

Mathematics Undergraduate Representation Committee

Friday 27th January 2012

Unconfirmed minutes of meeting

Attending: Jo French (Keble), Anne Meiburg (*Lincoln*), Bryn Horsfield-Schönhut (*St. Hugh's*), Karyn Cooke (Keble), David Hagger (University), Matthew Saxton (Jesus), Seung Jai Lee (Wadham), Ben Spells (Lincoln), Samiha Ismail (Keble), Nimish Telang (Christ Church), Catrin Campbell-Moore (Worcester)
Apologies: Petra Staynova (Pembroke), Elena Sizikova (St. Anne's)

- 1) Introduction
 - a. Minutes of previous meeting (*Wk 7, MT11*) were accepted.
- 2) Report on Questionnaires
 - a. Some courses that were not rated high last year by students continue to remain under-rated although there are some improvements, such as the Mods Linear Algebra I.
 - b. The completion rate of the questionnaires in Part A courses which are compulsory in the Michaelmas term is poor.
 - c. About 10% of students complained that they could not obtain notes properly from lectures.
- 3) Report on College Reps
 - a. Most College Reps' email accounts are obsolete – many of them left the university.
 - b. The committee decided that those who expressed the continued interest in serving as College Reps will remain as such.
 - c. A reminder email will be sent with a deadline for those who have not replied to the email regarding the continuation of the role of College Rep.
- 4) Exam entry forms for Part B and C
 - a. The committee acknowledge the problem of having to submit the exam entries too early before examinations and hence not providing students with enough time to decide on their modules carefully, but also recognised that this is a matter handled by the University, not the Maths Institute or Colleges.
- 5) Negotiations for discounts for maths students at Taylor's
 - a. Nimish reported that Taylor's could not offer discounts to maths students that cannot be applied to other groups of students. Nimish will try to contact Taylor's again.
- 6) MURC advertisement
 - a. Karyn has written an MURC advert for Invariants Annual magazine
- 7) MURC Bookstall
 - a. The committee recognised the need to advertise MURC through Bookstall sales, which will mainly be targeted at first and second-year students
 - b. The MURC posters will be updated with photos if possible after the committee members send photos to Samiha.
- 8) First-year Rep
 - a. Ben Spells was elected as First-Year Rep.