

STUDENT-STAFF LIAISON COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting 3/19

24 October 2019

Present: Dakota Titmus (Chair), Prof Daniel Zizzo, Mr Carl Sherwood, A/Prof Peter Earl, Ms Megan Sandaver, Navchaa Tumurbaatar, Tooru Nishido, Li Xuan Tan, Kieu My (Michelle) Tran, Connor Harvey, Shadid, Vinh Vi Ly Hoai,

1. **Apologies:** A/Prof Renuka Mahadevan, Jinji Wang, Grace Reinhold, Abigail Smith, Phiet Le, Prof Alicia Rambaldi, Benjamin Scott, Arita Puriso, Chelsea van der Merwe, Erin Allport, Patrick Duenow
2. **Confirmation of the Minutes from the previous meeting**
Minutes are confirmed with changes regarding rewording of SeCAT evaluation as per Prof Daniel Zizzo's email. Also rewording for the SoE "aim is to have a global experience..." under engagement between international and domestic students.
3. **Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest**
Nil
4. **Business Arising from the previous Minutes**
Math courses for PEE students (ECON1050) – due to limited time and ongoing PA2, the matter has been postponed to discuss later.
5. **Standing items**
 1. Feedback on the Program Architecture 2 (PA2)
Prof Sherwood presented the main points as follows
 - PA2 is a student focused program for new BEcon students effective from 2021.
 - Core question: Who do we want our graduates to be?
 - Compulsory units changed from 22 to 16 units. Two courses on economic policy have been removed, however, some of the contents will be integrated into intermediate economics courses. Added CBA/Benefit-cost (naming to be finalized) course.
 - Aim: to give a student an idea to what to gain at the end of course.
 - 12 learning outcomes, divided into 5 sections, which then mapped into core courses. Based on this, assessment tasks to be developed. Students are encouraged to provide feedback during workshops on 31 Oct and 7 Nov.In response to Michelle Tran and Tooru Nishido's enquiry about selecting and/or compulsory major for a career pathway, Prof Zizzo answered that at this stage, selecting major is not compulsory, but students are encouraged to select a major. Whether or not selecting major to be compulsory is still in discussion and will have to check with the University policy.
Actions: Student members are encouraged to provide feedback on PA2
 2. The committee visibility
 - SoE webpage is available since late September with support from the BEL marketing team, no feedback or enquiry has been received to date.
 - Carl Sherwood circulated an email on 24 September to academic staff regarding posting of SSLC one pager slide on Blackboard. To date, only some courses have this slide on their Blackboard.
 - Consultation with students – SSLC student members are paired up to run the consultation since the first week of October. So far, no students came.

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- Generally speaking, SSLC visibility is still an issue.

Actions:

- Postpone the students consultation until the start of the next academic year. Better identification measures such as UQ t-shirt, SSLC signage/post to be displayed
- Dakota Titmus and Navchaa Tumurbaatar to follow up SSLC webpage visitor analytics from James
- Dokata Titmus and Navchaa Tumurbaatar to get in touch with Sarah Brischetto regarding a stall, flyers, freebees and other necessary items are to be organized in leading up to the orientation day in Semester 1, 2020.

3. Engagement between international and domestic students

SSLC student members suggest the following activities.

- Extra-curricular activities that could complement their studies.
- University project on reviewing international student experience.
- Buddy up program for both undergraduate and postgraduate students for the duration of four to six weeks, with weekly catch-ups to occur.

Currently, BEL team is recruiting mentors/buddies for the coming orientation events. SoE is to incorporate with BEL team to pilot the Buddy up program.

Actions: Megan to get in touch with orientation team at BEL

4. Any other business

SSLC new members: Three student members are leaving SSLC for the next academic year, recruitment of new members is ongoing.

Actions: Megan Sandaver is to update in due course

6. Items for information

Nil

7. General Business

The Chair, Dakota Titmus and Prof Daniel Zizzo thanked to all members of SSLC for their ongoing support and effort over the past few months.

8. Policies due for review

Nil

9. Next meeting: Semester 1, 2020 – TBA