AGENDA

I. Minutes:
   To APPROVE the minutes of the last meeting held 10th January, 2008 [Attached]

II. Matters Arising:
   To welcome new UG student representative, David Wesley Anderton

III. PG CeDEP Course Proposals:
   To CONSIDER the proposals for the following courses:
   (a) Marketing for Small Agribusinesses [Appendix A]
   (b) Managing Social and Environmental Responsibility [Appendix B]
   (c) Sustainable Land Management [Appendix C]
   (d) Economics of Environmental Policy [Appendix D]
   (e) Project Planning and Management [Appendix E]

IV. Proposed Structure for PG Politics Course Proposals:
   To CONSIDER the proposed structure for PG Politics Course Proposals [Appendices F and G]

V. PG Politics Course Proposals:
   To CONSIDER the proposals for the following courses:
   (a) Islam and Politics [Appendix H]
   (b) Islamic Political Ideologies [Appendix I]
   (c) Political Society in the Middle East [Appendix J]
   (d) Political Violence [Appendix K]
   (e) The Politics of Resistance in the Middle East [Appendix L]
   (f) State and Transformation in the Middle East [Appendix M]

VI. PG Development Studies Course Proposals:
   To CONSIDER the proposals for the following courses:
   (a) Famine and Food Security [Appendix N]
   (b) Borders and Development in the Age of Globalisation [Appendix O]

VII. PG CeFIMS Course Proposals:
   To CONSIDER the proposals for the following courses:
   (a) Research Principles and Practice [Appendix P]

VIII. PG Law Course Proposals:
   To CONSIDER the proposals for the following courses:
   (a) Climate Change law and Policy [Appendix Q]
   (b) The Practice of International Commercial Arbitration in Comparative Perspective: Middle East, Russia and Central Asia, China and Other Systems [Appendix R]
   (c) Comparative Constitutional Law [Appendix S]
   (d) International Commercial Arbitration [Appendix T]
   (e) Feminist Legal Theory [Appendix 2T]

IX. CiSD Course Proposals:
To CONSIDER the proposals for the following courses:
(a) International Security Policy and Practice [Appendix U]

X. **PG Law Course Amendments:**
To CONSIDER the proposals for the following courses:
(a) Intellectual Property Rights and Development – 15PLAC113 [Appendix V]
(b) International Environmental Law – 15PLAC118 [Appendix W]
(c) Law and Natural Resources – 15PLAC126 [Appendix X]
(d) Law, Environment and Development – 15PLAC132 [Appendix Y]
(e) Colonialism, Empire and International Law – 15PLAC107/092 [Appendix Z]
(f) International Trade Law – 15PLAC120 [Appendix 2Z]
(g) Law and Society in South Asia – 15PLAC129 [Appendix 3Z]
(h) Alternative Dispute Resolution – 15PLAC039 [Appendix A.1]

XI. **UG Law Course Amendments:**
To CONSIDER the proposals for the following courses:
(a) European Human Rights Law/EU Law - 155200051 [Appendix B.1]
(b) Law and Society in South Asia - 155200032 [Appendix 2B.1]
(c) Public Law – 155200005 [Appendix 3B.1]
(d) Introduction to law and Legal Processes - 155200049 [Appendix 4B.1]

XII. **UG Economics Course Amendments:**
To CONSIDER the amendments for the following courses:
(a) Introduction to Economic Analysis - 153400003 [Appendix C.1]

XIII. **UG Politics Course Amendments:**
To CONSIDER the amendments for the following courses:
(a) Comparative and International Politics -153400063 [Appendix D.1]

XIV. **Additional Course Amendments:**
To CONSIDER the amendments for the following courses:
(a) Economics of Developing Countries 1 - 153400032 [Appendix 2D.1]
(b) Intermediate Economic Analysis - 153400107
(c) Economic Principles - 153400115
(d) Development Conditions and Experience - 151010001
(e) Politics and Society in Central Asia -15PPOC007
(f) Law and Society in Africa - 155200033

XV. **JYA Assessment Methods:**
To NOTE the FB decision to amend JYA assessment methods

XVI. **Half Courses as Majors in Taught Masters Programmes:**
To CONSIDER half courses as majors in Taught Masters programmes [Appendix E.1]

XVII. **Revised PG and UG Course Proposal and Amendment Forms:**
To CONSIDER the revised PG and UG Course Proposal and Amendment Forms [to follow]

XVIII. **Timetable Rollover:**

XIX. **Any Other Business**

**Date of Next Meeting**
To confirm: the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 17th April 2008 at 09.00 in Room 116
These minutes are for information only. Any corrections to the minutes will be recorded in the minutes of the subsequent meeting of the committee.

