

Meeting of the Board of Governors

4.00 - 6.00 pm on Thursday, 21 October 2021
in Room CEH-213, Electric House, Croydon Campus

Agenda

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Date of next meeting

4.00 pm on Thursday, 25 November 2021

Members: Jerry Cope (Chair), Michael Cutbill (Vice-Chair), Duncan Brown, John Cole, Ruchika Kumar, Mark Lemmon, Nicki Martin, Jeremy Parr, David Phoenix, Rashda Rana, Tony Roberts, Deepa Shah and Maxwell Smith

Apologies: Maureen Dalziel, Peter Fidler and Vinay Tanna

In attendance: Michael Broadway, Tara Dean, Richard Flatman and James Stevenson

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Curriculum Development and Employability in the School of Law and Social Sciences

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Professor J. Craig Barker
Dean of SLSS



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School of Law and Social Sciences

Total Number of Academic Staff - 69

• Divisions of

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- Education – 375 students
- Law – 715
- Social Sciences – 448
- Urban and Environmental Studies (Planning) – 223
- Total – 1761 students



Divisions of Education and UELS

- BA Education Studies
- PGCE Primary
- Special Educational Needs focused Masters
- EdD
- OFSTED Report – Requires improvement
- Level 4 and Level 7 Apprenticeships in Town and Country Planning supported by Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI)
- BA Urban and Environmental Planning
- Some courses moved to Business

Curriculum and Portfolio Project

- Focus on student experience and graduate outcomes
- Realignment of courses to benefit students and staff
- Through better sustainability and outcomes, benefits for the School and the University.
- Impact on Division of Social Sciences through closure of History and Geography

Courses in Social Sciences

- BSc Criminology
- BSc Criminology with Psychology
- BA International Relations
- BA Politics
- BSc Sociology
- On-going redevelopment of Masters courses

Looking to the future for Social Sciences

- Revalidation completed September 2021 for 2022 entry
- Build on expertise to include three new pathways across all Social Science courses
- Attractive to students looking for real world focused social science courses and sustainable way to offer teaching:

• Black Studies

Sustainability

Social Policy



Exciting Developments in Law

- LLB Law and two optional pathways in Business and Criminal Law
- **LSE** Law Division
 - highly ranked against other law schools and good outcomes
 - Focus on experiential learning
 - Established focus on employability
 - Strong engagement with profession
 - Number of new highly-qualified staff for greater mix of academics and practitioners

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Employability in Law

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International
Human Rights
Clinic

Links to local solicitors

Family Law Hub

Legal Advice
Clinic

Southwark
Law Council

Law and Technology

LSBU Legal
Governance

Legal Advice Clinic (LAC)

“Volunteering at the LAC gives you the opportunity to experience the work of a solicitor in a very real environment.

The volunteering role is very hands on, students control the interview from the outset but have the comfort of knowing the supervisor is there to intervene if need be.

Seeing clients leave happy with the advice you have given them is an amazing feeling, these are real people with real problems that you can help to solve!”

Ashlee Pleaden, Student

New route to qualification – the SQE



LSBU Response

Newly-validated SQE “Head Start” Law Degree

SQE 1 will be a series of multiple choice questions on legal knowledge
Response – increased assessment of students through MCQs with practice opportunities built into teaching

Partnering with Barbri, the “Global leaders in legal education” - [Global Leaders in Legal Education and Bar Exam Prep | BARBRI](#)

SQE 2 practice focused – will build on experiential opportunities for students to get a head start on preparation for the SQE 2

Looking to the Future for Law



- Vision is to build on our success to provide all students with the best possible opportunity to succeed to their chosen career – legal or non-legal
- Continue to focus on core subjects to ensure those interested in going to the Bar are fully supported
- Continue to provide exemptions from the CILEX examinations to support students wishing to become legal executives
- Look to develop an LLM in Legal Practice



Thank you

Any questions?