

Department of Statistics
PhD SSLC meeting
Wednesday 24 November 2011
NAB 8.03

Attended:

Pauline Barrieu (chair) PB

Na Huang (student representative) NH

Ian Marshall (minutes) IM

1. General comments

No serious concerns have been raised by MPhil and PhD students in advance of this meeting.

2. Next Research Students' Consultative Forum

The next Research Students' Consultative Forum takes place on Wednesday 30 November 2011 in the Vera Anstey Room (Old Building), starting at 12noon.

3. LGS/LTCC courses

It was noted that the content of the London Graduate School in Mathematical Finance (LGS) and London Taught Course Centre (LTCC) courses is good and the lectures are of a high standard. However, it was noted that there have been last-minute timetable changes, which ideally should be avoided in the future wherever possible.

4. LCH 1.04

Due to construction work taking place on the site of the recently demolished St Phillips building the noise levels in LCH 1.04 are very intrusive during the daytime hours. This does make it difficult for the occupants of that room to concentrate.

Due to space constraints it is very unlikely much can be done to alleviate this problem.

<i>Action point:</i> IM to look into this.
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5. Poster Events

The annual poster events are a very good opportunity for students, but there have been very few volunteers so far in 2011-12, which is disappointing.

<i>Action point:</i> PB to send out a reminder email.

6. Use of Library borrowing facilities

Clarification has been requested regarding the borrowing levels for PhD students from the Library.

Action point: IM to contact Dave Puplett in the Library for clarification.

7. H:drive space

It was noted that students were filling up their H:drive space very quickly.

Action point#1: IM to check to maximum H:drive space with IT Support.

Action point#2: IM to explore other possible options of data storage.

Post-meeting comment: The maximum H:drive space given to PhD students is 1GB, but initially students are usually given 500Mb. Students who require additional space, up to a maximum of 1GB, should email IT.Support.Acad2, quoting their ID number and location, to request this.

8. LGS Presentation Day

The annual LGS presentation day takes place on 1 March 2012 in the Graham Wallis Room. This is an excellent opportunity for students to present their research findings and chair sessions. It is also an opportunity to network with students and staff from other colleges.

Action point: IM to send out details of the event to students

9. PhD Presentation Event

The department's annual two-day PhD presentation event takes place on 10 and 11 May 2012. All MPhil/PhD students should present their research at this event, which takes place in tandem with the annual PhD progress reporting.

10. Post-PhD careers

Students should make maximum use of the LSE Careers Service and can also gain insights from supervisors. The PhD careers advisor is Tina Bussoli.