TIPS FOR HONOURS PRESENTATIONS

30 July to 22 August 2007

Please bear the following points in mind in preparing and delivering your Honours thesis presentation:

1. A presentation should last for between 15 and 20 minutes, leaving five minutes for questions.

2. The object of the presentation is to outline your research in an interesting and illuminating way.

3. You may use the presentation to raise any specific difficulty or difficulties that you have encountered in doing your research. The Staff Members present may be able to offer you advice regarding the difficulty or difficulties.

4. You may find it useful to distribute a short handout to members of the audience setting out the text of any statutory provision(s) on which you intend to lecture, or listing in bullet form the topics which you intend to cover in your presentation. Nothing elaborate is required. Bring no more than 10 copies of your handout, if you decide to have one.

5. Overhead projector or PowerPoint Presentation facilities will be available should you wish to use them, but ADVANCE NOTICE MUST BE GIVEN.

6. The atmosphere is informal. Feel free to bring your friends.

7. Anyone from the audience can ask a question at any time, but I would ask that interruptions not be so frequent that the presentation cannot be made in full within the 20-25 minutes allocated.

8. I have encouraged Staff Members to attend, and your honours thesis supervisor is expected to attend. It would be helpful if Honours Students would support each other by attending a number of presentations – at least four, in addition to their own.

9. I shall chair most of the sessions myself, but on a small number of occasions I shall not be able to be present, in which case I have arranged for another Staff Member to deputise for me.

George Syrota
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