



Meeting: **FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
LEARNING, TEACHING AND QUALITY COMMITTEE**

Date and Time: **Wednesday 10th February 2016 at 13.45**

Venue: **1WN3.8**

Present: Dr C Wilson, Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching), (Chair)
Dr F Bisset, Learning Partnerships Office
Dr A Bush, Department for Health
Dr M Garcia, Politics, Languages and International Studies
Dr R Joiner, Department of Psychology
Dr S Martin, Department of Education
Dr P McGuigan, Department for Health
Miss I le Patourel, Learning and Teaching Enhancement Office
Dr M de Tina, Department of Economics
Dr K Woodthorpe, Department of Social and Policy Sciences
Mr J Kenny, President Students' Union

In Attendance: Miss S E Jacobs, Assistant Registrar (Secretary)
Ms L Gibson, Undergraduate Manager
Miss M Clutterbuck, Learning Partnerships Office

Apologies: Ms E Barratt Hacking, Department of Education
Dr J Brice, Graduate School Manager
Mrs G Eggleston, Learning and Teaching Enhancement Office
Dr N Hinvest, Psychology
Dr R Maconachie, Department of Social and Policy Sciences
Miss J Medland, Faculty Student Experience Officer
Dr A Mondon, Department of Politics, Languages and International Studies
Ms M Ward Goodbody, Director of ASC
Dr C Winnett, Department of Economics
Miss I Righi, Student
Mr T Sun, Student
Ms S Bundock, Student

1436. CHAIR'S BUSINESS

The Chair asked the Committee to note the NSS Strategy for 2015/16 (paper 129). The Committee noted that in the future consideration of the previous years' SSLC Annual Report will be the first step in the departmental response to

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NSS. The Committee noted that the NSS Open Student Experience Meetings will be replaced in 2016/17 with 'student-led feedback forums', for which Academic Student Representatives will receive training from the Students' Union. It is hoped that engagement with these will be greater than was the case for the Open meetings in the past. Some concerns were expressed by members of the Committee with regard to whether students would engage with these, and also how quickly a Department might be able to expect to see minutes of meetings. Members of the Committee agreed that in the longer-term it is better to be pro-active, rather than reactive, and it is hoped that the new strategy will facilitate such an approach.

1437. STUDENT BUSINESS

Mr Kenny informed the Committee that elections for Students' Union Officers will take place in the coming weeks, apologising for any disruption to lectures which might occur (through canvassing by candidates). The Committee noted that an additional post, to support PG students, has been created for 2016/17. Mr Kenny explained that should a full-time PGT student be elected to the role they could either suspend their studies with effect from June, or could continue with the Dissertation stage of their programme through a 'day release' arrangement. Should a PGR student be elected, they would be able to suspend their studies if they are self-funded or funded by the University. However, this would be more difficult if they are funded by an external body such as a Research Council.

1438. ANNUAL MONITORING REPORTS FOR 2014/15

Department of Education

The Committee considered the Annual Monitoring report for the MA Education (paper 130). The Committee noted that this part-time programme continues to recruit well and that students are satisfied. The Committee noted that the SREO cannot provide meaningful vital statistics for a programme of this sort, with students undertaking their studies at different rates. The Committee felt, however, that it should be possible to provide from data held at Faculty level the following:

- Number of awards made
- Number of students progressing to the Dissertation stage
- Number of units completed by students during the year

It was agreed that the Director of Studies should be asked to provide this for the next meeting of the Committee.

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The Committee noted that the External Examiner's report had only recently been received and for this reason there was not yet any Head of Department response to note.

The Committee noted that reference is made in the report to positive PTES results but that there is no reference to feedback on, for example, personal tutoring, which is known to be an issue for a programme such as this when students are mostly studying at a distance.

The Committee noted that the actions in B1 and D2 should probably appear in the on-going actions list in section G.

