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**Meeting:** **FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
BOARD OF STUDIES**

**Date and Time:** **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 2.15pm**

**Venue:** **1 West North 3.11**

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**Present:** Prof D Galbreath, Dean (Chair)  
Dr I Walker, Associate Dean (Research)  
Dr C Wilson, Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching)  
Dr S Adams, Department of Psychology  
Dr J Devine, Head of Department of Social and Policy Sciences  
Dr D Griffiths, Faculty of Engineering and Design  
Prof M Hayden, Head of Department of Education  
Prof J Hudson, Department of Economics  
Prof G Maio, Head of Department of Psychology  
Dr S Martin, Department of Education  
Dr A Mondon, Department of Politics, Languages and International  
Studies  
Dr P Postl, Head of Department of Economics  
Dr N Startin, Head of Department of Politics, Languages and  
International Studies  
Mrs E Stuart Edwards, Faculty Librarian  
Prof K Stokes, Head of Department for Health  
Dr K Von Oppen, Department of Politics, Languages and International  
Studies  
Dr L Watts, Faculty of Science

**In Attendance:** Mrs R Acres (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Dr S Alegre, Department of Politics, Languages and International  
Studies  
Dr R Arnold, Department for Health  
Dr F Bisset, Head of Learning Partnerships Office  
Mr B Davies, Students' Union President & representative  
Mr J Hart, Undergraduate representative  
Dr A Jordan, Department of Psychology  
Miss H Liang, Postgraduate Taught representative  
Dr F Qin, School of Management  
Miss C Rumble, Undergraduate representative  
Dr J Troyer, Department of Social and Policy Sciences

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**ACTION**

**4104. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting (paper 89).

**4105. MATTERS ARISING from the minutes.**

- (1) In relation to minute points 4083.3 & 4083.5, any necessary amendments to BEU/BEP membership lists had been approved under Chair's Action.

**4106. NEW PRIZE PROPOSAL**

**Department of Psychology**

The Board approved the establishment of four prizes (one previously the Department of Psychology Prize) in the Department of Psychology, subject to a few clarifications (see below):

- Department of Psychology Prize for the MSci student with the highest overall average at the end of their degree.
- Department of Psychology Prize for the MSci student with the highest overall mark for their advanced psychology dissertation.
- Department of Psychology Prize for the BSc Psychology with year long placement degree student with the highest overall mark for their applied psychology dissertation.
- Department of Psychology Prize for the BSc Psychology degree student with the highest overall mark for their psychology dissertation (paper 91).

It was suggested that the Department consider adding into the criteria what to do in the event of a tie (i.e. where 2 students have exactly the same overall averages) and whether the prize should be shared (and the money halved) or for example, to see which student had the highest dissertation mark and award the prize to them. It was also felt the Department might consider shortening the names of prizes, and/or if funds were donated by alumni or retired members of staff, consider naming them after individuals. It was recommended that the Department state 'the Prize will not be awarded if the overall average is below a first-class degree classification' in the criteria for all four prizes (rather than 'the prize will be awarded if the overall mark is above 70%'). A final proposal would be signed off under Chair's Action.

Head of  
Department  
for  
Psychology

**4107. FACULTY COMMITTEES**

- (1) The Board received the minutes of the **Faculty Learning, Teaching and Quality Committee** on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 (paper 93).

- (2) The Board received the minutes of the **Staff Student Liaison Committees** for the following (paper 94):

- MSc International Development and MRes in SPS held on 25.10.17
- BSc/MSci Sport and Exercise Science held on 6.11.17
- BA Education with Psychology held on 07.12.17