

**FACULTY OF CLASSICS**  
**STUDENT-STAFF JOINT COMMITTEE**

**There was a meeting of the Committee at 1.10 p.m. on Monday  
23<sup>rd</sup> May 2011 in Room 1.04 of the Faculty of Classics.**

**MINUTES**

Present: Dr Peter Agocs (Chair), Ms Carol Atack, Ms Katy Castle, Mr Roeland Decorte, Mr Matthew Duncombe, Mrs Jane Fisher-Hunt, Dr Rebecca Flemming, Mr Stephen Howe, Mr Steve Kimberley, Ms Ailsa McDermid, Mr James McNamara, Dr Nigel Spivey, Mrs Carolyn Bartley (Secretary)

1. Apologies:

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of 14 February 2011 were **approved**.

3. Matters arising

There were none.

4. Herodoteans Report on the Classics Forum, 8 March 2011

Part 1A

The Academic Officer for Undergraduate Affairs **reported** that similar issues were raised at the Academic Away Day in November 2010 and that the Teaching Committee are (a) investigating the logistical and pedagogical restrictions to moving Part 1A to the start of Easter Term, (b) having a language and text based exam and (c) starting 1B courses in Easter Term. Easter Term will become a normal full working term.

The Academic Officer for Undergraduate Affairs **supported** the recommendation to have more centralised classes, however, attendance is a problem that the Faculty must address.

Part 1B

The Academic Officer for Undergraduate Affairs **reported** that it would be useful to know what students wanted from the language teaching ie more translation and/or linguistic structure?

It was **noted** that there was general consensus that language should be used in all topics and that the recommendation to offer half papers in the options is to be taken forward.

#### Part II

The Academic Officer for Undergraduate Affairs **reported** that the A Caucus can provide a language course in Part II.

With regard to Prelims, the Committee **agreed** that teaching works well but language teaching reduces very quickly with no Latin support in later years. The Committee **supports** an increased focus on languages in Part 1A with more formal grammar and syntax classes in Latin.

#### 5. Electronic Publicity

The Committee **agreed** that the Faculty website is good; this should continue to be the main source of information with the addition of an Outreach page on Facebook; but it does require a concerted and sustained effort to keep information up to date.

The Herodoteans President **reported** that the Herodoteans site has recently been relaunched and is linked to Facebook, which generates the most responses. He **noted** that updating the website is time consuming and requires a good handover when the Presidency renews annually.

#### 6. Unofficial Graduate Handbook on the Faculty website

The Committee **agreed** to the Graduate Representatives suggestion for graduates to be invited for tea and biscuits in the Graduate Common Room to advertise graduate studies and the unofficial graduate handbook and take suggestions for amendments.

#### 7. Undergraduate Matters

Nothing to report.

#### 8. Graduate Matters

Nothing to report.

#### 9. AOB

None.

#### Date of Next Meeting

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 1.10pm, Room 1.04