1. Chair reported that Dr Rosalba Radice has been promoted to Senior Lecturer with effect from 1 October 2015. Dr Andris Abakuks will be retiring on 30th September 2015: we anticipate that we will recruit a replacement but this is not yet confirmed by the Dean. We may not necessarily recruit in the same academic area. Andris has expressed an interest in continuing as an associate lecturer.

2. Year 1 comments:
   - Can there be 4 assignments per module rather than 2?
     Response: Can the rep check if this is a widespread view amongst students? Is this also applicable to the Year 2 students? Stochastic Models and Forecasting has two assignments
   - Can we be notified of the marking dates for assignments?
     Response: Chair commented that he has estimated dates on Moodle. Perhaps making solutions available earlier might be useful.
   - Is there any guidance about which calculators to use for examinations? Do we need to have calculators signed off?
     Response: An email will be sent to students in the next few weeks to clarify the policy.
   - Will there be a move from using S+ to R? It can be awkward for students to learn different packages, especially for the project.
     Response: We will be moving to R in 2015-16. Also dates for SAS sessions will be confirmed, possibly to take place in September. SAS is useful for the following Year 2 modules: Analysis of Dependent Data, Further Statistical Analysis, Medical Statistics and Stochastic Models and Forecasting.

A short discussion followed about the use of Moodle versus the departmental website. Some students would like to access other modules to look at material, particularly when choosing options. Chair commented that temporary access to Moodle is granted when students are asked to choose their Year 2 modules. This usually takes place after the sub-board of examiners meets in July.

3. Year 2 comments:
   - There were no specific comments about the modules. General feedback was that students would like more detailed solutions to worked examples and better timing for assignments, so they do not all have the same submission date.