

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 8 February 2012** at **3.00pm** in the **Council Chamber, University House**.

Nicola Owen
Acting Registrar

Note: Questions on agendum items or apologies should be directed to the Secretary of the Committee, Stephen Williams (ext. 28143 or Stephen.Williams@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:

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A G E N D A

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

1. Faculty Engagement with the Institute of Advanced Study

TO RECEIVE:

A report from the Director of the Institute of Advanced Study (IAS) on Faculty of Science engagement with IAS schemes, paper BFS.9/11-12 (copy attached).

2. Appointment of a Deputy Chair of the Faculty of Science

TO REPORT:

- (a) That following the call at the meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Science on 9 November 2011 for recommendations for the position of Deputy Chair of the Faculty of Science, the Chair had received and after due consideration approved the nomination of Professor Peter Scott following endorsement from the University's Senior Management Team.
- (b) That at its meeting on 30 January 2012 the Steering Committee, on behalf of the Senate, approved the appointment of Professor Peter Scott as a co-opted member of the Board of the Faculty of Science.

TO CONSIDER:

The appointment of Professor Peter Scott as Deputy Chair of the Faculty of Science.

3. Reaffirmation of the Chair of the Faculty of Science

TO REPORT:

That the appointment of the Chair of the Faculty of Science is subject to reaffirmation annually, on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, by the Board of the Faculty of Science at the Spring Term meeting, as set out in paper BFS.19/10-11 on the Appointment of the Chair of the Faculty of Science.

TO CONSIDER:

The reaffirmation of the appointment of the Chair of the Faculty of Science, on the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, by the Board of the Faculty of Science.

4. Minutes

TO CONSIDER:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Science held on 9 November 2011 (copy attached).

5. Matters arising on the Minutes

- (a) Appointment of the Head of the Department of Psychology (minute BFS.44(b)/10-11 and 3(a)/11-12 refer)

TO RECEIVE:

An oral update from the Faculty Chair on the appointment of the Head of the Department of Psychology.

- (b) Membership of E-Learning Steering Group (minute BFS.1(a)/11-12 refers)

TO REPORT:

That following the meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Science on 9 November 2011, the Chair had approved the nomination of Dr Mike Joy as the second Faculty of Science representative on the E-Learning Steering Group.

- (c) Student Experience Investments (minute BFS.48/10-11 and BFS.3(c)/11-12 refer)

TO REPORT:

That at the meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Science held on 9 November 2011 it was resolved that the issue of student experience investments would be postponed until the Spring Term meeting so that it could take place in light of the outcomes of the Institutional Teaching and Learning Review.

TO CONSIDER:

Student experience investments within the Faculty of Science.

6. Chair's Business

(a) Faculty of Science Advisory Board

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report on the meeting of the Faculty of Science Advisory Board held on 6 December 2011 at Deloitte's Office in New Street Square, London.

(b) Faculty of Science Lunch

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report on the Faculty of Science Lunch held on 1 February 2012.

(c) Life Sciences Project

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report on the plans for new greenhouses for the School of Life Sciences.

7. UKBA Student Attendance Monitoring

TO RECEIVE:

A report from the Academic Registrar updating the Board following a recent audit of the University's student attendance monitoring systems, which looked at the University's compliance with the UK Border Agency's requirements regarding overseas students, paper BFS.10/11-12 (copy attached).

8. Brazilian Government Scholarships Scheme: "Science Without Borders"

TO RECEIVE:

A report from the Senior Liaison Officer (South Asia & Latin America), International Office, on opportunities for Faculty of Science departments to engage with the Brazilian Government Scholarships Scheme "Science Without Borders", paper BFS.11/11-12 (copy attached).

9. Establishment/Disestablishment of Research Centres

TO REPORT:

- (a) That the University's Research Committee had recommended to the Senate the disestablishment of the Centre for Advanced Materials, as set out in paper BFS.12/11-12 (copy attached) on Research Centre Governance.
- (b) That the University's Research Committee had recommended to the Senate the establishment of a new Research Centre for Industrial Ultrasonics, as set out in paper BFS.13/11-12 (copy attached).
- (c) That the University's Research Committee would submit a full report to the Summer Term meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Science on the categorisation of Research Centres within the Faculty.

10. Institutional Teaching Review: Faculty Engagements

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Faculty Chair on the forthcoming Faculty Engagement element of the Institutional Teaching Review.

11. 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.

12. Any Other Business

13. Reserved Items

See separate agenda (copy attached) for academic members of the Board of the Faculty only.

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.

14. Report from the Faculty of Science IT Committee

TO RECEIVE:

The minutes of the meeting of the Faculty of Science IT Committee held on 25 January 2012 (copy attached).

15. Report from the Sub-Faculty

TO RECEIVE:

The minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Faculty of Science held on 1 February 2012 (to follow).

16. Report from the Graduate Studies Committee

TO RECEIVE:

The minutes of the meeting of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science held on 31 January 2012 (to follow).

17. Report from the Faculty of Science Research and Innovation Committee

TO RECEIVE:

The minutes of the meeting of the Faculty of Science Research and Innovation Committee held on 20 October 2011 (copy attached).

18. Dates of Future Meetings

TO REPORT:

That the final meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Science in the academic year 2011/12 would be held on Wednesday 23 May 2012 at 2pm in the Council Chamber.

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