

SOCIOLOGY: STAFF-STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE

05 March 2008

PRESENT

Maddie Breeze (SenHons); Ksenia Panjinskaia (JunHons); Michael Rosie (convener).

APOLOGIES

Anne Miller (JunHons)

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The last minutes were taken as accurate.

MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising last minutes were taken as accurate.

CONVENER ISSUES

Two issues were raised by the Convener for general discussion:

Feedback – discussion over form, quality and punctuality of feedback in Sociology. Representatives felt that mid-semester feedback was generally delivered within the three week deadline. Feedback tended to be useful and helpful although different lecturers/tutors had very different styles of balancing positive and negative pointers.

Assessment of tutorial/seminar participation – discussion over whether it would be useful to accord a small portion of any given courses mark to how well a student had participated in and/or attended a class. Some debate over effects of this. Several positives and several potential negatives were identified.

REPRESENTATIVE ISSUES

First/Second Year –No representatives present.

Junior/Senior Honours – a general discussion regarding various models in teaching the two-hour block in Honours courses. Students very much valued the discussion opportunities in Honours and hoped that more could be done to involve students in discussions during Honours teaching. Some discussion of how this could work in practice.

AOB - There was no other business

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

End of first semester 2008-09 (probably Wednesday week 9).