

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTING ~ MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY
Minutes of the 100-Level Liaison Committee Meeting
Monday, 21 March 2005, E6A 202 2.00pm

Present:

Student Representatives	Units
Jason Chan	COMP155
Peter Verrier	COMP155
Sarah Macintosh	COMP115
Andrew Pickles	COMP115
Bin Li	COMP115
Hemant Vaswani	COMP125
Staff Representatives	Units
Peter Busch	Chair
Diego Molla Aliod	COMP125 & SLP148 UC
Abhaya Nayak	COMP115 UC
Frank Moisiadis	ISYS123 UC
Rajan Shankaran	ISYS123 Lecturer
Bernard Mans B	A/Head of Department
Yan Wang	COMP155 UC, COMP115
Lee Flax	COMP115 Lecturer
Louella Almeida LA	Program Manager
Lisa Chanell	Minutes

The meeting started at 2:05pm

Peter Busch Chair of 100 level gave a welcome

UNIT MATTERS

COMP115 – *Introduction to Computer Science*
COMP155 – *Introduction of Computer Science (Advanced)*

Some students have been happy with the progress of the Units lectures, practicals, tutorials and the first assignment so far. Although other students have mentioned to their reps that lectures were a bit quick, (eg PowerPoint slides too quick - unable to write down main points.) and the accent of lecturer made it hard to understand. This is the same for both evening and day lectures

It was felt that some of the basic concepts are missing from the lectures and that there is an assumption of knowledge

Students felt that if you have done some programming before it helped or even made it easier to understand **COMP155 (Advanced)**.

COMP115 & 155 cont....

A suggestion of reading the text before the lectures would indeed help the students to understand. Students still have felt lost and would like a more direction and/or more information at the beginning of each week.

It was acknowledged that there is a level of assumed knowledge by the teaching staff for this unit. There was a suggestion that students try all examples prior to class.

All over package is very good (prac, tuts, textbooks and lectures)

A mixed reaction over the lecturer theatres – E7B264 – too hot, E7B263 okay but a good size, MAC theatre audio/visual not great.
Price theatre freezing only in the evening lecture **(BGO)**

Feed back required by Abhaya Nayak

i-lecture facility has this helped out with understanding the lectures
Report back via email

Issue

Trouble with links to website links broken to notes (lecture) need to be modified (Tony Demetriou CTS or Abhaya Nayak).

COMP125 – *Fundamentals of Computer Science*

If a student has not done COMP115 they are required to read the first 9 chapters to catch up. It was felt that to be advised of what is required for this unit prior to the semester in which it is run would be helpful.

Students are following lectures and are well presented.

E6A102 & Price theatres are good both visual and audio

All lecture notes are available online.

ISYS123 - *Introduction to Information Systems and Technologies*

No students showed – all reps were emailed and advised of meeting time.

SLP148 – *Language, Logic and Computation*

No Students showed

General Issues

No general issues other than it was great to have the committee for feedback.

Next Meeting

Week 8 - Monday 2nd May at 2:00pm in E6A202