School of Oriental and African Studies  
Faculty of Law and Social Sciences  
Faculty Learning and Teaching Committee  

Thursday 6th March, 2008  
Held in Room 116 at 9.00am  

MINUTES

Members:

Ms Sonja Ruehl  
Associate Dean – Learning and Teaching (Chair)
Dr Jens Lerche  
Development Studies Department representative
Dr Helen Macnaughtan  
Financial and Management Studies Department representative
Dr Di Lo  
Economics Department representative
Dr Gunnar Beck  
The School of Law representative
Dr Matthew Nelson  
Politics Department representative
Mr David Wesley Anderton  
Undergraduate student representative

In Attendance:

Mr Nicholas Page  
Deputy Registrar
Mrs Barbara Spina  
LASS Faculty Librarian
Mr Luke Dillon  
Committee Secretary

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:
The minutes of the last meeting, held on 7th February 2008 were APPROVED.

2. Matters Arising:
FLTC welcomed the new undergraduate student representative.

2.1 It was NOTED that item 2.1 of the previous FLTC had been referred back to LTQC with amendments. It was NOTED:
   1. The two subject and year one programmes had been approved by LTQC and Faculty Board.
   2. Year two and three programmes had not been approved due to the proposed requirement for Econometrics to be a core course in the third year.
   3. The Deputy Registrar is to submit a new proposal for year two and three programmes to Faculty Board for consideration, to be noted in the May FLTC.

2.2 It was AGREED that item 4.1 of the previous FLTC would be noted at the April FLTC.

2.3 It was AGREED that item 7.3 of the previous FLTC would be noted at the April FLTC.

2.4 It was NOTED that item 11 (Appendix R) of the previous FLTC had been APPROVED by Chair’s Action and forwarded to Faculty Board.
2.5 It was **NOTED** with regards to item 17 of the previous FLTC, that a temporary member of staff had been employed to complete the learning outcomes exercise.

3. **PG CeDEP Course Proposals** (Appendices A to E):
   FLTC welcomed Prof Andrew Dorwood who addressed the FLTC, the key points being:
   1. The transfer of CeDEP from Imperial to SOAS must adhere to the QAA.
   2. CeDEP courses require rigid delivery and advanced preparation.
   3. CeDEP wished to extend partnership with Development Studies and Economics due to the strong overlap of course content.
   4. There were now 50 distance learning courses in total and the merging of CeDEP courses would be an extensive project.

   The following course proposals were considered:
   - Marketing for Small Agribusinesses
   - Managing Social and Environmental Responsibility
   - Sustainable Land Management
   - Economics of Environmental Policy
   - Project Planning and Management

   FLTC **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL** to Faculty Board for the above courses with specified amendments to be made and **APPROVED** by Chairs Action, with one exception. It was **NOTED**:
   1. Managing Social and Environmental Responsibility required further development of the reading; to be considered by the next FLTC.
   2. Sustainable Land Management to be **APPROVED** by Chairs Action once FLTC considered the reading list.

4. **Proposed Structure for PG Politics Course Proposals** (Appendices F and G):
   FLTC **NOTED/RECOMMENDED APPROVAL** to Faculty Board appendices F and G, with specified minor amendments. It was **NOTED**:
   1. Each unit to be defined as Term One or Term Two.
   2. The issue of equal access to independent research sources for Islamic Political Ideologies (appendix I) was resolved by removing the criteria from the rationale.
   3. FLTC thanked Dr Matthew Nelson and Dr Charles Tripp for all of their efforts.

5. **PG Politics Course Proposals** (Appendices H to M):
   The following course proposals were considered:
   - Islam and Politics
   - Islamic Political Ideologies
   - Political Society in the Middle East
   - Political Violence
   - The Politics of Resistance in the Middle East
   - State and Transformation in the Middle East

   FLTC **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL** to Faculty Board for the above course proposals with specified minor amendments to be made. It was **NOTED**:
   1. Political Society in the Middle East (appendix J) would require an expanded reading list to be **NOTED** at the next FLTC.

6. **PG Development Studies Course Proposals** (Appendices N and O):
   The following course proposals were considered:
   - Famine and Food Security
   - Borders and Development in the Age of Globalization
FLTC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL to Faculty Board for the above course proposals with specified minor amendments to be made.

7. **PG CeFiMS Course Proposal (Appendix P):**
The following course proposal was considered:
   - Research Principles and Practice

FLTC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL to Faculty Board for the above course proposal with specified minor amendments to be made.

