

Student Faculty Meeting

3:30pm on Monday 4th December 2017

Present

Robin Routledge (Chair)

Catherine Shiells (Minutes)

Rebecca Foulds-Hopkin

Mark Button

Chris Hopkinson (Level 6 SR)

Curtis Lowe (Level 5 SR)

Nikita Watkins (Level 5 SR)

Kofi Gyan (Level 4 SR)

1. Course and Module Content

2. Teaching and Learning Methods

3. Quality of Learning Environment

3.1. RR explained that Anne Dyer now has Friday as a study day so will not be manning the Research Centre. However, RFH will open the Research Centre and students can use the self-service machine for issuing and returning books.

3.2. CL and NW received feedback from a 2nd year student who is concerned with lack of attendance in lectures. The students understand that staff cannot enforce attendance at lectures but that a student's attendance will affect the College Diploma they receive.

3.2.1. In other forums, staff have been discussing the college diploma – changing the requirements for achieving a diploma. NW explained that Sheffield University offers a certificate which is similar to the college diploma but is based on a student's contribution to student life and community including involvement in societies. Something similar to this could be implemented at MH.

3.2.2. MB encouraged students to keep living by the campus values: service, encouragement, excellence, generosity, authenticity and forgiveness.

3.2.3. RR thanks the students for handling well the staff changes that have occurred the past 12 months or so.

4. Workload and Assessment

4.1. RR asked if the level 4 students had found the Turnitin similarity reports for the Christian Doctrine essays helpful. KG stated that the students had found them useful but mentioned that some students found them a little confusing. RFH to email students reiterating that they can contact the Academic team if they have any queries or concerns.

5. Relationship between Faculty and Students

5.1. CH commented that students have felt that MB has stepped into his new role very well. CL explained that it is helpful having MB around on a Tuesday evening to chat to.

6. Course Information

6.1. KG stated that students are finding Moodle very useful.

7. Availability of Resources

- 7.1. KG commented that students find it helpful when lecturers upload powerpoints onto Moodle sites. CS to email lecturers to encourage them to make powerpoints accessible to students.

8. Student Issues

- 8.1. CL stated that some students are still not satisfied with their mattresses. Tristan Wade had a discussion with Steven Jenkins regarding this issue. It will be addressed at the next SF meeting to see what progress has been made.
- 8.2. KG informed us that the ladies toilets often run out of toilet paper over the weekends. CS to ask Simon Weir if spares can be left.
- 8.3. KG mentioned that the toilets on G corridor don't always flush properly and the cistern takes a long time to refill leading to unpleasant toilets. Is it possible that the water pressure too low? The other student reps mentioned that this is a problem for all the toilets in the residential centre. CS to email Simon Weir.
- 8.4. NW commented that some students struggle to understand the style guide. Also, some markers do not always follow the style guide in their marking and give feedback which contradicts the style guide. RR explained that we are revising the style guide to follow MHRA (Modern Humanities Research Association). This should make it easier for students to use reference generators. RR told students to let CS know if they think they have incorrectly missed out on marks for formatting and style.
- 8.5. NW told us that some students are struggling with computer skills. CS explained that when students apply, they are asked on the application form whether or not they are competent with computers. If any applicant struggles then they are advised to take a course before they begin their studies. Unfortunately, we don't have the facilities or resources to teach computer skills at MH.
- 8.6. CH commented that many students are happy with the food at mealtimes. However, some students are not happy with the food and are upset that tea and coffee is not available (other than the machine). RR explained that we do not have the budget to provide tea and coffee for students. RR said that we plan to survey students on the food.