EECS PG SSLC Minutes

PG SSLC Meeting - Wednesday 29 April 2020 at 12 pm on Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Bharatkumar Virjibhai Surani (BVS), Akram Alomainy (AA), Jennifer Richards (JR), Amarachi Iheke (AI)

Minutes:

- AA mentioned and asked about feedback on Blended learning and the need for online learning from September 2020 or blend of both physical and remote learning. BVS mentioned that flipped classroom maybe the best option to go forward if we have to do online September 2020 learning. This will ensure that maybe recorded videos are of highest quality and consistent then assign certain periods for discussions and feedback with the tutor/lecturer.
- BVS also mentioned that a structured way for assessments and weekly exercises and to do list would be really helpful.
- BVS mentioned that PG students prefer to be physically in the UK rather than pure online learning. However, blended learning would be best option since some PG applicants would come to the UK but others would rather delay their joining time.
- When asked bout possibility of Delaying the start of PG programs to January 2020? BVS mentioned that would be more attractive for applicants sine being physically in the UK is the main attraction.
- BVS said that open hours and face to face communications with tutors and lectures are not currently done to the highest satisfaction and this one thing the students miss is the ability to ask questions and discuss during breaks and also open hours.
- BVS asked for clearer instructions to the students about the alternative assessments/exams that it would be given 48 hours to submit them but they are designed to take up 2 to 3 hours of your time, which means that if the alternative exam is released on 9 am on 14th May you have until 9 am on 16th May to submit it. Maybe best to write that deadline within 48 hours and then put a footnote to say that they are designed to take maximum 2 to 3 hours, this will reduce the confusion.
- When BVS asked about MSc project timeline, AA mentioned that the project timeline is also extended by two weeks as all other assessment and exams.
- BVS asked if there is there is a timeline for reopening? AA and JR mentioned that nothing is certain and we are waiting on government advise. AI also asked if resources meant software or hardware? BVS mentioned it is mainly HW issues. AA advised the students to talk to project supervisors about reshaping aims and objectives and also ensuring learning outcomes are met.
- BVS mentioned that he did not receive emails about the PTES survey and this needs to be followed up with Academic Services.