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Part C/OMMS Dissertations: Terms of reference **DRAFT**

1. Terms of Reference of the Working Group

- a) To review the current compulsory dissertation arrangements, including timing; supervision; length; and development of student skills;
- b) To consider the possibility of a longer, more substantial dissertation;
- c) To consider training and support for students undertaking a dissertation;
- d) To consider how the skills and desired outcomes achieved by students undertaking a dissertation could also be developed and achieved elsewhere on the degree, outside of the compulsory dissertation;
- e) To consider the impact on equality of any proposed revisions, as well as the department's key priorities identified in its Athena Swan action plan, when making recommendations;
- f) To prepare a report and recommendations for consideration by Teaching Committee in HT24.

2. Working Group membership

- a) Academic Lead for Part B and C: Professor Dmitry Belyaev (chair)
- b) OMMS Course Director: Dr Kathryn Gillow
- c) Representative from Department of Statistics: Dr Neil Laws
- d) Representative from Department of Statistics: TBC
- e) Member of faculty: TBC
- f) Member of faculty: TBC
- g) Secretary: Anwen Amos

3. List of documents to be provided to the Working Group

- a) Feedback from Subject Panels
- b) Feedback from students
- c) Relevant sections from the Race Equality and Athena Swan action plans

4. Potential timeline for the Working Group

To be confirmed.