

**Clayton School of Information Technology
Student/Staff Meeting No. 2, 2009**

Minutes of the first Staff/Student meeting held for the Clayton School of Information Technology on Friday, 22nd May at 1.00 pm in room 115/63, Clayton campus.

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

Present:

Staff: John Betts (Chair), Michael Smith, David Squire, Paul van Haaster, Ingrid Zukerman, David Green, Margot Schumacher, Graham Farr, Jon McCormack, Sid Ray, David Squire, David Dowe, Di Mummery

Students: Boshen Brendan Jiang – 2nd year BBIS (IBL), Shehan Dewundege 1st year BCom/BBIS, Michael Leroy – 3rd year BCS, David Warner BA/CompSci, Jeff Parsons – BCS Hons & Dmitri Nikulin BSE Hons.

Apologies

Angela Carbone, Damminda Alahakoon, Maria Garcia de la Banda, Bernd Meyer, Kevin Korb, Alan Dorin, Mahuhbur Rahim, John Hurst, Andrew Paplinski, Mark Wallace, Lawrence Koo, Sita Ramakrishnan, David Taniar

WELCOME:

John opened the meeting at 1.05 pm and welcomed everyone to the 2nd meeting for semester 1.

FIRST YEAR

FIT1001 – Computer Systems

Same problem as in the 1st meeting assignments to close together, the lecturer advised that this was due to Easter and tutorial being scheduled on Mondays and Fridays.

FIT1002 – Computer programming

Some students find the subject easy however there is a big step up to FIT1008. Advanced exercises are given on assignments to challenge the better students. A suggestion of a survey was made to determine if the course is too easy.

Action: Dr. Betts will refer this to course directors.

SECOND YEAR

FIT2001 Systems analysis & design

Students felt that there was an improvement since the last meeting but felt that there was an overlap with the material taught in FIT1003.

FIT2004 – Algorithms and data structures

FIT2035 - Professional communications

Students felt that assignments were a bit obscure and not handed back in time however this was due to the tutor being sick. Also of concern was a journal that was zero points but also a hurdle.

FIT2043 -Technical documentation for software engineers

Some students would prefer the exam to be scheduled in the official exam period rather than week 13 of the semester.

FIT3010 – Grid computing

Students would like more experience in grid computing. While they are required to attend MURPA lectures it is not in the handbook but is in the unit guide, this was due to the unit structure not being finalised prior to semester 1.

FIT3042 – Systems tools and programming languages

Students were concerned that the “automatic marker” for assignment submission was the only means of marking however they were assured that this was only provided for the immediate feedback and that all assignments were marked by hand.

FIT4004/5171 – System validation

Workload conflicts with getting the thesis written, students would like the workload to be distributed evenly

FIT4005 – Research methods

Students feel that the unit content should mirror the kind of things required for the honours project. Rather than spend time on assignments the time could be used to more feedback on their thesis. Students also suggested that much of the unit content should be covered prior to undertaking Honours degree.