Department of Economics

Staff Student Liaison Committee

23rd March 2017 at 13:00 in MSc Hub Horton Building

Attendees:

Vinay Nundlall – VN (PGT Academic Coordinator)
Manolis Galenianos – MG (Director MSc Economics)
Alessio Sancetta - AS (Director MSc Finance)
Julia Charlton - JC (IT Liaison Officer)
Trupti Patel - TP (Faculty Administrator/Minute Taker)
Ghislaine Mgbokwere - GM(Student Representative MSc Finance)
Lukas Belak - LB (Student Representative MSc Finance)
George Tsiklauri – GT (Student Representative 2-Year MSc Economics and Finance)

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Ghislaine Mgbokwere and all attendees introduced themselves.

1. Apologies
   Emma Woods (Library Liaison Officer)
   Natalie Bates (Academic Representation Coordinator)
   Guan Yang Lin (Student Representative MSc Economics)

2. Minutes from previous meeting
   These were accepted by all present.

3. Library matters
   Library updates were informed by Trupti Patel as requested by Emma Woods:

   3.1. Students need to plan ahead regarding access to the library over the summer as there will be times that books are unavailable during the migration (mid-July to mid-August). More precise communication will be disseminated in due course.

   3.2. Students can book one-to-one appointments with Emma from the subject guide page [http://libguides.rhul.ac.uk/Economics](http://libguides.rhul.ac.uk/Economics)

   3.3. If students need to access CRSP data they can do so in H307 (MSc Hub) but access will end on 21st July.
3.4. Alessio Sancetta informed all present that CRSP is relevant for only certain students.

4. **IT Matters**
   Julia Charlton (JC) advised that IT Services will be asking students to take part in a service-related survey whilst queuing for Summer Ball tickets. Those taking part will get a breakfast voucher for Tommys.

5. **MSc Finance Student Feedback**
   Comments forwarded by Student Representatives:

   5.1. With regards to the final exams timetable, clarification was sought as to where the ‘sports hall’ was.

   **In response:**

   5.2. The sports hall is the gym which is a large room that seats a large number of students.
   5.3. VN advised that the students should make sure they have enough time to walk to the venue.

6. **MSc Economics Student Feedback**
   None

7. **2-Year MSc Economics and Finance Student Feedback**
   Comments forwarded by the Student Representative:

   7.1. QM2 extra tutorial run by Alex Vickery is greatly appreciated by the students.

   7.2. There was a request for extra sessions before the exam.

   **In response:**

   7.3. The exam is on 08.05.17 and so there could be time for 2 x 2 sessions for both Finance and Economics students. MG will investigate and confirm by email.

   7.4. Expressed gratitude for new approach in lectures where the steps of derivation can be observed, particularly in Macroeconomics. This allows the students to finally follow the steps and have an insight of what’s going on.

   7.5. Many students were not aware of the requirement of having to pass the 1st year with a min. 55% in order to progress to the 2nd year.
7.6. Is there an opportunity to retake an exam if failed?

In response:

7.7. VN – resits and retakes are only available if a course is failed so if you achieve a 50% then you will not be able to retake.

7.8. VN - reminded everyone that the 55% pass marks relates to the % across the board.

7.9. MG – reminded all present that a resit/retake can only achieve a max. 50%

7.10. VN - reminded all that a UG resit/retake is capped at 40%.

8. Any other Business

No further points were raised.

[The Meeting was closed by the Chair]