

File 20111005.0727: Notes from meeting with Dr Martin, 0700 this morning.

I met with Dr Martin this week. I reported activity since our previous meeting and gave a proposed timetable for completing my work. DGS comments on GSS reports came out this week; DGS only noted on my report the need for extension terms as previously agreed with the assessors at confirmation of status. I am still waiting for the paperwork to make its way to the MPLS graduate division office; Lucy Ronaldson in that office has told me that my student registration will be fixed as soon as it arrives.

The timetable I gave is purposefully compressed to try to avoid back-loading of work this time. All known obligations were specified (AF contract final report and software user's guide due 30th October, IPRB meeting teleconference 10th November, IPRB review materials due 28th October, and an in-person review of progress with both of my supervisors in Oxford in late December or early January) and work on three case studies planned through the end of January. Tasks and due dates are to be put into a table and percent completion for each reported with every status report. Dr Martin is concerned about the amount of analysis in my head that has not been written down yet; we decided it would be good for me to supply a little written work with every status report just to keep the writing activity moving. He wants me to get all my results on paper so it can be examined in the viva. The present timetable wraps up around Valentine's Day; I shall try to stick to it and we'll see how dates need to be adjusted later. We set a definite next meeting after reading group next Tuesday.

Random notes:

'Having it as an aim is a good thing, in terms of estimating. Every deadline you have ever had has been a challenge for you.'

'Put these dates into a little table, then every time we meet, put in a percent complete.'

'Work that isn't written down can't be examined in a viva.'

I told Dr Martin that I have not received any replies from Dr Fléchais to my emails; I guess I need to be more direct. Dr Martin said he would mention it to Dr Fléchais next time he sees him.

Feedback sent to Skype regarding video camera repeatedly resetting itself, causing my video to flash lighting levels and freeze momentarily—very approximately every minute or few minutes; I wasn't watching the camera LED that closely, instead concentrating on the call—yesterday and today, and an echo that persisted only for the first few seconds of the call, after which the echo suppression function in the software fixed it.

Call ended 0721.

## References