

Welfare & Support Sub-committee

This is the first in a series of proposed new sub-committees of Teaching Committee. The goal of the sub-committees is to focus on aspects of our Learning and Teaching and drive change where necessary. This group will also provide a critical welfare and support perspective on the activities of Informatics Learning and Teaching. The group will comprise academics, admin staff and students. The sub-committee will report formally once a year but is free to bring business to TC as necessary. Teaching Committee is requested to approve the creation of the sub-committee.

Motivation

Practice in the School is continually evolving, and the purpose of this committee is:

- to act as a critical friend that identifies potential welfare and support issues in the practice of the School and,
- to provide guidance to the School on improving welfare and support based on good practice in the literature and other institutions.

Terms of Reference

1. To review practice that affects students in the School of Informatics and make recommendations to Teaching Committee for change in practice that will improve Welfare & Support;
2. To consider University policies affecting Welfare & Support and review their implementation in the School to ensure they are effective and do not adversely affect Welfare or Support. Recommendations on implementation shall be presented at Teaching Committee;
3. To identify good practice in student Welfare & Support and recommend adoption of such practice to Teaching Committee;
4. To identify training needs in Welfare & Support across all Sol staff and recommend actions to address such needs to Teaching Committee.

The committee shall meet 2-4 times per year. It will provide a short written annual report of activity to Teaching Committee but can bring business at any meeting. If deemed necessary, the committee can meet more frequently.

Membership

- Senior PT (Chair)
- ITO Manager (Deputy Chair)
- ITO Support Team (Officer – responsible for scheduling meetings)
- PTs (3-4)
- CompSoc Nominee
- Hoppers Nominee
- EUSA School Rep
- LGBTQ+ rep (from staff or EUSA network?)
- The membership shall always include at least one person of each gender.
- The quorum for a meeting shall be any three members of the Committee.