

## **Graduate Staff-Student Committee**

October 18, 2007

Present: Devin Harmon (2<sup>nd</sup> Year LSE/PKU), Eleni Koltziou (2<sup>nd</sup> Year LSE/PKU), Abigail Brown (2<sup>nd</sup> Year LSE/PKU), Connor Riffle (HIR), Kirsten Schulze, Piers Ludlow

1. Election of the chair: Drs. Schulze and Ludlow welcomed the students to the meeting and explained that this was always chaired by a graduate student. Devin Harmon agreed to chair the meeting.
2. Approval of the minutes: the minutes of the May 3, 2007 meeting were approved.
3. Matters arising: 3(a) there was general agreement with Dr Best's suggestion that there should be fewer computers in the library. A lot of these machines were not used for work purposes and the students using them frequently disturbed those trying to study.
4. Masters matters:
  - (a) Induction meetings: Piers Ludlow asked how the students had found the induction meetings which had been organised by the department and in particular enquired what was felt about the number of people from different parts of the School (language centre, careers service, library etc) who had turned up to contribute. The general sense amongst the students was that these meetings had been valuable. There was always too much information fully to be absorbed. But it was useful to be told this information and useful also to be able to put faces to some of those representing the various School services. It was also felt that the handbook was very useful. All of the Masters students agreed, though, that it might be useful to have an occasion other than the general departmental reception in the evening to meet each other. It would also be good to have a chance to meet someone who had done a Masters at the LSE during the previous year. Was there any chance of an additional meeting which serve both these purposes being organised? Piers Ludlow promised to look into this.
  - (b) Surat Suwannikkha was elected Masters representative to the LSE Graduate Consultative Forum in his absence. Piers Ludlow promised to check with Surat Suwannikkha that he was happy being given this role.
5. PhD matters:
  - (a) Kirsten Schulze promised to discuss with the PhD students who would be willing to serve on the LSE consultative forum.
6. Any Other Business. There was no AOB.