Meeting of the PGT Staff Student Liaison Committee (SSLC)

Wednesday 20th January 2016
2.00 - 3.00pm
Room 5B.322

Minutes

Attendees

Chair
Professor Lawrence Ezrow (LE)

Graduate Administrator
Sallyann West (SW)

Departmental Administrator
Anna Bewick (AB)

2nd Year MRES Student
Hasna Fadhilah (HF)

1st Year MA Student
Shagun Garg (SG)

Apologies for Absence

- Eigaude Bertasiute, Faculty Convenor Social Sciences

1. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th October 2015 were agreed as an accurate record.

2. Student Representation

Due to other University commitments, Jessica Blair is no longer able to be a representative on this committee. No further representatives came forward as a result of an email sent to all PGT students following the last SSLC meeting. It was reiterated that going forward in 2016/17 the graduate administrator will handle the nomination process to ensure an adequate number of representatives are elected. At least one representative per division is required.

3. Any other business

GV907 Political Economy – feedback from the students is that they would benefit from an additional GTA led class whereby, following the assignment being set by the lecturer, the GTA could then discuss how they might carry out this assignment and assist with the problem sets. LE advised that for the current academic year, students should be encouraged to utilise the lecturers’ office hours if they wanted advice.

Action: HF to provide LE with further information on how this module is currently run. LE/AB to look into adding an additional GTA led class to this module for 2016/17.
GV902 Theories of International Relations – students have advised that they have not received feedback on their first assignment (Nov 2015). This feedback is necessary for carrying out future assignments and for applications. Students also feel that the lecturer works at a pace that is difficult to keep up with.

**Action:** LE to discuss both issues with the lecturer and reiterate the departments’ two week marking procedure.

GV958 Theory & Explanation in Political Science – students feel that the course material is repetitive of what they learnt as undergraduates and that it is not advanced enough. LE advised that there are certain advantages to repetition, especially if students were looking to teach in future.

**Action:** LE to discuss with the lecturers.

Common Room – students have requested that a microwave be installed in the common room.

**Action:** AB to discuss with the University’s Health & Safety team, look at budget requirements and advise student representatives at the next meeting

Next Meeting: Wednesday 27th April 2016 in the Common Room 5B.303