

**Medical Sciences Divisional Board**

**Approved: 20/4/2016**

**Title of Programme/ Name of Regulation**

Honour School of Cell and Systems Biology (Part II)

**Brief note about nature of change:** Inclusion of regulations for candidates wishing to change the title of coursework before submission. Other minor amendments to simplify and reduce the length of the regulations.

**Effective date**

**For students starting FHS in MT 2015 (Part II in TT 2016)**

And

**For first examination from 2016-17**

**Location of change**

In *Examination Regulations* 2015-16 (<http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/examregs/2015-16/hsocandsystbiol/studentview/>)

**Detail of change**

1. In 3.14:

Each project shall be supervised, and the topic and supervisor shall be approved on behalf of the Medical Sciences Board by the Course Director, or a deputy. A list of approved project titles and their supervisors shall be published no later than Friday of Week 1 of Hilary Term in the academic year preceding the examination, and allocation of these projects to candidates shall be carried out through the Faculty of Physiological Sciences Undergraduate Studies Office ~~no later than the end of Week 8 of that term.~~

2. In 3.15:

As an alternative to the allocation process, a candidate may apply to undertake a

project that is not on the approved list. Such application must be made by Friday of Week 48 of Hilary Term in the academic year preceding the examination.

3. After paragraph 3.15, insert:

(ii) Application to change title of project

If required, candidates may apply to change the title of their project through the Faculty of Physiological Sciences Undergraduate Studies Office on one occasion and no later than noon on Friday of Week 4 of Hilary Term in the academic year in which they intend taking the examination.

4. In 3.16:

~~(ii)~~(iii) *Submission of the Project Report*

5. In 3.17:

The length and format of the Project Report ~~based on the project~~ shall be according to guidelines published by the Medical Sciences Board ~~in Week 8 of Hilary Term of the academic year preceding the year of examination.~~

6. In 3.18:

The copies shall be accompanied (in a separate sealed envelope) by a certificate signed by each candidate indicating that the research project is the candidate's own work ~~and that the supervisor has commented on at least one draft of the Project Report.~~ In the case of work that has been produced in collaboration, the certificate shall indicate the extent of the candidate's own contribution. ~~Each candidate will be required to submit a draft of their Project Report to their supervisor no later than two weeks before the specified deadline for submission to Schools.~~

7. In 3.21:

~~(iii)~~(iv) *Oral Assessment of Project-based Written Work*

### **Explanatory Notes**

The Faculty's FHS Part II Course and Exam Policy Committee has reviewed the arrangements for candidates wishing to change the title of their research project before submission and a small addition to the regulations is required in order to set out the procedure.

Where dates have been removed from the Regulations for publishing guidance/information for students, these will be included in the course handbook and in the written guidelines for the approval/preparation of submitted work.