DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

Meeting of the Staff Student Liaison Committee Meeting (SSLC)

Tuesday 5 May 2015

2-3pm

5B.324

Minutes

Attendees

Chair
Professor Hugh Ward

1st Year Representative
Rebecca Cordell

2nd Year Representative
Linda Urselmans

3rd Year Representative
Denise Laroze

4th Year Representative
Belen Gonzalez

Graduate Administrator
Sallyann West

Apologies
Belen Gonzalez

For Discussion

Matters Arising

1. What is going well?
   • Organisation of PhDs is much better this year.

2. Improvements since last meeting
   • No comments

3. ARC – Comments?
   • No comments

4. Any issues to take forward to Departmental Meeting
   • There were issues with the GTA payment. The increased pay was paid in one batch and many GTSAs were therefore heavily taxed. Is there anything the Department can do about it?
   • There was concern that no Academic staff, except Hugh and occasionally one or two others, attend the Colloquium. Students feel there is not much point to presenting when their supervisors and other staff are not there to comment. Various alternatives were discussed. HW, Colloquium organisers and representatives will meet with Rene to discuss further.
5. Review student support arrangements
   - Insufficient funds for participating in Summer School. HW and representatives to meet and discuss with David Howarth. Sallyann to arrange.

6. Any other business
   - GTA recruitment. HW said he believed forms would be sent out to eligible PhD students in a week or so
   - The essay marking workshop last year was very good? Sallyann To ask Rob Johns
   - PhD students would like free printing of their work, either in the PhD lab or the Department’s printer.

Date of next meeting TBC