

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR SENATE MEETING 12.6.13

As noted on the paper, HUM Heads of School have been invited to identify their preferred configuration of Schools as the Faculty moves from nine to four Schools.

As part of the process and following meetings with Heads of School, the Dean and Senior Faculty Manger have met with staff in all HUM Schools and invited comment via email (the last School meeting is scheduled for the day of Senate). Following the completion of these meetings, the key concerns and issues will be identified and a response sent to all academic and administrative staff.

Following the meeting of Faculty Executive on 10th June, HUM Heads of School wished to provide the additional contextual information below for members of Senate:

- 1) An option which remains under consideration involves the continued location of the School of Art History and World Art Studies within the broader remit of the Sainsbury Institute for Art. This would produce four Schools of study plus SifA.
- 2) The paper proposes a consolidation of Media Studies as currently offered in FTM and PSI. However, during meetings with staff in the two Schools it became evident that this was not a viable option: PSI staff were clear that their teaching and research resides firmly in politics and social studies and not Media Studies. Since there is no significant REF or curricular benefit for students in bringing together these elements of the Faculty offer, the Dean proposed retaining Political, Social and International Studies as a distinct unit within the new structure. As with other HUM Heads, the Head of PSI has been actively engaged in exploring the most productive configuration for 2014/15 onwards.

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