preparation for later years. Possibly too much for first years to have tutorials marked?

Modern Scottish History

- Students would like the lecture notes to be linked more clearly to lectures and added on to WebCT
- Confusion over exam and what format it would take.
- Tutorial topics good and relevant.
- Feedback on source analysis good.
- Three lectures per week would be preferred not two, change made three years ago
- Problem of positioning of tutorial groups before lectures
- Suggested breakdown into smaller groups, more in depth answers able to be provided on a topic.

Dr. Murdoch made the suggestion that a break could be considered in the tutorials.