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University of Cambridge Computer Laboratory
Teaching Committee

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Chairman: Dr Neil Dodgson   Secretary: Mrs Fiona Billingsley

Minutes of the meeting of the Teaching Committee held on Tuesday 20 November 2007 in GC22 in the William Gates Building

Present:	Dr Neil Dodgson	Dr Alastair Beresford	Dr Ann Copestake
	Dr Sean Holden	Prof Alan Mycroft	Miss Christine Northeast
	Prof Andy Pitts	Dr Ian Wassell	Mrs Fiona Billingsley

1. Apologies for Absence
None

STANDING ITEMS

2. Sabbatical Leave and substitute teaching
Nothing to report

3. Review of course feedback
Nothing to report

4. Review of staff-student consultative committee minutes
Nothing to report

5. Revision of the Tripos
This meeting was called principally to discuss this item.

The committee discussed how the restructuring of the Tripos could be achieved through the formation of subject-area consultation groups, according to NAD's proposal (TC0708/05). It was agreed that five subject-area groups should be formed: Hardware & Systems; Professionalism; Theory; Applications; and Programming. Key people should be appointed to head each group.

The committee agreed that Part IB should contain core material with a maximum of 240 lectures. As such, there is a need to reduce the amount of material taught in certain IB courses.

It was agreed that the way in which programming in taught in Part IA needs to be re-worked. It was suggested that Larry Paulson would be a good candidate to take charge of re-organising Paper 1. NAD was actioned to find a UTO to co-ordinate the new course(s) that will be needed. The committee noted that this means that the Programming in Java course, which is currently taught by Arthur Norman, will not be used in future.

It was agreed that for each Part IA & IB course, the committee should endeavour to identify at least two UTOs who can lecture it. This would be very useful for covering teaching when staff take Sabbatical Leave.

6. Development of the new MPhil in Computer Science
Nothing to report

7. Liaison with the MPhil in CSTIT
Nothing to report

8. Proposals for new courses, significant changes to courses, and removal of courses
Nothing to report

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

10. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting
The minutes were approved and signed.

11. Any matters arising not already dealt with
None

12. Date of next meeting
The next meeting will be on Tuesday 18 December at 14.15 in room GC22.