

FACULTY OF CLASSICS

STUDENT-STAFF JOINT COMMITTEE

**There was a meeting of the Committee at 1.10 p.m. on Monday
17th May 2010 in Room 1.04 of the Faculty of Classics.**

Present: Dr Peter Agocs, Dr Naoise MacSweeney (Chair), Mr James Addison, Dr Rebecca Flemming, Ms Jenny Hipkiss, Mr Stephen Howe, Mr Steve Kimberley, Mr Nick Soderberg, Dr Nigel Spivey, Mrs Carolyn Bartley (Secretary)

Apologies: Ms Roisin Hunter, Dr Holly Kinnear, Ms Maeve O'Dwyer

Dr MacSweeney began by welcoming Dr Agocs to the meeting as the incoming Chair of the SSJC for the academic year 2010-2011.

1. Minutes
The Minutes of the meeting of 8th February 2010 were **approved**.
2. Matters arising
There were none.
3. Undergraduate Matters
The Undergraduate Representative **reported** that Part 1A feel there are too many lectures and set essays in Easter Term.
The Academic Secretary **suggested** that Easter Term should not be seen as the 'exam term' and that over the years the amount of lecturing and essay setting has actually reduced in Easter Term.
4. Graduate Matters
The Graduate Representative wished to flag to the Committee the issue of potential problems with the cleanliness of the Graduate Common Room. This is only an inconvenience to users at the moment but could develop into a Health and Safety issue for the Custodian if the situation is allowed to go on. The Graduate Representative **confirmed** that he had recently circulated an email to all graduate students reminding them that keeping the room clean was a requirement of having the privilege of a common room.

The Graduate Representative **requested** that the rules about the use of the common room, particularly out-of-hours, be more rigorously asserted to the new intake in Michaelmas Term.

5. Strategic Meeting

The Chair summarised the strategic meeting that took place amongst the student representatives, herself and the Administrative Officer on 27th April.

The SSJC needs to be a more strategic, vital forum. Key issues will be emailed by the student representatives to students and focussed responses will then be presented to the student body at an annual event in a format similar to the Classics Forum (item 6). The SSJC will then discuss the issues and take them forward to the appropriate Faculty committee.

Undergraduate Representatives will hold an informal meeting for undergraduates in Michaelmas and Lent Terms and the Graduate Representative will arrange an informal meeting for graduates in Easter Term. The issues discussed will become agenda items for the SSJC.

6. Classics Forum, 10th February 2010

Report attached by James Addison, Undergraduate Representative.

The Undergraduate Representative **reported** that approximately 30 students attended the forum and that the format was very helpful in widening the topics of discussion. The general consensus was that students are happy with Part II in terms of breadth and the seminar format. Students had more to discuss about Parts 1A and 1B. There was a lot of focus on language teaching as it is easier to see gaps in a student's ability, without much discussion on art history, archaeology, philosophy or linguistics. The items discussed should shape questions for the coming year.

7. Any Other Business

(i) IT Resources Committee – introduction of printing charges in Michaelmas Term

The Computer Officer **reported** that students will require only a Raven password to access the new central accounts system to purchase printing credit using the usual bank payment card method. It is hoped that this will be able to be done locally via a terminal in the library or online from College for example.

The Computer Officer could not confirm if the charges include paper.

The Computer Officer could not confirm if any unused termly credit for graduates could be carried forward to the next term.

The Chair **requested** that the facility be open to students to top up their credit immediately in the event of running out of credit mid-way through a large printing job. The Computer Officer **confirmed** he will investigate this.

The Computer Officer **reported** that during Long Vacation there will be a (non-payment) trial period to bed in the system.

8. Date of next meeting
To be confirmed.

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