DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT

Meeting of the PGT Staff Student Liaison Committee (SSLC)

Wednesday 29th April 2015
2.00 - 3.00pm
Common Room

Minutes

Attendees

Chair
Professor Lawrence Ezrow (LE)

PGT Student Representative
Keshab Giri

International Relations
Chelsea Watson
Maria (Flor) Fernandez Mego

Conflict Resolution
Recep Onursal (Absent)

POPB
Arthur Hunter

IDA
James Fox (Absent)

Political Theory
Zach Sherburne (Absent)

Political Economy
Luis Mejia Lopez

Political Science
Hasna Azmi Fadhilah

Graduate Administrator
Sallyann West (SW)

For Discussion

Matters Arising

1. Apologies for Absence
   • Recep Onursal

2. What is going well?
   • Students all agreed that things are going well
   • Departmental events i.e. coffee mornings, seminars and the student conference have helped the students meet and get to know more academic staff. It was recommended that these continue and that, if possible, an organising body of MA students could be set up to assist and get more involved with the UG student conference in 2016 – LE to discuss with UG Education Officer
   • GV902 – there are delays in respect of evaluation on this module – LE will raise this at the Education Committee meeting on 30th April
   • Essex summer school – it was felt that the instructions for enrolment and eligibility were not clear. Any enquiries should be directed to Mel Sawyers
   • GV914/915 – there is insufficient information available on these modules and no module outlines - the PGT student representative will email LE the main issues
   • Students feel that the module selection is lacking a course that helps with Research Design (GV900/903 focus purely on statistical advice). It is felt that
this should be included in GV958 – LE to raise the issue at the Education Committee meeting on 30th April

3. Improvements since last meeting
   - GV903 - there has been a notable improvement in respect of evaluation delays on this module

4. ARC (Annual Review of Courses) comments
   - No comments; it was advised that LE is responsible for the updates

5. Review Handbook
   - Students feel this is a useful tool; suggestions for any amendments should be emailed to SW

6. Review Student Support Arrangements
   - No comments; all support arrangements are appropriate

7. Any other business
   - PG away day is on Wednesday 10th June 12-3pm – a Thames boat cruise

8. Confirm Items of relevance to be taken forward to the Departmental meeting – attended by PGT Rep and nominee’s where relevant:
   - It was agreed that LE would raise items of relevance at the Education Committee meeting on 30th April, in the first instance
     o Departmental events / get together
     o Student conference – MA involvement
     o Summer school
     o Research design incorporated into GV958

Next Meeting: TBC