Change(s) in the regulations governing the Doctor of Philosophy in Classical Languages and Literature: communication from the Board of the Faculty of Classics

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Subject to approval on behalf of the divisional board, which is now sought, and by Education Committee, the following changes in regulations have been made:

Humanities Divisional Board

Course name Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Classics)

Brief note about nature of the change(s)

Modification of Modern Language requirement

With effect from 1 October 2011 (for first examination in 2012)

1 In Examination Regulations, 2010, p. 865,ll.5-6, delete ', and to provide evidence of reading competence in German and a second modern language'.

2 Ibid., after l.14 insert:

   'In Languages and Literature candidates will also be required to provide evidence of reading competence in German and a second modern language by the time of confirmation. Further details on the modern language policy are set out in the Faculty's DPhil handbook.'.

Explanatory note

(i) This represents a change in the sub-faculty's modern language policy, which was necessitated by the recommendations of the recent Internal Review of the faculty on the one hand, and the rule changes regarding transfer and confirmation which have been implemented recently across the University on the other. The old policy regarding modern languages was that students had to provide evidence of reading ability in one modern language by the time of transfer, and of reading ability in another language by the time of confirmation. Some modern languages take two years to acquire, i.e. the relevant course by the Language Centre run over two years, and the changed policy will enable doctoral students to have met the ML requirement when they apply for confirmation at the expected time.

(ii) There are no vested interests.

(iii) There are no resource implications.