

# Minutes of a Meeting of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Board of Studies on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 2.15 pm held remotely via Teams

## Present:

Prof D Galbreath, Dean of H&SS (Chair)

Dr N Gjersoe, Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching)

Prof J Devine, Deputy Dean

Dr M Bonnouvrier, Department of Politics, Languages and International Studies

Dr K Gooch, Department of Social and Policy Sciences

Dr M Garcia, Head of Department of Politics, Languages and International Studies

Mr D Griffiths, Faculty of Engineering and Design

Dr T Grimshaw, Department of Education

Ms L Hanning, Faculty of Science

Prof A Sandoval Hernandez, Head of Department of Education

Dr T Lancaster, Department of Psychology

Prof G Maio, Head of Department of Psychology

Dr T Mergoupis, Department of Economics

Dr S Moore, Head of Department of Social and Policy Sciences

Dr H Morgan, Department for Health

Dr P Postl, Head of Department of Economics

Mrs K Roberts, Faculty Librarian

Prof E Rich, Department for Health

Dr J Syrda, School of Management

## In Attendance:

Mrs R Acres (Secretary)

## Apologies for absence were received from:

Dr S Alegre, Department of Politics, Languages and International Studies

Prof J Barnett, Associate Dean (Research)

Prof L Brown, Associate Dean (International)

Dr F Bisset, Deputy Director Student Recruitment and Admissions

Ms M Clutterbuck, Learning Partnerships Office

Prof F Gillison, Head of Department for Health

Miss R Menon, Academic Representative

Dr J Thomson, Department of Politics, Languages and International Studies

Mr Z Tzifas Kratiras, Academic Representative

Miss A Willingham, Students’ Union Representative

# Part I Business

## 4624 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

## 4625 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of Board of Studies held on 18th November 2021 (Paper HSS21/22-81) were approved as a correct record of the proceedings.

## 4626 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

# Part II Business

## 4627 Membership Matters

The Chair welcomed Dr Tom Lancaster, Department of Psychology, to the Board of Studies as a co-opted member until 31.07.22.

The Chair welcomed Ms Mariya Guselnikova, Postgraduate Taught Student representative, to the Board of Studies for the academic year 2021/22.

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| 4628 2020/21 UNIT BOARD OF EXAMINERS |
| The Board noted the summary report of discussions of unit averages within Unit Boards of Examiners which will be submitted to Education, Quality and Standards Committee following this meeting (HSS21/22-82). Dr Gjersoe reported that the Faculty had undertaken very little scaling in the previous year and that Degree Outcomes Group was monitoring the number of units with a mean above 70% to avoid grade inflation. It was noted that the other Faculties/School undertook significantly more scaling than H&SS, particularly the Faculty of Science. Dr Postl noted that PGT international students who were used to grade point averages compared marks in the low 70%’s in the UK system unfavourably to GPA scores and therefore there should be a distinction made between UG/PGT and international markets when looking at unit marks and grade inflation. |

# Part III Business

## 4629 Minutes of Staff Student Liaison Committees

Board of Studies received the minutes of the following meetings of Staff Student Liaison Committees (Paper HSS21/22-83)

* UG Psychology held on 10.11.21
* BA Sport and Social Sciences/Sport Management and Coaching held on 11.11.21 and 09.12.21
* PGT Politics held on 18.11.21
* BA Education with Psychology held on 10.11.21
* MSc Sports Management held on 14.12.21
* MSc Health Psychology held on 22.11.21
* MSc Applied Clinical Psychology held on 22.11.21
* PGT Politics held on 15.12.21
* FdSc/BSc Sports Performance held on 10.12.21

## 4630 Minutes of Faculty Executive Committee

Board of Studies received the minutes of the Faculty Executive Committee held on 13.12.21 (HSS21/22-84)

## 4631 Minutes of Faculty Learning Teaching and Quality Committee

Board of Studies received the minutes of the Faculty Learning Teaching and Quality Committee held on 25.11.21 and 15.12.21 (HSS21/22-85)

# Part IV Business

## 4632 Any Other Business

## The meeting concluded at 2.25pm