SPORTS AND EXERCISE SCIENCE STUDENT STAFF LIAISON COMMITTEE

Monday 28 November 2016, 1pm, Room 3SW.6.22

Attendees:
Dr Jo Barton (Year 1 Organiser), Miss Katherine Chinery (Final Year Rep), Dr Paul Freeman (Final Year Organiser), Dr Valerie Gladwell (Year 2 Organiser), Dr Murray Griffin (Course Director), Miss Josie Pinfold (Final Year Rep, Chair), Mrs Mel Wiltshire (in attendance).

Apologies: Brett Baxter (Final Year Rep).

Action points from meeting on 15.3.16

4/16 Information on library resources and facilities. This has been actioned – Greg Cadge has given a Year 1 lecture and PF has incorporated this information into Year 2 module.

9/16 Speed networking for Year 3 students. Reported that Gavin Sandercock will cover MSc/PhD options in one of his sessions. JP and KC reported that they felt it would be useful to have first-hand information from current students in areas such as physiotherapy, teacher training and Masters by Dissertation rather than just hearing about courses from an academic viewpoint.

PF to take forward

10/16 Review of placement information session has taken place but VG reported that student feedback is that this session continues to be too placement focussed. Discussion re possibility of making placement sessions voluntary.

VG to review BS216/placement information within.

11/16 Clash between BS271 mini project submission and BS216 portfolio deadline has been resolved.

13/16 Final year reps reported that those students who had not undertaken Kate’s year 2 module felt that they lacked experience in writing literature reviews. It was also felt that it would be useful to have more experience of critiquing journal articles/be encouraged to engage more with the additional reading materials.

Noted that GS will cover literature reviews in his session this week. VG to review content for BS216 and determine whether it is possible to add more ‘research skills’ content such as critical thinking, literature review practice. Students reported that they found the Year 2 session in April useful for beginning to plan their project.

VG to review BS216 content/assess whether more research skills content can be added.

17/16 In relation to summer term content, it was noted that there was a one day project session for Year 2 students last year. This year, the project deadline has been moved to Week 30.
Final year representatives reported that this had been well-received. Possibility of voluntary courses at the end of year 2 discussed.

Annual Review of Courses

18/16  Noted that this had been circulated. No discussion points raised.

Curriculum Review

19/16  Noted that curriculum review report had been circulated. No discussion points raised.

National Student Survey/Student Satisfaction Survey

20/16  MG reported that he had communicated with final year students and will be leading on the NSS activity this year with the aim of improving student engagement. Noted that NSS scores have improved but continued improvement is required. Noted that formative feedback on student work has been introduced. MG also outlined the importance of getting a good response rate for the NSS given that SES has small student numbers.

Student Assessment of Modules and Teaching (SAMT)

21/16  MG outlined purpose of SAMT questionnaires.

Year 1 Business

22/16  No Year 1 representative present at the meeting. No feedback received in advance of meeting. VG noted that from discussions with Year 1 students, many were finding the A&P module difficult/felt that there was a lot of content. This was especially true for those students without a biology background. PBL sessions well-received.

Year 2 Business

23/16  No Year 2 representative present at the meeting. No feedback received in advance of meeting. VG reported that she had received feedback re BS216 as outlined above.

Final Year Business

24/16  JP reported that she had received positive feedback for those modules she was undertaking. Noted that for the new module BS370, there had not been a field trip/practical and group felt it would be beneficial for this to be implemented. For BS371 students reported that they would like more practical work. For BS376 students have enjoyed the lectures but would like more guest speakers if possible. Also suggested that it would be useful to have all lectures at the beginning of term to allow more time for assignment and presentation preparation.

25/16  Interim feedback obtained from students and this has been circulated via Moodle.

26/16  JP reported the Moodle is well used and up to date. PF noted that there is now some generic feedback re BS837. Staff asked students whether they had reviewed their interview
videos and encouraged students to do so – possibly as a group, providing feedback to each other.

**Any Other Business**

27/16  MG noted that the SES Society is currently operated primarily by final year students and that involvement from Year 2 students will be required.

**Nomination of student representative to attend the School Meeting**

28/16  MG requested that a volunteer is nominated from the student representatives to attend the termly School Meeting. The next meeting is on Wednesday 1 March.

**Date and time of next meeting**

To be confirmed.