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**Subject:** Comments from **2020 Graduate Opinion Survey**

Dear Timothy

My supervisors authorised me to release these comments to you as an early release of commendations comments we are going to send university wide before the end of the year. I am not in a position to comment on the number of other commendations that were made in your department. The comments are extracted from our 2020 Graduate Survey. The comments are provided verbatim except when another member of staff was identified. I hope this is useful. All the best

**Comment 1**

*There was significant variation in the way lectures were taught. I found the most interesting and engaging lecturers focused not on drilling in core learning materials through routine exercises, but challenging us to apply this knowledge in the real world. One lecturer I found to stand out in this aspect was Professor Timothy Crack. Additionally, the inclusion of real world facts in the paper that wouldn't have otherwise been important in other papers, was extremely valuable, such as the fact that on any given day the stock market was as likely to go up as down. While this may seem obvious to some, this kind of fundamental understanding about the real world was often overlooked. This makes it difficult for people who are not naturally Finance inclined, who then tend to rely more on simply memorising the methods for answering specific questions.*

**Comment 2**

*Some lecturers, specifically Timothy Falcon Crack made the lectures and course interesting and applicable to real life, he was clearly enthusiastic and wanted to teach which inspired me to learn.*

**Comment 3**

*I found that most of the lecturers were very passionate about their subjects particularly XXX and prof crack (finc302 is the paper I have found most useful in my career),*

**Comment 4**

*Teaching was of a pretty high calibre. Poor quality lecturers like XXX were replaced. Unfortunately the university has lost XXX, who was amazing at explaining corporate finance. Professor Crack also stimulated my interest in investment analysis and portfolio management.*

**Comment 5**

*Experienced teachers were the best. Professor crack, XXX, XXX etc*

**Comment 6**

*FINC302 was very motivating, Prof. Crack forced you to think very carefully about the assessments he assigned to us.*

### Comment 7

*Professor Crack, i cannot begin to describe the impact he has had on my passion to pursue finance. He is an excellent teacher in a field which is very complex and dry content wise. He breaks extremely difficult concepts down into the most digestible pieces. He is the heart of the finance course.*

### Comment 8

*The lecturers that were engaging made it worth it. Particularly Professor Crack and XXX*

### Comment 9

*FINC302, Prof. Crack teaches you amazing things about finance that you wouldn't have considered had it not been presented to you. I encouraged all my 200-level students that I tutored in my official capacity through the university to take FINC302 next year.*

### Comment 10

*More projects which simulated what is actually involved in working within the field. Professor Crack was the best at making the tasks practical.*

### Comment 11 (Best Aspect of your Course Experience)

*Finc 302 group projects*

### Comment 12

*Shouldve taken more use of the Bloomberg terminal in finc302, amazing that we even had that as a tool in our course. Found it frustrating when lecturers didn't put notes anywhere, although, it forced you to go to lecturers. I suspect with covid-19 that will now change*

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