

ISR meeting 7.2.18

13:30 – 14:45

Coordination & Minutes:	Robert Buttigieg
Present:	Nadia Maria Vassallo
	Andrew Triganza Scott
	Elysia Marie Farrugia
	Luke Mallia Azzopardi
	Orlando Bonnici
	Ylenia Peresso
Excused:	Audrey Gatt
	Caroline Vella
	Claranne Micallef
	Diana Cauchi
	Edward Vella
	Joseph Cefai
	Lino Camilleri
	Pauline Scicluna
	Rachel Bajada
Absent:	

Minutes:

(Robert Buttigieg)

1. The coordinator notified the present members about a meeting held with Ms Jacqueline Micallef Grimaud – Deputy Director for **Quality Assurance**. Following feedback received from at least two audits, ISR seems to have made great leaps

forward. It was mentioned that the subject carries great importance within the curriculum and should be viewed and treated with more respect. The assessment system appears to **have gone through an improvement** in comparison to how it used to be in the past few years. It was also mentioned that it is crucial to maintain a form of **assessment which gives incentive to the students to engage themselves** in the subject. Yet, one ought to find a balance and focus on **student empowerment** – as after all, the subject should always maintain its individual original identity.

2. The present lecturers voiced concern over the current passmark requirements – i.e a pass in all three examination methods. After a brief discussion, all the present members agreed that it would be mostly beneficial and realistic to go for a **global 50% passmark** – this will be decided through a vote during the next ISR meeting.
3. Concern about a few **truant students** was raised. Lecturers were advised to contact the institutes' respective DDPM about any students who keep missing lectures. This procedure will aid in establishing a direct communication with such students in order to understand the reasoning behind their absence in class.
4. Finally, it was proposed to **adopt last year's Synoptic** – this was composed of a 15-hour work experience (voluntary / community / employment) to be completed within the summer holidays, coupled with a PPT presentation to be held in September. ISR lecturers will also be taking a vote during the next ISR meeting.

Next meeting:

(14th March 2018)

The next meeting will target:

- Assessment – 50% global **passmark**?
- **Synoptic**