8. **PG Law Course Proposals (Appendices Q to 2T):**
The following course proposals were considered:
   - Climate Change Law and Policy
   - The Practice of International Commercial Arbitration in Comparative Perspective: Middle East, Russia and Central Asia, China and other Systems
   - Comparative Constitutional Law
   - International Commercial Arbitration
   - Feminist Legal Theory

It was NOTED:
1. The Faculty Librarian raised the issue regarding the current agreement between SOAS and IALS; the institute orders one copy of each law text, not including non-legal texts. The SOAS Library will not purchase non-legal texts. It was AGREED that the Faculty Librarian would discuss this at the next School of Law departmental meeting. It was NOTED that the withdrawal of SOAS from the current agreement would impact negatively on IALS.
2. Climate Change Law and Policy (appendix Q) had not been considered by the School of Law and would require the approval of the relevant convenors and the Head of Department.
3. The course proposal for Practice of International Commercial Arbitration in Comparative Perspective (appendix R) was not the final version approved by the School of Law. The approved version would be obtained and amendments made accordingly; to be APPROVED by Chair’s action. The change of course title to International Commercial Arbitration in Comparative Regional Perspective was APPROVED.

FLTC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL to Faculty Board for the above course proposals subject to recommended amendments (inclusive of points 2 and 3 above); to be APPROVED by Chair’s action.

9. **CISD Course Proposal (Appendix U):**
The following course proposal was considered:
   - International security Policy and Practice

FLTC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE for the above course subject to detailed changes and Chairs Action. It was NOTED:
2. A full scoping and reading list would be required.
3. The exam methods would be amended.
4. The proposal would be referred to the Department of Politics for comment on potential overlap with existing courses.
5. The course proposal could only be developed with the appointment of an academic in April 2008.
10. **PG Law Course Amendments** (Appendices V to A.1):  
The following course amendments were considered:  
- Intellectual Property Rights and Development – 15PLAC113  
- International Environmental Law – 15PLAC118  
- Law and Natural Resources – 15PLAC126  
- Law, Environment and Development – 15PLAC132  
- Colonialism, Empire and International Law – 15PLAC107/092  
- International Trade Law – 15PLAC129  
- Law and Society in South Asia – 15PLAC129  
- Alternative Dispute Resolution – 15PLAC039  

FLTC **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL** to Faculty Board for the following course amendments, with specified corrections to be made:  
- International Trade Law – 15PLAC129  
- Law and Society in South Asia – 15PLAC129  
- Alternative Dispute resolution – 15PLAC039  

The following course amendments were **NOT APPROVED**:  
- Intellectual Property Rights and Development – 15PLAC113  
- International Environmental Law – 15PLAC118  
- Law and Natural Resources – 15PLAC126  
- Law, Environment and Development – 15PLAC132  
- Colonialism, Empire and International Law – 15PLAC107/092  

FLTC **NOTED** that:  
1. The proposed amendment to the deadlines, the School deadline, did not allow students to submit coursework late  
2. FLTC **PROPOSED** an alternative deadline of 25th April 2008 for each amendment.  

11. **UG Law Course Amendments** (Appendices B.1 to 4.B.1):  
The following course amendments were considered:  
- European Human Rights Law/EU Law – 155200051  
- Law and Society in South Asia – 155200032  
- Public Law – 155200005  
- Introduction to Law and Legal Processes - 155200049  

FLTC **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL** to Faculty Board for the above course amendments.  

12. **UG Economics Course Amendment** (Appendix C.1):  
The following course amendment was considered:  
- Introduction to Economic Analysis - 153400003  

FLTC **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL** to Faculty Board for the above course amendment.  

13. **UG Politics Course Amendment** (Appendix D.1):  
The following course amendments was considered:  
- Comparative and International Politics - 153400063  

FLTC **RECOMMENDED APPROVAL** to Faculty Board for the above course amendment.  

14. **Additional Course Amendments** (Appendix 2D.1):
The following course amendments were considered:

- Economics of Developing Countries 1 - 153400032
- Intermediate Economic Analysis - 153400107
- Economic Principles - 153400115
- Development Conditions and Experience – 15010001
- Politics and Society in Central Asia – 15PPOC007
- Law and Society in Africa - 155200033

FLTC RECOMMENDED APPROVAL to Faculty Board for the above course amendments.

15. **JYA Assessment Methods:**
   FLTC AGREED to postpone discussion of this item until the next scheduled FLTC.

16. **Half Courses as Majors in Taught Masters Programmes (Appendix E.1):**
   FLTC AGREED to postpone discussion of this item until the next scheduled FLTC.

17. **Revised PG and UG Course Proposal and Amendment Forms:**
   FLTC AGREED to postpone discussion of this item until the next scheduled FLTC. It was NOTED that the Committee Secretary would distribute revised versions of the proposed PG and UG Course Proposal and Amendment Forms.

18. **Timetable Rollover:**
   FLTC AGREED to postpone discussion of this item until the next scheduled FLTC.

19. **Any Other Business:**
   No items were raised for discussion.