

Department of Mathematical Sciences

MVE-495 Staff – Student Representatives Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 13-th of September 2022

Present:

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

MVE-495 student representatives:

Unni Granfors

Kim Lennartsson

Apologies:

Muhamad Fadel Risi

Approval: These Minutes were approved by email vote among the participants on the 16-th of September 2022

1. Current standing Sergei Zuyev (SZ) gave a brief overview of the current standing of the course. Compared to the previous year, when the course was given completely online because of the COVID-19 situation, all the teaching this year is done on campus. In addition, zoom support is also organised during the scheduled lab time. 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. About 80% of students follow the course schedule or even ahead it. Another 25% is one week behind so the majority of students has learnt to self organise in an effective way. 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 the contacted students re-assuring they are aware of the situation and that they do all they can to get back to track.

2. Students' feedback The student Representatives (SR) then expressed their view that the overall impression of the course is 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. Although there were a few cases when particular software problems were not immediately resolved. SZ asked to report such cases to him.

The SRs mentioned that some students had problems following the lecture material because of the speed of the lectures and shortage of English terms. SZ realises that many students may need to revisit the slides or previous year recordings. However, the lecture material is explained in greater details in the Statistical guide linked to the VLE and the lectures aim at giving a broader picture of what is being studied. Thus the students can choose whichever material delivery they prefer: attending the lectures is not compulsory.

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