

Department of Mathematical Sciences

MVE-495 Staff – Student Representatives Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 13-th of September 2021

Present:

Staff: Prof. Sergei Zuyev (Course organiser, Convener of the meeting)

MVE-495 student representatives:

Simon Flagerup

Linnéa-Louise Joo

Anton Pehrsson

Mia Rosten

Approval: These Minutes were approved by email vote among the participants on the 16-th of September 2021

1. Current standing Sergei Zuyev (SZ) gave a brief overview of the history of the course, its curriculum and outlined the current standing of the course. Compared to the previous year, when the course was given completely online because of the COVID-19 situation, the labs this year were organised in combined manner: the students could either come in person to the auditoria or get help online via zoom. The lectures are still carried online because of the large number of students attending the course: 205 at the moment of writing. As before, the Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) the course uses provides an indispensable tool for studying both online and in campus.

SZ briefed the Student Representatives (SRs) about the student activity on the VLE. Exceptionally this year, about 80% of students follow the course schedule or even ahead it. This is a definite increase from the previous years, SZ tends to think that the self-studying under the pandemic restrictions last year served good to students. The majority has learnt to self organise in an effective way for learning. There are, however, a couple of dozens of students who had slow start, SZ emailed them to encourage to start without delay as the course is too short. He got a positive response from many of them re-assuring they are aware of the situation and that they do all they can to get back to track.

SZ talked about the lectures which now stream a pre-recorded material. Given extensive material to be covered, this enables a proper time control,

at the same time enabling SZ to answer the live chat during the lecture. The lecture recordings are posted on Canvas before the lecture itself.

2. Students' feedback The SRs mentioned that the speed of the lectures is quite high. SZ realises that many students may need to re-view the recordings again, possibly at a slower speed. To help in digesting the material, SZ also gave the students links to his short video clips on youtube, so that the students can now choose whichever material delivery they prefer.

The student Representatives (SR) then expressed their view that the overall impression of the course is very positive: all the students rate highly the flexibility and ease of use of the VLE, the study guide and the help received from the support staff. SZ then answered their questions on the forthcoming exam and also promised to address it in the lecture and a separate email to all students which is now done.

3. Other business SZ thanked the SRs for their work and wished the students good luck at the exam.