

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

Graduate Staff-Student Liaison Committee Meeting held on
Wednesday 24th May 2017, 1 – 2pm in Room S2.77

MINUTES

Staff representatives: Natalie Deven, Maryanne Heafey, Jeremy Smith, Sharun Mukand, Bhaskar Dutta, Helen Riley.

Student representatives: Apurav Yash Bhatiya (MRes 1), Antonio Schiavone (MRes 2), Carlo Schwarz (PhD 1), Andy Ferrara (PhD 2).

Chairman: Andy Ferrara.

Secretary: Antonio Schiavone.

1. **Apologies:** Robin Naylor, Thijs Van Rens, Kelly Taylor.
2. **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the last meeting.
3. **Matters Arising:** None, other than those already on the agenda.
4. **Library Issues:**
 - Helen Riley asked for feedback about the use of Wolfson Research Exchange by MRes students. Students gave some feedback directly at the meeting. Other students with comments should email Helen directly.
 - Helen Riley inquired if the support students can get when searching the library is sufficient and she reminded students that they should feel free to contact her. Again, students should contact Helen directly with any comments or pass these to their GSSLC contact.
5. **Computing Issues:**
 - MRes study room (S2.134): some computers are still not working and not all of the requested software had been installed. Maryanne Heafey agreed to pass this on to the IT team. Student members were asked to email Maryanne with details of the missing software, so that this could be followed up.
6. **Curriculum Organization, Design and Content:**
 - EC9AA module: MRes representatives brought up the argument that the RA work under

the module should be paid. After discussions, the following was agreed upon:

- EC9AA, given the number of credits, requires MRes 1 students to work for a total of 120 hours (in addition to the 30 hours of classes) 80 hours of which consists of research work.
 - Students can choose whether to work on their own research project for 80 hours or work as RA under the supervision of a faculty member for 80hrs
 - RA work will NOT be paid if the work is done within the 80 hours, any exceeding time will be remunerated.
 - Students can still choose to work on their own project for 80 hours and work as RA on the side, conditions and payments will then depend on the professor; to sum up: students are not required to do RA work for free unless they are willing to consider that as part of the 80 hours (and hence working less on their own project).
- Changes in MRes 2 modules are being considered for introduction from the academic year 2018/2019. As suggested by MRes students in the past meetings, the number of available courses may be increased by splitting some of them into one-term-long modules to be chosen individually. Jeremy specified that some modules might have a prerequisite from a previous module. Maryanne asks MRes students to give feedback on this idea.

7. Teaching and Learning on Courses: No matters.

8. Methods of Examination and Assessment: No matters.

9. Student Support and Guidance: No matters.

10. Others: No matters.