

Staff-Student Committee Action.

Action following the proceedings of the 139th meeting held at 2.00pm on the 24th February 2010.

7. (iv) Workload in 10 vs 20 credit modules. An issue raised by a Part C student. Dan Harris discussed the matter with Dr. Kelly with the following points highlighted.
CMD111 (20 credits) shouldn't be compared to analogous 10 credit compulsory modules, it should be compared with other 20 credit optional modules. There is no evidence that CMD111 is substantially easier or more challenging than the other optional modules.
As a 20 credit module, the exam is written accordingly, requiring more in-depth answers about more specialist material - often taught from first principles. There are more questions, from more lecturers, requiring longer answers, and as such the preparation for the exams should be weighted accordingly. As a general point, Teaching Committee and Faculty initially approve & then monitor the content/workload of comparable modules.
- (vi) Inconsistent marking. After investigation by the HoD, the matter was resolved.
- (vi) Invigilator conduct. After discussion with Jade Robinson the HoD decided to refer her complaints to the Academic Registrar who entered into a full investigation. We have been assured that issues raised, concerning the behaviour of invigilators, will not happen again.
- (vi) e-mail problems. This seemed to have occurred during the UG e-mail transition period, but seemed to be continuing. Any further problems should be reported to IT Services help desk directly.
- (vi) Notification of release of examination marks to Students. Dr. Child agreed to e-mail students as soon as she knew when results would be available on Learn.
- (vii) CSS personal tutor. Dr. Worrall e-mailed all CSS students about their CSS point of contact: Dr. Mike Hiley.
- (ix) On-line laboratory CW hand in for module CMF001. Dr. Williams agreed the trial did not run smoothly and is discussing with Nicola Jennings how this is taken forward next academic year. If the students submitted their work they were awarded a mark, no one was penalised for submitting their work the "wrong" route. Only if their work missed the deadline, were they awarded a mark of zero.