

DEPARTMENT OF OPTOMETRY & VISION SCIENCES

**UNDERGRADUATE STAFF STUDENT LIAISON MEETING
FOURTH AND FIFTH YEAR**

MINUTES 01-06

**1pm, Monday 22nd May 2006
Council Meeting Room**

Present: A/Prof Trichur Vidyasagar (Chair), Dr Larry Abel, Dr Andrew Anderson, Ms Jacquie Burnheim, Ms Anthea Cochrane, Ms Alex Jaworski, Dr Allison McKendrick, Dr Andrew Metha, Dr Michael Pianta, Ms Bronwyn Thomson

Student Reps: Olivia Das Neves [Year 5], Jenalle Chandler [Year 5], Megan Loft [Year 4], Adam Gloury [Year 4]

Apologies

Prof Neville McBrien, Dr Alex Gentle, A/Prof Algis Vingrys

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held in semester 2, 2005 were confirmed.

2. Matters Arising

- Prac Lab is now being opened at 7:30am to allow for student use before pracs
- Library is still not always open at 8:30am – will clarify opening times with librarian
- An updated PC has been put in the library for student use and a scanner has also been ordered

3. New Business

3.1 Quality of Teaching Surveys for Semester 2, 2005

Figures for Semester 1, 2005 were distributed and discussed. The scores were generally favourable, with some scores for subjects being specifically highlighted for discussion:

655-430 Clinical Optometry Practice

Low scores for computer based questions – not set up yet due to it being a new subject.

3.2 General Student Feedback by Year

5th Year

Students are enjoying a variety of clinics and clinicians and also really enjoying the RVEEH visits after the initial cancellations

Feedback from the 655-530 Project Proposals has not yet been given back – will follow up with Prof McBrien

Students are struggling to find case in the diseases clinic to use for their case reports. Coordinators will highlight that students are able to use cases from the RVEEH and also will clarify what the case report involves.

There are currently RVEEH visits scheduled during exam preparation time – Ms Burnheim will review roster.

4th Year

Students would like an introductory orientation session to the clinic including order forms, prices etc. This could be done instead of observations sessions as they were not very useful. Ms Cochrane will look at this for next year

Students complained about the larger gaps in their timetable. This was partially addressed by the group splits for pracs/tutes but some gaps still exist. This will be reviewed when developing next year's timetable.

655-461 Assessment of Ocular Disease

Some tutorials are rehashing information that was already covered in the lectures. Will be addressed for next year

The students don't like having to do three group portfolios pieces as it is difficult to get together with the rest of the group. Will look at doing a combination of group and individual portfolio pieces for next year. Students also wanted clarification of the objectives. Dr Pianta suggested that it was up to the students to address specific issues they have with the lecturers.

Students were also concerned that some of them only get one go at the assessment of a technique. Dr Pianta will review for next year.

655-451 Contact Lenses

Students are finding the pracs to be really good. Would like the RGP lectures to be held prior to the assignment being due. This will be looked at for next year

Some of the questions for the mid-semester test were a bit vague – Dr McKendrick will review.

655-441 Diagnosis of Ocular Disease I

Students would like better lectures notes and also for them to be bound. Lecturers will try to have the notes done earlier for next year so that they can be sent off and printed.

Students would like more questions on the mid-semester exam and for the exam timing to be coordinated better as it was in the same week as the 655-451 exam. Feedback will be passed to A/Prof Vingrys.

4. Any Other Business

There was no other business raised.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting is Monday 28th August 2006.