



KE Meeting 7

Minutes

Date: 1st March, 2017

Time: 18:00

Venue: KSU Tipico Careers Common Room

Attendance:

Present:

Jacob Portelli	Nico Muscat
Robert Napier	Gabriella Sutton
Rebecca Stoner	Kaitlyn Byrne
Martina Miggiani	Omar Shamala
Maria Dimech	Martina Camilleri

Excused:

Daniel Vella	Alexander Hili
Denis Muscat	Martina Cutajar
Valeriya Bonkova	Ryan Falzon
Shanice Borg	

Absent:

Clayton Axisa	Michael Piccinino
Daniel Vella	Manuel Xuereb (PG)
Patrick Gatt (PG)	Dylan Gauci
Maria Katrina Azzopardi	Mark Borg
Duncan Muscat (PG)	Chantelle Abela
Tracey Sammut	Brenda Lee Cutajar (PG)
Monique Dimech Genius	Luke Young
Stuart Vella Bonello	Rachel Cauchi
Rita Catherine Mangion Bianco (PG)	Dylan Mercieca
Nicholas Karl Buttigieg	James Attard (PG)
Bernine Caruana	Dirk Urpani
Martha Marie Bartolo	Francesco Refalo
George Zamit Montebello	Alexander Clayman



Jean Claude Scicluna	Marya Camenzuli (PG)
Julian Bonello(PG)	Joshua Cortis
Martha Marie Bartolo	John Montebello
Felic Micallef	Nigel Xuereb Said
Duncan Muscat (PG)	Samiro Bartolo
Cody Galea	Anthony David Brincat
Christian Cordina	Meverick Spiteri
Elizabeth Camilleri	Deandra Cutajar
Isabelle Kniestedt	Robert Micallef
Carmel Theuma	Gabriella Calamatta
Eman Mifsud	Mark Borg
Terry Duca	Neville Decelis
Andrew Pisani	Maxim Georgievich Nikitin
Analise Sammut	Elizabeth Borg Cardona
Nicole Tabone	Francesca Zammit
Maria Azzopardi	

Meeting started: 18.30 hours

1. Approval of Agenda – Approved nemo con.
2. Approval of Minutes – Approved nemo con.
3. Arising Matters out of Minutes

There were no matters arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting.

4. Follow up Examinations Hall Conditions and Invigilators' Behaviour Feedback

Last meeting the KE discussed various complaints received and these were discussed with Registrar. The suggestion that the attendance sheet be signed in the beginning of the exam, was deemed not possible by the Registrar due to the number of students as it might be confusing. The KE pointed out that this was done in various courses and that this could be feasible, and therefore this issue will continue to be raised. With regards to too many students in the exam room ,they are going to try and solve that in a pilot project. Assurance that clear clarification and instructions regarding the 5-minute reading time will be issued to invigilators was given.



5. English Communicative Aptitude Programme

Kaitlyn asked for updates on the ECA programme in the nursing course. Robert Napier explained that a meeting was held today and these were passed on and the Registrar reassured him that the feedback would be replied to over this weekend. They reassured him that they will be doing their best that these will not clash with practicals and final years. However, those who have already started the programme in their 2nd year, they will make sure that these will not clash with practicals. An update was also given about the eligibility of this programme – Needs Analysis Test was developed to highlight which students are in most need for this programme. Students who only have up to MATSEC O’level need to sit the test, as well as those with higher level but grade D or less. This test is designed so that those at level 3 or 4 at O’level, will pass. Those with A and Intermediate level examination passes, will not have to sit the test unless they receive a Grade D or lower. If the test shows that the student needs to sit the course, they will have to take the programme. Robert also explained that the Needs Analysis Test will tell you if you Pass, Fail or Exempt. If you don’t pass in one of the study units, the grades of the other Study Units are still published so that on the transcript your skills will still be displayed. It was discussed whether the KE agreed with this system, and it was unanimously agreed that it did.

Kaitlyn asked whether if a student did not pass the needs analysis and was told to start the programme, and then during the course they sit and pass an intermediate or A’ level exam, they will then be exempted from the course. This year the students will be told exactly what the structure of the exam will consist of. In the case of mature students who have already been working in the industry, they will be reviewed on a case by case basis, and this will determine whether they need to sit the Needs Analysis Test.

Jacob Portelli pointed out that this was released without consulting any student body or the KE and this is something which we should react to. This is a mentality which needs to change around University, especially when these decisions affect students directly.

Omar Shamala asked whether the feedback passed on to Registrar which will be receiving feedback this weekend, could be formulated in the form of a FAQ or infographic. This was discussed and decided to be a good idea.



Jacob Portelli suggested that we should promote this information through KE so that students will be well informed before it is implemented.

Omar asked whether the results of the NAT could be published publically so that students will know that a need does exist.

6. Student Representative Guidelines

The Student Representative Guidelines Subcommittee have finalized a set of guidelines which will be discussed with administration to have officially accepted as the University's guidelines. Jacob Portelli asked whether these could be sent out to the KE to review and give any feedback – the members of the subcommittee agreed and welcomed any feedback.

7. Post-Secondary Revamp Report

The subcommittee working on the Post-Secondary Revamp Report has nearly finished the feedback they would like to pass on. These will be finalised by this Friday, and then be passed on.

8. The KSU Careers & Research Expo 2017

This event will be held next week, between the 7-9th March. A number of interactive talks and mock interviews will be held over the event, and everyone is invited to come.

9. Other Matters

a. Student Representative Elections

- The elections will be held tomorrow – the only election is taking place, in the Faculty of Law. The lack of activism and motivation of students to apply for these roles was discussed. Jacob Portelli suggested that the faculties be contacted to shortlist a number of students to encourage them.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:00hrs



Martina Miggiani, KSU Education Commissioner

Rebecca Stoner, KSU Education Coordinator