

International History Department Student Staff Liaison Committee meeting minutes

Summer term 2011/12, held on 14th March 2012

Present:

Eduardo Baudet (Co-Chair, BSc IR and History year 3)
Francesca Washtell (Co-Chair, BA History year 3)
Raphael Bousquet (BSc IR and History year 2)
Justin Lau (BA History year 2)
Nico Nalbantian (BA History year 2)
Maria Coelho (BSc IR and History year 1)
Georgia Derrett (BA History year 1)
Emma Forth (BA History year 1)
Ali Hughes (BA History year 1)
Jonathan Jeutner (BSc IR and History year 1)
Maryan Osman (BSc IR and History year 1)
Hoang Vu (BSc IR and History year 1)
Mathew Betts (UG administrator)
Dr Piers Ludlow (UG programme director)
Paul Horsler (Library representative)

1) National Student Survey

It was noted that the NSS is still available for students to complete online and that the Department strongly encourages its students to do so.

2) Report from the Undergraduate Forum representative

There had been a discussion at UG Forum on students' views on iPads. Comments made were that it is easy to view online readings on iPads and that they run podcasts well. It was not completely clear at this stage what intention the School had in seeking students' views on iPads.

The ethics code consultation is underway and a mailbox has been set up to gather suggestions from the LSE community on what should be included in the code.

3) Feedback from First Year representatives

It was noted that degree structure regulations are contained in the undergraduate student handbook given to students and on the LSE website.

Students of BSc International Relations and History are usually granted a suspension of regulations against paper 8 in order to take an unlisted course.

If a document based (list B) course is taken in year two it would be possible to suspend regulations against paper 11 in year three. It is anticipated that this will only arise in instances where particular courses are suspended at particular times due to staff sabbatical.

Students of IR100 are concerned that there have been no sample exam questions provided which correspond to the new material introduced to the course this year. Dr Ludlow recommended that students raise this with the course convenor in the International Relations department.

Students of HY116 have requested that the slides for all of the lectures are posted on Moodle.

An extra departmental social event in induction week would be appreciated by students, for instance a History Society quiz. A note was made to incorporate this into plans for next year.

4) Feedback from Second Year representatives

Second year students are generally satisfied.

5) Feedback from Third Year representatives

Third year students are generally satisfied. It had been noted by some students that some courses such as HY314 and HY315 had retained a higher number of pieces of formative coursework. While the norm is now three assignments and a mock exam, course convenors retain the right to have more coursework assignments if they feel this to be necessary for their particular course.

The desire for a teaching survey of Faculty at the end of Michaelmas term as well as at the end of Lent term was reiterated. This decision remains in the hands of the School.

The Careers seminar organised by the Department was felt to be useful by students. More Careers events would be welcomed.

6) Feedback from General Course representatives

There was no representation or feedback on this occasion.

7) Any other comments

The Library representative noted the feedback from students on the functionality of printers in the Library.

Students were advised of the arrangements for book loans during the vacation.

Library access for students from other universities will be restricted during the exam period, thus prioritising LSE students' use of their own Library.

8) Election of SSLC Chairs for 2012-13

Nico Nalbantian and Justin Lau were elected by the students on the committee as the Co-Chairs for 2012-13 session.