

Informatics Board of Studies

9.30am Wednesday 26th August 2015

1.B10, Forrest Hill

Minutes

Present: C. Stirling (Convenor), B Franke (Regulations Expert), S. Anderson, K Farrow, S. Goldwater, K Hardman, F Keller, J Lee, C Lucas, I Murray, H Pain, M van Rossum, C Sutton, B Muir (Secretary).

1. Apologies for Absence: D Armstrong, J Kirby, A Lascarides, A Lopez, S Ramamoorthy, D Sannella, C Williams.

2. Revised MSc Taught Assessment Regulations – IRR/IRP: Potential Change to Marking Scheme (F. Keller)

F. Keller and B. Franke summarised the change in assessment regulations: the School had obtained a concession last year for 2014/15 so that MSc students' progression to Dissertation would be calculated without I.R.R. and I.R.P. (Pass/Fail courses). This concession has expired; College now requires Pass/Fail courses to be included in the calculations for students' average mark.

The College Office has advised they would accept a rule of 50 = Pass or the School could change the marks to numerical ones. There is no set mark for the pass mark.

There are three options proposed (see attached for full details):

- 1) Take no action.
- 2) Informally assign numerical marks for I.R.R. and I.R.P.
- 3) Introduce full numerical marking.

The Committee considered these options, and agreed the following:

A mark of 0, 40 or 50 will be applied depending on a student's performance in I.R.R./I.R.P. for the progression calculations. Fails will be moderated, fail marks would be used for progression but not to calculate the final award.

A working part for the BoS will meet to review the structure of the MSc Taught degrees in the long-term, this will include F. Keller, B. Franke, I Murray and C. Lucas.