



Actions Taken Following the Graduate Student Staff Committee Meeting of 7 February 2018

MSc Economics: Student Requests and Concerns

- 4.9 MSc Common Room: Noel Thomas ordered shelving for the MSc Common Room which was installed on 16 March 2018. The Head of Department agreed to a budget for books, which were placed in the MSc Common Room at the end of March.
- 4.13 Dissertation Supervision Agreements: On 9 February, Dr Lechene asked the MSc dissertation supervisors to respond to students' requests for supervision agreements as soon as possible.

MRes/MPhil/PhD: Student Requests and Concerns

- 6.1 MRes core course tutorial classrooms: Tutorial classes for ECONG106: Microeconomics re-roomed with effect from the week of 19 February. Tutorial classes for ECONG107: Econometrics remain in a room for only 20.
- 6.2 Lecture recordings: Daniella Harper confirmed on 15 February that lecture recordings for the rest of Term 2 had been booked.
- 6.3 Mid-term exam marks: The MRes Programme Director and Exam Board Chair met the affected students on Thursday 15 February.
- 6.4 Funding: On 13 February 2018 Professor French, Professor Preston and Dr Frank Sowrey discussed the likely funding situation next year with the Student Representatives. According to the timetable for ESRC DTP studentship decisions, it appears that decisions will probably be made in late April 2018. Daniella Harper emailed an update to the Research Students on 22 February 2018.
- 6.5 Funding information on the Department's website: The funds that are no longer available have been removed from the website as of 23 March. Department is now working with UCL Communications and Marketing on ways to best promote the available funding sources for prospective and current research students on the Department's website from now on.
- 6.7 Website: Web page has been updated.
- 6.8 Options courses: In February 2018, Professor French raised the students' request for a Macro options course with the Department's Macro academic staff. Students please note: UCL has long lead-in times for the approval of new modules that departments want to offer. Therefore, if students identify a need for a new options course, they are to raise that with the Programme Director and Graduate Tutor no later than, say,

the middle of Term 1 before the academic year in which they would like the module to run. A request made in Term 2 delays the possibility of the module's existence by a whole academic year.

Any Other Business

- 7.1 Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES) results: Meeting to discuss the results to be postponed to Term 3.