1439. UNIT AND PROGRAMME CHANGES

(1) Department for Health

i The Committee considered a proposal for changes (paper 135) for implementation in 2016/17 to:

- HL10463 Work Based Learning 1 and
- HL20476 Sport and Exercise Psychology

Subject to a minor correction to the Assessment and Supplementary assessment details, the Committee approved the changes to the units

- ii The Committee considered a proposal for changes (paper 136), for implementation in 2016/17, to:
- HL20047 One Year Professional Placement
 - HL20051 One Year Combined Professional Placement and Study Abroad
- Subject to clarification with regard to the length of placement required for HL20051, the Committee approved the proposed changes to the assessment of the two units.

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- HL20108 Biomechanics of Human Movement (paper 136)
- The Committee noted that the proposal was presented as a change to the existing 12 credit unit but that this should have been presented as a new 6 credit unit which, together with a unit developed for the recently approved BSc/MSci Physical Activity and Health, would replace HL20108. The Committee approved the proposal as a new unit:
- HL2XXXX Biomechanics of Human Movement

The Committee noted that the Programme Description would need to be updated and that this should be submitted for approval by Chair's action.

Health

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- HL40156 Integrative Exercise Physiology (paper 136)
- The Committee requested that further information be provided with regard to the formative assessment opportunities in this unit. It was agreed that subject to there being sufficient opportunities for formative feedback (to be confirmed via Chair's action), the proposal to change the assessment of this unit to 100% could be approved.

Health

(2) Department of Psychology

- i The Committee approved proposed changes to undergraduate units and programmes, for implementation in 2016/17 (paper 137):

- PS10087, Psychology Research
- PS10088, Quantitative Methods 1
- PS1XXXX NEW, Research Methods and Design
- PS20104, Personality and Individual Differences
- PS20106, Biological Psychology
- PS20108, Cognitive Psychology
- PS20109, Social Psychology
- PS20093, Quantitative Methods 2
- PS20124, Research Methods and Design
- PS2XXXX NEW 12 credit year-long unit:, Cognitive Neuroscience
- PS2XXXX NEW 12 credit year-long unit, Social Psychology, Personality and Individual Differences.

The Committee noted that students from outside of the Department of Psychology would continue to have access to the existing 6 credit units (PS20104, PS20106, PS20108, PS20109) and will be taught alongside the Psychology students on the new 12 credit, year-long units. Dr Joiner explained that the majority of non-Psychology students would only choose to take one 6

credit unit and therefore that the 12 credit, year-long units would not be suitable for them.

Dr Joiner explained that the introduction of historical issues to the content of the existing units would not alter the programme aims and learning outcomes because this content had previously been included in a unit which has now been withdrawn and must be included in the programme in order to comply with the BPS accreditation criteria.

- ii The Committee approved the proposed minor changes to PS60137 Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) Placement, for immediate implementation (paper 138).

(3) Department of Social and Policy Sciences/LPO

The Committee approved the proposed changes to the BSc Social Work (licensed to Wiltshire College), for implementation in 2016/17 (paper 139).

- LP20632 70 Day Social Work Practice Learning Placement
- LP2XXX NEW unit: Critical Reflection on 70 Day Social Work Practice
- LP3XXX NEW unit: 100 day Social Work Practice Learning Placement
- LP3XXX NEW unit: Critical Reflection on 100 Day Social Work Practice
- LP20651 Social Work Skills
- Consequent changes to the Programme Specification and Programme Description

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The Committee noted details of unit and programme changes which have been approved by Chair's action (paper 140).

1441. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Anonymous Marking of Coursework

Dr Woodthorpe described some difficulties which had been encountered in the Department of Social and Policy Sciences in the anonymous marking of coursework. The Committee noted that all Undergraduate and Postgraduate administrative staff would be meeting later this week to discuss difficulties which had been experienced and to share best practice in an attempt to make things easier. Ms Gibson, Undergraduate Manager agreed to bring a short report back to the next meeting of the Committee.

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