UG1 Staff Student Liaison Meeting
Wednesday 17th January 2024, Room 8.02 Appleton Tower.

In attendance: James Garforth UG1 Year Organiser, Julian Bradfield INF1 Course Organiser, Said Nasibov UG1 Year Rep, Charlotte Baker UG1 Year Rep, Jonathan Ho UG1 Year Rep, Rhea UG1 Year Rep, Kendal Reid ITO

Apologies: Don Sannella UNF1A Course Organiser

Julian and Don thought the course ran well this year and was very enjoyable to teach, around 30% - 40% of students who attended the lectures were very engaged. There was a low attendance noted near the end but the students felt that half way through the course they knew they had passed and that would explain low attendance being recorded.

Topics:

- Communication
    - Page really well laid out compared to elective.
    - Tutorial work was maybe in the wrong place, but Julian is changing it.

- Timetabling
    - CS and Management had back-to-back on different campuses.
    - Lectures were held in King Buildings due to the size of the class, the website had said otherwise and accommodation choices were made before they knew about attending KB.
    - Good in person interaction volume

- Materials
    - Textbook really good, the Linear Algebra reading was not helpful.
    - Level of material: there was enough additional support that people who hadn't coded before could catch up.
    - Friend group with variable experience all engaged

- Julian asked the Reps if they found Syllogisms? The Reps found it interesting and helped with Proofs.

- Activities
    - Lectures are good and interesting.
    - Tutorials
        - Level of tutorials isn't necessarily good. INF1B students can pick the level of tutorial they would like to attend at the start of Semester 2.
    - Labs
        - Demonstrators were difficult to identify, but the labs were otherwise great.

- Assessments
    - Pitched well and the students felt they had enough time to complete.
    - Marks were very high, a lot of people found the material very easy.
    - Discussion of having something more weighted at the end.
    - People liked that a decent portion of marks were tutorials and they could get into a flow.

- Quieter time in weeks 5 and 6 to allow catch up.

- Feedback
    - Very dependent on the tutor, especially for the optional part.
    - Tutors are aided by an automarker.
    - There was a quiz with an incorrect answer so people were sad to lose one mark.

- Changes for next year
    - Haskell is controversial, but the strictness helps!

- Attendance
    - 40/50% by the end, maybe due to distance or being "done".

- Maths
    - It's not clear why they're learning what they're learning (eg ILA)

Other Notes:

- The Reps suggested that at the start of Semester a brief explanation of what and why they will be learning certain topics would be useful.
- Best experience so far for Julian, good attendance and fun
- UG1 is under review for the new Semester 2024/25.