

HSS Board of Studies

Unreserved

Wednesday, 14th January 2026 2:15 pm

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Attendees

Deborah Wilson (Chair)

Andrew Weyman

David Galbreath

Elisabeth Barrat Hacking

Gail Forey

Haydn Morgan

Javier Rivas

Katrin Roberts

Matteo De Tina

Meg Rowbottom

Michael Stimmelmayer

Monica Greco

Pieter Van Ellewee

Polly McGuigan

Rachel Evans

Richard Joiner

Sarah Jones

Sophia Ward

Xiao Lan Curdt-Christiansen

Yixian Sun

Agenda and Notice of Meeting

H&SS Board of Studies.

5166.0 Welcome and Quorum

The Chair welcomed members and attendees.

5167.0 Declarations of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

5168.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting - HSS25/26 - 55

The minutes of the previous meeting of H&SS Board of Studies held on 12.11.25 were approved by members.

5169.0 Actions and Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5170.0 Chair's Business

The Chair noted that a proposal to create a non-apprenticeship variant of the MSc Clinical Associate Psychology, to allow students to undertake the CAP course where funding comes from alternative sources and not the apprenticeship levy (e.g. NHS England funding), was sent to APC for Stage 1 approval (as this was a variant it was agreed this did not need to come to Board of Studies for approval).

5171.0 New Course Approvals - MSc in Psychology, Community Health, and Wellbeing HSS25/26 - 56

Rachel Evans gave a brief overview of the proposal including feedback from the pre-UEB screening and members discussed.

Key points included:

- NHS: Further NHS relevance for students has been added in the paperwork.
- Staffing: Conversations with the Department of Psychology heads suggest that staff could be reallocated within the department as a contingency.
- Likely interest in the programme: discussed success of current MSc and Applied Clinical Psychology and how these students would be interested in the new course due to it being broader in focus nature or as an alternative, potentially without taking away from the APC.

Members broadly agreed with the proposal and discussed:

- The interdisciplinary nature as positive.
- The relevance to education settings to school as positive.
- How remote and in person unit delivery would be led by optional units being delivered on other courses.
- Overseas students as a potential route into the NHS
- Education with Psychology students was mentioned as another route into this course.

- The proposal at Stage 1 for an MSc in Psychology, Community Health, and Wellbeing was considered and approved by members.

5172.0 New Course Approvals - MRes in Social Sciences, MRes Economics, MRes Psychology HSS25/26 - 57

Prof Forey outlined briefly outlined the proposal.

The proposal at Stage 1 for an MRes in Social Sciences, MRes Economics, MRes Psychology was considered and approved by members.

5173.0 New Prize Proposal - HSS25/26-58

Prof Greco outlined the nature of the prize such as that it will be funded from departmental funds within the Department of Social and Policy Sciences.

Board of Studies approved the establishment of The Sally O'Leary Prize for Final Year BSc (Hons) Criminology in the Department of Social and Policy Sciences.

5174.0 External Examiner proposal - HSS25/26-59

Board of Studies approved the appointment of Dr Minjie Xing, School of Arts, Languages and Cultures - University of Manchester, as External Examiner for the BA in Modern Languages (Mandarin) and BA International Politics and Modern Languages (Mandarin) for the period 01.01.26 - 31.01.28.

5175.0 Approval of Staff Student Liaison Committees Terms of Reference and Membership - HSS25/26-59b

Board of Studies approved the terms of reference for HSS Staff Student Liaison Committees.

5176.0 Sub-Committee minutes HSS25/26 - 60

Board of Studies approved all sub-committee minutes:

Faculty Executive Committee

To receive the minutes held on 22.09.25 and 03.11.25.

Faculty Research Committee

To receive the minutes held on 24.09.25 and 06.11.25.

Faculty Learning Teaching Quality Committee

To receive the minutes of FLTQC held on 15.10.25.

MRes Programme Policy Committee

To receive the minutes held on 03.10.25.

Staff Student Liaison Committees

To receive the minutes of:

MSc Clinical Associate Psychology held on 04.11.25 and 09.12.25

MSc Health Psychology held on 17.11.25

MSc Applied Clinical Psychology held on 20.11.25

MSc Applied Forensic Psychology held on 29.10.25

MSc Applied Psychology and Economic Behaviour held on 20.11.25

MSc Clinical Associate in Psychology held on 04.11.25 and 09.12.25
BA Education with Psychology held on 05.11.25 and 03.12.25
UG Psychology held on 03.12.25
Health and Exercise Science held on 27.10.25 and 05.12.25
Sport and Exercise Science held on 28.10.25 and 2.12.25
Sports Performance held on 27.10.25 and 01.12.25
Sports Management and Coaching held on 30.10.25
PGT Health held on 06.11.25 and 11.12.25
PGT Politics held on 22.10.25, 24.10.25 and 03.12.25
PGT Languages held on 12.12.5
UG SPS held on 05.11.25 and 03.12.25
Department for Economics PGT held on 11.11.25 and 09.12.25
UG Economics held on 10.11.25 and 10.12.25
UG PoLiS Languages held on 26.11.25
UG PoLiS Whole Department held on 29.11.25
TESOL and IEG held on 05.11.25 and 03.12.25
SPS PGT held on 17.11.25
Online MSc Applied Economics with Banking and Finance Markets held on 06.10.25

5177.0 Any Other Business

No other business was raised by members. The Faculty Librarian and Student Representatives were thanked for their attendance.