HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD

Academic Committee

Change in the regulations governing the Honour School of History and Economics: communication from the Board of the Faculty of History

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

Humanities Divisional Board

Honour School of History and Economics

Brief note about nature of the change(s)

Marking conventions for Optional Additional Thesis.

With effect from 1 October 2011

In Examination Regulations, 2010, p. 278, after l.8 insert: '(e) Cl.10 For ‘The Final Honour School Examiners will arrive at a formal degree result for candidates who submit an Optional Additional Thesis by taking the highest seven marks of 50 or above, out of the eight papers submitted, except that the Optional Additional Thesis may not substitute for any paper awarded a mark below 50’ read ‘The Final Honour School Examiners will arrive at a formal degree result for candidates who submit an Optional Additional Thesis by taking the highest eight marks of 50 or above, out of the nine papers submitted, except that the Optional Additional Thesis may not substitute for any paper awarded a mark below 50’.'.

Explanatory note

Candidates for the History Final Honours School, and for the Joint Final Honours Schools in Ancient and Modern History, History and Economics, History and English, and History and Modern Languages, may select to complete an Optional Additional Thesis, the regulations for which are currently provided at Section VII, paragraphs 1-9, of the Special Regulations for the Honour School of History. The regulations do not, however, detail the mechanism by which the Optional Additional Thesis may count towards the candidate’s final average mark. A change of regulations has therefore been submitted in order to provide clarification on this matter for the History Final Honours School Regulations. In the cases of the Joint Schools in Ancient and Modern History, and History and English, cross-reference from the relevant Joint School regulations to the History regulations, with modifications as currently detailed, is sufficient. In the case of the History and Economics Joint School, a further modification is required, as detailed here to reflect the change in the number of papers in the FHS, as detailed in a separate regulation change submitted by the Economics Department to the Social Sciences Division on 9 March 2011.