

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Board of the Faculty of Science

**There will be a meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Science on
Wednesday 14th February 2018 at 2.00 pm in CMR 1.0, First Floor University House.**

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Registrar

Note: Questions on agendum items or apologies should be directed to the Secretary of the Committee, Louise Hasler (ext. 50295 or L.Hasler@warwick.ac.uk).

The agenda is split into two sections: items for consideration by the Committee and items for report without further discussion unless requested by a member of the Committee. All papers are available electronically from the Committee's file store:

<https://files.warwick.ac.uk/sciencefacultyboard/browse#BFS+-+Board+of+the+Faculty+of+Science/2017-18/BFS+2018+February+14>

AGENDA

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

1. Minutes

TO CONSIDER:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Science held on 15 November 2017, (BFS.07/17-18, attached).

2. Matters arising on the Minutes

a) Big Bang Fair (minute 5(b)/17-18 referred)

TO REPORT:

That the Schools of Engineering and Life Sciences, and Departments of Physics and Statistics would be participating in the Big Bang from 14 – 17 March 2018. The stand would need to be staffed for the entire period, so expressions of interest from postgraduate research students from other disciplines are welcomed, and should be made to sciencefacultyboard@warwick.ac.uk.

b) Faculty Representations on the Senate (minute 08/17-18 referred)

That one nomination to the vacancy on the Senate (until 2020) had been received, for Professor Mike Ward, thus an election had not been required.

3. Chair's Business

4. University's Anti-Bribery Policy

TO CONSIDER:

An oral report from Sophie Black, Assistant Registrar in the Secretary to Council's Office on the University's requirement to comply with the UK Bribery Act 2010, the availability of an e-learning module to ensure appropriate awareness of guidance, and the need for Heads of Departments to determine which colleagues should undertake the module.

5. Review of Personal Tutoring

TO CONSIDER:

The report of the review group, together with an oral report from Professor Louise Gracia, the Dean of Students, outlining the recommendations of the review group (BFS.08/17-18, attached).

6. Consultation on the Merger of the Faculties of Science & Medicine

TO CONSIDER:

A paper from the Acting Academic Registrar, outlining the potential benefits and limitations to a merger of the Faculty of Medicine with the Faculty of Science, setting out next steps and inviting the appointment of two members of the Board to the Task and Finish Group to take forward consideration of the proposal to merge the faculties with effect from the start of the academic year 2018/19 (BFS.09/17-18, attached).

7. Items from the Faculty of Science Education Committee

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Chair of the Faculty of Science Education Committee, Dr Dave Britnell, from the meeting on the held on 31 January 2018.

8. Items to be brought to the Senate

TO CONSIDER:

Whether there are any specific issues which the Board of the Faculty wishes to refer to the Senate for consideration.

9. University Research Centres – Triennial Review

TO CONSIDER:

A report from the Director of Research & Impact Services providing introduction and context to the triennial review of four Category II substantive Research Centres and one Category III departmental Research Centre, and review forms as follows: Mathematics Research Centre; Warwick Anti-Microbial Interdisciplinary Centre; Warwick Centre for integrative Synthetic Biology; Warwick Environmental Systems Interdisciplinary Centre; and Warwick Institute for Science of Cities. The Board is invited to recommend the continuation of these Research Centres to the Research Committee, and also recommendations for changes as required (BFS.10/17-18, attached).

10. Proposed New University Research Centres

TO CONSIDER:

- a) Centre for Health Economics at Warwick (CHEW) (BFS.11/17-18, attached).
- b) Warwick Mental Health Research Centre (WMHRC) (BFS.12/17-18, attached).

11. Faculty Thesis Prizes

TO REPORT:

That the Faculty Thesis Prize scheme would be running for 2018, with full information available online at <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/staffresources/thesisprizes2018>.

12. Warwick Collaborative Postgraduate Research Scholarships

TO REPORT:

That six applications have been received for six scholarships, for which a 50% contribution to the costs must be secured by an external sponsor. The deadline has now passed, but any further applications received will be considered in date order and held as reserves in case of any attrition.

13. Any Other Business

ITEMS TO REPORT AND APPROVE WITHOUT FURTHER DISCUSSION

The Chair and Secretary consider that the following items are non-controversial and/or can be accepted with a minimum of explanation. Members of the Committee may, however, ask for any of the following items to be transferred to the agenda for discussion, by contacting the Secretary in advance of the meeting, or by raising the item at the commencement of the meeting. Papers are available online only.

14. Minutes of Science Faculty Education Committee

TO RECEIVE:

Confirmed minutes of the SFEC meeting that took place on 25 October 2017, for information (SFEC.13/17-18, online).

15. Date of Next Meeting

TO REPORT:

That the next meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Science would be held as follows:

Thursday 31 May 2018 from 10.00am – 12:00pm, CMR1.0, University House (followed by lunch).