**CENTRE FOR JOURNALISM**

**STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE**

**Notes of meeting held on Tuesday, 27 October 2015 at 1.00 in G1-03**

**PRESENT**

Anastasia Bakowski Centre Administrator, **Chair**

Katherine Huggins MA in Multimedia Journalism

Mina Sabet MA in International Multimedia Journalism

Ingebjoerg Iversen Year 2 UG

Sean Hills Year 1 UG

Berni Botto Year 1 UG

Joshua Flores Year 1 UG

**APOLOGIES**

Jackie Gordon Year 3 UG

Alifiyah Shaikh MA in International Multimedia Journalism

**NON-ATTENDEES**

Joe Cooper Year 2 UG

**1.0** The Chair thanked the course reps for attending and explained the purpose of the Student Liaison Committee. She advised them that during Lesley Phippen’s absence, she would convene and chair the meetings.

**2.0**  **ITEMS DISCUSSED**

2.1 Year 1 students said they were finding it difficult to write the History of Journalism essay in the time allocated, ie one week, as the bulk of the essay’s subject matter had been taught in the week preceding essay week and did not allow for sufficient time to read round the subject. They did, however, concede, that this was probably because they were not used to university-level work and time constraints.

2.2 Students highlighted the difficulty of inter-campus travel on the shuttle bus after 5pm when the service switched to 2 hourly and presented particular difficulties for students who had classes finishing at this time. They wondered whether a concerted effort by different schools to request an hourly service might produce a change in the timetable.

**ACTION: AB to pursue with Estates**

2.3 The stage 2 rep asked whether those lecturers who produced paper handouts could in future send these in electronic format to save paper.

**ACTION: AB to speak to lecturers concerned and pass on students’ request**

2.4 The stage 2 rep indicated that students found the Power without Responsibility module lacked structure in the way it was taught. For example a schedule of presentations was compiled but the lecturer would randomly ask students to do a presentation when it was not their turn. AB suggested that this was best approached by the students directly with the lecturer.

**ACTION: Students to speak to J Mair as above**

2.5 Students said they found information on some modules difficult to locate on the Centre’s website, for example convergent journalism information was not in chronological order and difficult to find. They indicated their preference for Moodle and asked whether information could be located here as oppopsed to the website. They would, in any case, prefer it to be just in one location or the other, not both.

**ACTION: AB to raise with lecturers and students to raise at BOS 2.11.15**

**3.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

3.1 The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 17 November 2015.

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