

PGR (MRes/PhD) GRADUATE STAFF-STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Minutes of the GSSLC Meeting held on

5th May 2021

Present: Andrea Guerrieri D'Amati, Immanuel Feld, Omiros Kouvavas, Nick Scholz, Jeremy Smith, Jennifer Smith, Pablo Beker, Lucia Ashley, Helen Riley, Michela Redoano, Robert Horton, Hannah Pinsent, Cora Neumann

1. Delarations of interest

Nothing to discuss.

2. Resources (Library/IT)

Helen informed the committee that Library services developed during the pandemic are still available, alongside the face-to-face services. Moreover, she reminded the availability of further study spaces, and the fact that Datastream will be available until September, after which Eikon will take over.

3. Skills development and careers

Nothing to discuss.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2021

Nothing to discuss.

5. Matters Arising

Nothing to discuss.

6. Teaching and Learning

Module evaluation: overall, students were quite pleased with the teaching throughout the academic year. However, some issues were pointed out in the EC9A3 module, such as the lack of exam practice material due to changing professors, and the additional workload given the current situation.

7. Assessment and Feedback

PRES 2021: survey will be open soon, participation from PhD students was encouraged (MRes students can only participate in the PTES as they are postgraduate taught students).

8. Student Support and Guidance

PGR Virtual social summer event: normally the Department organises a dinner for MRes/PhD students, however given the current situation this should be replaced by an online event. Suggestions were made, but if they do not work out there will be another quiz.

9. Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity

WEDGG survey results: many respondents highlighted that feedback is generally perceived as aggressive. To address this issue, a code of conduct on how to give constructive feedback (in particular during presentations) will be made available to staff. In addition, the chair of WEDGG will meet with all new students and staff at the beginning of each academic year from September. Moreover, there is a suggestion box in the Department to anonymously give feedback, comments, and questions.

10. Any other business

SSLC Economics PGR Annual Report: document is to be completed by 12th July.