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# Minutes of a Meeting of Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Board of Studies on Wednesday 18th May 2022 at 14.15 held remotely via Teams

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## Present:

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

Prof J Devine, Deputy Dean

Dr N Gjersoe, Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching)

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

Prof F Gillison, Head of Department for Health

Dr T Grimshaw, Department of Education

Ms L Hanning, Faculty of Science

Prof A Sandoval Hernandez, Head of Department of Education

Dr J Iwaniec, Department of Education

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

Dr H Morgan, Department for Health

Dr T Lancaster, Department of Psychology

Prof G Maio, Head of Department of Psychology

Dr T Mergoupis, Department of Economics

Prof P Postl, Head of Department of Economics

Mrs K Roberts, Faculty Librarian

Prof E Rich, Department for Health

Dr J Syrda, School of Management

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

## 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)

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

Ms M Clutterbuck, Learning Partnerships Office

Prof L Brown, Associate Dean (International)

Dr F Bisset, Deputy Director Student Recruitment and Admissions

Dr K Gooch, Department of Social and Policy Sciences

Mr D Griffiths, Faculty of Engineering and Design

# Part I Business

## 4666 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

## 4667 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of Board of Studies held on 6th April 2022 (Paper HSS21/22-114) were approved as a correct record of the proceedings.

## 4668 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

# Part II Business

##  Chair’s Business

1. Board of Studies noted that [Rule 2 – Conduct of Examinations](https://www.bath.ac.uk/publications/rule-2-conduct-of-examinations/) – had been updated in April 2022, following consultation with Board of Studies Chairs. Information from Academic Registry is provided below, detailing the changes:
* Adding a "normally" to para 146 so the rule now reads *"Supplementary exams will normally be of the same exam type and mode of delivery (e.g., remote or in-person) as in the main assessment period in which it was first delivered."*

This has been a topic of wider discussion, including recently at April Senate, where the desirability of limited flexibility was again raised. In 2021/22 there will remain a strong usual expectation of like for like delivery mode between main assessment periods and the supplementary period--particularly given the pedagogic and academic integrity rationales cited for needing on-campus exemptions. However, the "normally" is now added to acknowledge that there may be extraordinary instances where this is not appropriate this year. As indicated to the Deans and to Senate, this wider policy / QA issue will continue to be considered for the 2022/23 exams approach.

* Changing para 26j to read: *"Ensuring academic departments provide, where appropriate, opportunities for students to practice different exam types and that students are well informed in advance about what will be required of them in an exam and what materials (if any) they will have access to."*Original text was: *"Ensuring academic departments provide appropriate opportunities for students to practice the type of exam set for each unit and that students are well informed in advance about what will be required of them in the exam and what materials (if any) they will have access to."*
* Some reordering of text order in some paragraphs for improved clarity/readability.
1. The Chair welcomed Dr Janina Iwaniec back to the Board and thanked Dr Trevor Grimshaw for representing the Department of Education whilst Dr Iwaniec was on maternity leave. The Chair wished Dr Jennifer Thomson well for maternity leave.

## 4670 APPROVAL OF NEW COLLABORATIVE PROVISION (QA20)

## Department of Politics, Language and International Studies

Board of Studies approved the Stage 1 proposal for a collaborative agreement adding a new Spanish partner – the Universidad de Salamanca – to the Euromasters MA programme (MA Contemporary European Studies: Politics, Policy and Society) (HSS21/22-115). Dr Garcia noted that the University of Salamanca was highly respected in Spain and this agreement would be with the Law Faculty which would be helpful to the Euromasters Consortium as no other partners were able to offer a law element to the programme. There was potential for other connections and exchanges with the University, which the Department of Economics were keen to explore with growing study abroad applications.

# Part III Business

## 4671 Minutes of Staff Student Liaison Committees

Board of Studies received the minutes of the following meetings of Staff Student Liaison Committees (Paper HSS21/22-116):

* BSc Health and Exercise Science, held on 24.03.22
* MSc Applied Clinical Psychology, held on 28.03.22
* MSc Health Psychology, held on 28.03.22
* BSc Sport Management and Coaching, held on 08.04.22
* BSc Sport and Exercise Science, held on 22.03.22 & 17.02.22
* FdSc/BSc Sport (Sports Performance) held on 05.04.22
* PGT Education, held on 23.02.22
* BSc Psychology, held on 06.04.22

## 4672 Minutes of Faculty Executive Committee

Board of Studies received the minutes of the Faculty Executive Committee held on 25.04.22 (HSS21/22-117)

## 4673 Minutes of Faculty Learning Teaching and Quality Committee

Board of Studies received the minutes of the Faculty Learning Teaching and Quality Committee held on 04.05.22 (HSS21/22-118)

# Part IV Business

## 4674 Any Other Business

There was none.

## The meeting concluded at 2.25pm.