HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD

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Changes in special regulations governing the Master of Studies in Philosophy of Physics: communication from the Board of the Faculty of Philosophy

Approved on behalf of the Humanities Divisional Board on 9 March 2012.

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Brief note about the nature of the change: Change of word limit for essays

With effect from 1 October 2012 (for first examination in 2013)

1 In Examination Regulations, 2011, p. 646, l. 29: delete ‘4,000’ and substitute ‘5,000’.

2 Ibid, p. 646, l. 35: delete ‘4,000’ and substitute ‘5,000’.

3 Ibid, p. 646, l. 41: delete ‘4,000’ and substitute ‘5,000’.

Explanatory Note

(i) This change brings the MSt essay word limit in line with the essay word limit for the BPhil in Philosophy. Apart from the pedagogic and egalitarian advantages of this change, it will ultimately also facilitate a transfer of students from the MSt to the BPhil, which the Faculty envisages to accommodate in the future, subject to the necessary approval of relevant regulation changes.

(ii) Current students will not be affected by this regulations change.

(iii) There is a minor resource implication, in that assessors will be required to read 1,000 words per essay. But this is a necessary change if ultimately the essays can be counted towards a BPhil for students who might successfully transfer from the MSt to the BPhil.