



Agenda: Student Staff Liaison Committee

Short Courses (Open Studies)

Microsoft Teams

5:30-6:30pm, 6 December 2021

In attendance: James Mooney (JM - Chair, Director of Open Studies), Alison Moodie (AM – Certificate of Higher Education student, completed)

Item

1. Welcome and introduction to SSLC

JM welcomed the students, thanked them for their attendance and provided a brief overview of the purpose of the SSLC.

2. Minutes of last meeting

There were no minutes to review. In 2020/21 SSLCs were planned at subject area level, however, there was very low take-up and only the Term 2 Social Science SSLC took place, attended by one student.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Student feedback

AM has enjoyed her studies but often felt isolated as a credit/ Certificate of Higher Education (CertHE) student. Would be good to feel part of a cohort. There were no opportunities to meet collectively after induction and fellow CertHE students are spread thinly over courses.

AM pointed out that sense of isolation may have been exacerbated by pivot to online study. Tutors were excellent (esp Lucinda Bryant) but looking forward to returning to on campus courses (although is taking an online course in Term 2 for convenience).

AM stated that Personal Tutor (PT) support was excellent and wanted to thank her PT, Sally Crumplin.

AM occasionally found credit study in a mixed group (with non- credit students) to be frustrating. Credit students were more focussed on learning outcomes while those not studying for credit often wanted to go 'off track' more.

AM is disappointed with lack of progression opportunities after completing her CertHE. Would love to be able to move to DipHE or other flexible qualification.

AM would like an opportunity to celebrate achievement of CertHE. JM noted that usual ceremonies have been paused due to COVID- 19, but we will explore opportunities to hold an event in future (possibly in Summer 2022).

5. Any other business

No other business. JM thanked AM for her attendance.

Date of next Short Courses SSLC meeting: 5:30-6:30pm, 28 March 2022