



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

Date and Time: **Wednesday 13th January 2020, 10.15am**

Venue: **Microsoft Teams**

Present:

- Prof D Galbreath, Dean of H&SS (Chair)
- Prof L Brown, Associate Dean (International)
- Dr N Gjersoe, Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching)
- Prof A Abbas, Head of Department of Education
- Dr S Alegre, Department of Politics, Languages and International Studies
- Prof J Devine, Head of Department of Social and Policy Sciences
- Dr F Gillison, Department for Health
- Mr D Griffiths, Faculty of Engineering and Design
- Ms L Hanning, Faculty of Science
- Dr J Iwaniec, Department of Education
- Dr A Jordan, Department of Psychology
- Dr H Morgan, Department for Health
- Dr M Garcia, Head of Department of Politics, Languages and International Studies
- Prof G Maio, Head of Department of Psychology
- Dr P Postl, Head of Department of Economics
- Prof E Rich, Department for Health
- Mrs E Stuart Edwards, Faculty Librarian
- Dr S Moore, Department of Social and Policy Sciences
- Ms N Singh, Academic Representative
- Ms A Snary, Academic Representative
- Dr J Syrda, School of Management
- Dr J Thomson, Department of Politics, Languages and International Studies

In Attendance: Mrs R Acres (Secretary)

Apologies:

- Dr S Adams, Department of Psychology
- Dr F Bisset, Deputy Director Student Recruitment and Admissions
- Prof J Barnett, Associate Dean (Research)
- Mr E Feddon, Academic Representative
- Mr F Masala, Students' Union Representative
- Dr T Mergoupis, Department of Economics

ACTION

4520. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest to note.

The minutes of the meeting on the 19th November 2020 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting (paper 95). There were no matters arising.

4521. CHAIR'S BUSINESS

There was none.

4522. 2019/20 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 (paper 96). The Faculty Assistant Registrar provided an introduction, noting the no detriment measures applied in 2020 allowed Board of Examiners for Units to make adjustments to unit marks, using an evidence-base which included current and historical statistical data for each unit, the typical and atypical ranges for mean unit marks as designated by the University, as well as cohort-based performance data. The Head of Department for Social and Policy Sciences noted that they made a number of small adjustments upwards based on previous unit marks. There was some concern that Social and Policy Sciences UG dissertation marks were high, but both External Examiners had commented that these were fair.

4523. FACULTY COMMITTEES

- 1) The Board received the minutes of the **Faculty Learning, Teaching and Quality Committee** on the 02.12.20 (including FOI restricted) (paper 99).
- 2) The Board received the minutes of the **Staff Student Liaison Committees** for:
 - FdSc/BSc Sport (Sports Performance) held in November 2020;
 - PGT Languages held on 27.10.20;
 - MSc Health Psychology held on 18.11.20;
 - MSc Applied Clinical Psychology held on 23.11.20
 - MSc Applied Forensic Psychology, MSc Applied Psychology and Economic Behaviour held on 03.12.20 (paper 99)
- 3) The Board received the minutes of the **H&SS Doctoral Studies Committee** held on the 11.06.20 (paper 101a).
- 4) The Board received the minutes of the **MRes Programme Policy Committee** held on the 25.11.20 (paper 101b).