

**Department of Statistics**  
**PhD SSLC meeting**  
Friday 10 February 2010

Attended:

Pauline Barrieu (chair) PB

Malvina Marchese (student representative) MM

Ian Marshall (minutes) IM

### **1. Automated computer shutdown in PhD rooms**

At the Research Students' Consultative Forum on 17 November 2009 it was discussed that an automated nightly shut-down of computers in PhD study rooms was being introduced. This would seriously affect all students running overnight or long-term programmes.

*Action: IM to contact IT Services to ensure that the automated shut-down of computers does not occur in Statistics PhD study rooms. URGENT.*

### **2. Next Research Students' Consultative Forum**

The next Research Students' Consultative Forum takes place on 25 February 2010. An agenda is usually issued at the start of the week in which the forum is taking place.

*Action: MM will report back all relevant matters discussed at the forum.*

### **3. Graduate Teaching Assistants contracts**

Is it possible for Graduate Teaching Assistant contracts to be issued earlier this year (July or August)?

*Action: IM to investigate this.*

#### **4. Private Tuition**

Does the School have regulations governing informal arrangements for private tuition provided by PhD students to UG students? If this is permitted by the School, would it be possible for the Department to put a policy in place in this regard?

*Action: IM to investigate this; to check with the Research Degrees Unit in the first instance to establish if the School has issued regulations or guidelines.*

#### **5. Any Other Business**

There was no other business to discuss.

#### **6. Next Meeting**

A Research Students' Consultative Forum will take place in the Summer Term on 13 May 2010. If there are relevant matters to be discussed, an SSL meeting will be arranged in the Summer Term prior to this date. If not, the next SSL meeting will take place in the Michaelmas Term. This should ideally take place on a day in week 6.