

**Clayton School of Information Technology
Student/Staff Meeting No. 2, 2008**

Minutes of the second Staff/Student meeting held for the Clayton School of Information Technology on Monday, 19th May 2008 at 12.00 pm in room 115/63, Clayton campus.

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

Present:

David Albrecht, Alan Dorin, Gary Evans, Jon McCormack, Boshen Brendan Jiang, Enes Makalic, Bernd Meyer, Nicholas Meinhold, Tien Minh Phan, Vincent Quach, Rita Quieros, Sita Ramakrishnan, Sid Ray, Margot Schuhmacher, David Taniar, Peter Tischer, Ingrid Zukerman

Apologies

Andy Goh, Sean Gurney, Asad Khan, Ian Martin, Ann Nicholson, Paul van Haaster, Joseph Vu. Tim Ward

WELCOME:

David opened the meeting at 12.10 pm, welcomed everyone and announced apologies. Tien Minh Phan and Brendan Jiang seconded the minutes from the previous meeting.

David went through action items from the previous minutes:

- Paul van Haaster has installed Systat in all labs.
- Margot Schumacher has unsubscribed all students in FIT1001 from all forums except the announcement forum.
- Paul van Haaster was to investigate the possibility of getting an ftp server to store unit resources. The Faculty website is to be used and this is in progress.
- David has spoken to lecturers and students about feedback on lecturing styles. David also attended tutorials to gain feedback about this matter.

FIRST YEAR

FIT1001

Good feedback. Students were finding it interesting. However some students were having trouble with binary and felt that tutes could have started earlier.

Ingrid Zukerman pointed out that week 1 goes on the introduction and binary is covered in week 2. The only way to spend more time on binary was to cut down on computer history but this was not a preferred option.

FIT1006

Positive feedback from students and there has been a good turnout. Students would like to have the lecturer's notes in pdf as they have found them very good.

Action: *Enes Makalic would look into it.*

FIT1013

The lecturer's control over the class was still an issue.

David suggested that if some students exercised restraint, in time the others would follow suit.

SECOND YEAR

Nothing to report. Apologies were received from some of the 2nd year student representatives as this meeting clashed with IBL interviews.

THIRD YEAR

Overall, everything was okay except for the following:

FIT3051

Feedback indicated that this unit was difficult and required lots of memorising and this was not the ideal way to learn.

David Albrecht has followed this up with the lecturer. Students' marks indicate that most students were managing, so this does not seem to pose much of a problem.

Action: *David said that students have commented that the name of the unit was misleading and that he would look into changing it.*

HONOURS

Nick Meinhold mentioned that workshops did not seem to be advertised, were not labelled clearly and were hard to find.

Action: *Jon McCormack said that they did go over this at orientation but he would pass on this information to Amanda.*

FIT4005

Students were finding the content not relevant or challenging and attendance was poor.

Jon McCormack agreed and asked for suggestions. This unit used to be specific to the degree but now it is generalised.

David Albrecht added that he has continued to look at this matter each semester and would welcome feedback. He agreed with Jon that because it covers such a wide range of research topics it could not be deep enough.

Nick couldn't come up with any suggestions on the spot and would relay any suggestions that students might come up with.

FIT4012

Awesome. Students were thoroughly enjoying doing this unit.

Software Engineering

Nothing to report.

General

'U' Drive quota

Students felt that 25MB was too low. Sita said that this issue had been raised with Paul van Haaster and was informed that it was not possible. This was ITS policy.

Margot suggested using My Files in Blackboard to save material. Gary suggested saving material onto CDs.

Email lists

Mailing lists for student reps had been created with a generic address so as to provide privacy. So when students want to email reps they would not be able to access the reps personal email addresses.

Nick mentioned that it was still possible to access email addresses for past student reps and that this should not be the case.

Action: *David will look into this and remove old email addresses.*

BCS

David said that they were still trying to get students to be reps for this course. Despite announcing this at some 1st year lectures, they have had no interest. Maria Garcia de la Banda was trying to recruit students.

Meeting closed at 12.30 pm.

Next meeting will be on Monday, August 11, 2008 at 1pm.