# Postgraduate Taught Staff Student Liaison Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date & Time:** 19th November 2014 14:30 H321

**Attendees:**
- Manolis Galenianos – Programme Director, MSc Economics
- Alessio Sancetta – Programme Director, MSc Finance
- Vinay Nundlall – Academic Co-ordinator (chair)
- Ashley Perry – Student Representative, MSc Economics
- Marie Webb – Postgraduate Administrator
- Selena Ou – Faculty Administrator (minutes taker)

## Agenda Item 1
 **Apologies**
- Ronni Pavan, Programme Director, MSc Policy Economics
- Jugraj Deol, MSc Finance

## Not on agenda
 **Previous minutes**
Approved

## Agenda Item 2
 **MSc Economics, MSc Policy Economics, MSc Economics with Statistics – student feedback and discussion**

Points raised by student representative (numbered):

1. The timetable on Tuesday is from 10am-6pm and without a lunch break is too much for students to cope with. One suggestion was to have three hours in the morning and three hours in the afternoon with a two hours lunch break in between.

   **Response:**
   It is impossible to make any alterations in the current term as all rooms have been allocated. This will be considered for the future.

2. A repeat point: students feel quite stressful about being given the time of the midterm mathematics examination only about a week before the exam and would like to enquire about the possibility of this information being given to them at the beginning of the course.

   **Response:**
   This request was noted for future review.

3. There have not been lecture handouts in the Microeconomics course, nor have assessed work prior to the mid-term exam. This resulted in students feeling unable to better prepare for the exam.

   **Response:**
   It was suggested to speak to the respective lecturer for the course to resolve the issue.

4. Enquired about the possibility of having some guidelines for using the online mathematics tutorials – like the “Khan Academy” - in order for students to better understand what level of mathematics are required in choosing the right courses. Students felt the two weeks Processional Mathematics course is helpful.

   **Response:**
   Agreed to provide a guideline outlining the essential chapters for students to use the online tutorial.
### Agenda Item 3

**MSC Finance, Student Feedback and discussion**

Points raised by student representative (numbered):

1. Finance and Mathematics exam time table are too concentrated.

**Response:**

The concentration is the same during the examination period, so everybody is treated evenly.

2. Students feel that the 27 topics given for the dissertations do not provide enough choice and they do not know which lecturer they can approach for help in choosing a suitable topic as they do not know what area each lecturer specialises in.

**Response:**

Email was sent advising students to contact AS and VN if they need assistance for selecting topics. After a topic is selected, students will be allocated an academic advisor to offer further help if the student requires. AS mentioned that this is the most topics which have ever been offered so he feels students have adequate choice.

The meeting was closed by the chair.