

EECS UG SSLC – 2019/20 Sem A

Minutes

12th February 2020

ITL Middle Floor Meeting Room

Present

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Tassos Tombros	TT	EECS	Student Experience Officer
Antonios Kaniadakis	AK	EECS	Year 1 Tutor
Stuti Saxena	SS	EECS	Computer Systems Engineering Year 2 (BEng) - Rep
Saba Sadiya Sadek	SS	EECS	Electronic Engineering Year 1 - Rep
Aaron Darwish	AD	EECS	Electronic Engineering Year 2 - Rep
Kalina Tsaneva	KT	EECS	Computer Science Year 3 - Rep
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Ashish Kapur	AK	EECS	Computer Science Year 1 - Rep
Yue Chen	YC	EECS	Director of Education
Edward Hoskins	EH	EECS	School Facilities Manager

Preliminary Items

Welcome and Introductions

Programme Delivery and other matters

Topics

Modules

- Big data Final year - ITL really cold during C/W
- Students complaining about duration of exams - No communication from Soren, the format was different, unexpected questions
- KS - Big data - time consuming questions and couldn't finish
- Data mining - students communicated with lecturers about topics taught during lectures but not reflected during exams - many maths-based questions creating problems
- MK - Big Data - C/W results not released on time, after over 2 months of waiting
- Web programming - negative marking, complaints on forums over 50, ITL closed without notice - Affecting revision and cluster access
- Remind students about access to clusters outside of ITL

QM+ Portfolio

- MK - QM+ portfolio - 3 Marks only, which students feel is not worth their time
- RA - No appropriate/strict monitoring - QM+ Portfolio = not sufficient
- YC - More weight on QM+ Portfolio.
- MB - Consider the quality of feedback
- KS - Presentations

RA - Final year Evaluation Survey

- Students might need more support
- Deadlines overlapping, affecting quality of work - late penalty over quality
- Supervisor creating own marking criteria
- Students would like more guidance on how to choose projects
- More allocated timetable slot for supervision and communication
- Data Mining - Deep dissatisfaction felt by students and unprofessionalism - comments made by lecturers
- Other exams include - Web Programming, Big Data
- Changes from Summer Exams to Semester based
- Mock exams in addition to past papers - Students feeling underprepared particularly with changing formats
- Past paper solutions as well
- No revision lectures - semester weeks = cut down
- Heavy C/W prior to exams - no spacing out

2nd Year

- Muna - ITMB - Reduced exam time - TOPSIS, time consuming and complex
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- Software Engineering - A lot of in-term submissions and inactive project team members
- MB - Balanced out by lack of exam
- SS - Accessing ITL over Christmas and heating
- Access to meeting room in Maths Building
- Creative computing - Maths required but in admissions not required
- YC - Module specific comments made before meeting, to give time for module organiser to respond.
- Students need a break (either bring back reading week or give a week before Semester B starts) Reading week was taken away so there is no break from Semester to the exams and then straight into Semester B.

1st Year

- OOP Modules - Confusion in style and teaching of lectures
- Lab exercises are not linked to the course materials
- Difference in opinion of students as some have programming backgrounds already

LOGIC modules

- Lack of content. Not much to the module perhaps focus on doing more mock exams

ITMB course

- Lectures are only 1 hr. long so the teaching goes too quick and it is hard for students to keep up.
- 2 hours a week of lectures, therefore students feel they are not getting enough out of the lectures.

TIMETABLING

- No balance - students have two days free, then have lectures and labs on one day for up to 6hrs straight through and no break.

DEMONSTRATORS

- Issues with demonstrators not having any knowledge/experience on the topics.
- MO's need to look into how they select their demonstrators.
- Some are not available for students when they should be.

Feedback on the ITL building

- Having a suggestion box

SSLC PAGE

- Having a page on QM+
- Reps can have control over the page
- Students have access to the page to voice their opinions and give feedback/ideas for specific issues.

Facilities

Decisions & Approvals

Decisions made and approvals given at this meeting

Any Other Business (AOB)

Items raised outside of the agenda

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 01/04/20

Items for next meeting
