Staff/Student Committee Meeting

Wednesday 7th November

Present:

Darius Gudas  
1st Year Finance
Allison Ramsay  
2nd Year Accounting & Finance
Christina MacLeod  
2nd Year Accounting & Finance
Jamie Colville  
2nd Year Accounting & Finance
Ross Binnie  
2nd Year Accounting & Finance
Anca Bicuti  
2nd Year Finance
Craig Bradley  
2nd Year Accounting & Finance
Daniel  
2nd Year Finance
Markovski  
2nd Year Finance
Lina Gasiulyte  
2nd Year Finance
Joshua Su Yi  
2nd Year Finance
Quan  
2nd Year Finance
Amy Beer  
3rd Year Accounting
Claire McTaggart  
3rd Year Finance
Iain Hamish Paton  
3rd Year Finance
Juliane Thamm (Staff)
John Dunn (Staff)
Katherine Duffy (Staff)

Reports from Year Representatives

HONOURS YEAR

ACCOUNTING

No Honours year Accounting representative present at the meeting, nor did we receive any comments by e-mail.

FINANCE

No Honours year Finance representative present at the meeting, nor did we receive any comments by e-mail.

THIRD YEAR – ACCOUNTING

AG304 Advanced Accounting 1
Students find typed solutions very useful and the examples used are helpful. Students enjoy intimate tutorial groups and feel that the atmosphere is positive, they find the group discussions that take place beneficial. They felt that the article presentation brought variety to the class and helped to gain different views which helped them to write their essays.

There was a strong feeling throughout the class that the lecture room is unsuitable as it has no desks. They would like more material to be put on Myplace as this would lower the amount of writing they have to do (because they have no desks). Also, students feel they could have been given more information on the essay as they were only told the question and what week it was due in. There was general feeling that the lecturer’s time keeping was an issue as she is often 20 minutes late. Finally, they would like solutions to be referenced to the text book they are using.

Juliane’s comments during the SSC meeting already addressed the difficulties in finding suitable rooms since the university is still in an adjustment period resulting from the James Weir fire and the merger with the Jordanhill campus.

Margaret’s comments

I was once 20 minutes late as my train was cancelled and that was unfortunate, on another occasion there was a photocopying hiccup and I was 15 minutes late. In tutorials due to the fire and the distance between my tutorials for all my classes it was very difficult to be exactly , on time. I think this was fine once I finished my other large class in week 6.

I think the new timetabling system does not appreciate the distance from the Lord Hope Building to the Livingstone Tower for example, it takes me 14 - 16 minutes depending on the lifts.

Good to see your concern with time keeping, hopefully you will all make similar efforts to be on time in the future.

THIRD YEAR – FINANCE

AG306 Security Analysis

Generally, the class is going very well for the majority of the students. They like the lecturer – they feel he explains everything in great detail and everything is methodical. They find the lecture notes that are provided very useful and relevant. The students found the Morgan Stanley visit to the class beneficial as it was clearly related to the class. The group discussion in the workshops is appreciated and of good quality and the detail is helpful. Lastly, they find the regular updates to the Myplace site useful as well as the extra examples that were provided before the test.

Some students find the lecturer hard to hear as the microphone in the lecture room is broken. They also find the tutor (in Friday groups) hard to hear if they are at the back of the class as people are often talking.

SECOND YEAR – ACCOUNTING

AG207 Intermediate Financial Accounting

Students find the hand outs that are distributed and put on the screen very helpful along with the worked examples in them. They like the lecturer’s personality and they find that his sense of humour lightens up the lecture. They like the inclusion of student participation in the lectures. The students
find the videos used are helpful and bring variety to the class. They appreciate the suggested further reading that is given out and they find the question and answer session very helpful as it allows different opinions to be heard. Students find the group work at the start of the tutorials beneficial and enjoy the discussion on wider accounting theories.

Some students would like the notes to be referenced to the pages in the textbook used in the class. They find the lecture room (CV420) too warm to concentrate. They would like if more material could be put on Myplace. They feel the lecturer could be more on time. Lastly, the students feel that they should have been given more guidance on the Essay.

SECOND YEAR – FINANCE

AG210 Business Finance

Students find the regular updates to Myplace very helpful. They enjoy the tutorials and feel that a lot is learned as the groups are more intimate that the lecture. Particular mention was made of the excellent tutorials by William.

Some of the students have suggested tutorials every two weeks was insufficiently frequent to cover the material assigned for tutorials, they wondered whether extra (non-compulsory) classes could be held to help revise for tests/exam. Some of the students would like to be provided with the solutions to the tutorial questions at the end of each tutorial, instead of waiting until they are all finished. * Some of the students (mainly international) find the lecture too fast paced to understand. Students further commented that the lecturer and the tutors use different notation/formulas which caused some confusion and they would appreciate some harmonising/co-ordination in the delivery as well as closer links to the textbook. They also find it difficult to hear anything in the lab because it is so large and there was some confusion as to whether or not they would receive any feedback on the work submitted in the labs.

* Juliane already explained that this would probably deter students in later groups and not be beneficial from a learning point of view as everyone should really have a go at the questions without having the solutions next to them.

AG213 Financial Markets & Banking

The class is going very well and all of the material is current which makes the class more interesting. They felt that the Panel Session with Morgan Stanley brought variety to the class and it was good to hear from people who work for organisations out with the University. They are enjoying the assignment, as it is very hands on and they are required to trade every two days.

Some of the students would like the video lecture(s) that had been promised at the start of term to be uploaded or given an indication when they would be available.

FIRST YEAR – ACCOUNTING

No First year Accounting representative present at the meeting, nor did we receive any comments by e-mail.
FIRST YEAR – FINANCE

AG151 Introduction to Finance and Accounting

The students are enjoying this class and are satisfied with the content, lectures and tutorials. The like the lecturer as he is very good at explaining everything in detail and always has very current, up to date examples. They enjoy the atmosphere and group discussion in the tutorials and find the tutors very approachable. They particularly mentioned the good quality of Renzo’s tutorials.