

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 9 February 2011 at **3.00pm** in **The Council Chamber, University House**.

JF Baldwin
Registrar

Note: Questions on agenda items or apologies should be directed to the Secretary of the Committee, Stephen Williams (ext. 28143 or Stephen.Williams@warwick.ac.uk) or the Assistant Secretary, Dominic Dean (ext. 75345 or Dominic.Dean@warwick.ac.uk).

AGENDA

1. Minutes

TO CONSIDER:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Science held on 10 November 2010 (copy attached).

2. Matters arising on the Minutes

(a) Progress of Faculty Recommendations to the Senate (minute BFS.15/10-11 refers)

TO REPORT:

That at its meeting on 26 January 2011, the Senate resolved:

- (i) That the membership of the Board of the Faculty of Science and its sub-committees be approved, as set out in paper S.16/10-11.
- (ii) That the constitution of the Board of the Faculty of Science be amended to include only two members per department rather than three members for the departments of Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Physics and WMG.
- (iii) That the constitution of the Sub-Faculty of the Board of the Faculty of Science be amended to include up to three members per department rather than three members for the departments of Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Life Sciences, Mathematics and Physics.

(b) Election of a Deputy Chair of the Board of the Faculty of Science (minute BFS.04(d)/10-11 refers)

TO REPORT:

That the Secretariat had emailed members of the Board on 19 November 2010 asking for expressions of interest in the position of Deputy Chair with the deadline for nominations being 12 noon on 26 November, but that no expressions of interest had been received.

- (c) Representation from Faculty Boards on E-Learning Steering Group (minute BFS.13/10-11 refers)

TO REPORT:

That following a call for nominations for two members of academic staff from the Faculty of Science to join the E-Learning Steering Group, Dr Dave Wood (Mathematics) and Dr Mike Joy (Computer Science) had been appointed to represent the Faculty.

- (d) Fees for Intercalated Years (minute BFS.47(c)/08-09 refers)

TO REPORT:

(i) That at its meeting on 10 November 2010, the Board of the Faculty of Science resolved that the Chair of the Board would take this issue to the next Deputy Vice-Chancellor's fortnightly meeting with Chairs of Faculty.

(ii) That at the Deputy Vice-Chancellor's fortnightly meeting with Chairs of Faculty on 24 January 2011 it was resolved that the issue of fees for intercalated years will be considered more broadly as part of the tuition fees review currently being undertaken by the Fees Working Group.

3. Report from the Faculty of Science IT Committee

TO RECEIVE:

The minutes of the meeting of the Faculty of Science IT Committee held on 26 January 2011 (copy attached).

4. IT Services Strategy Overview

TO CONSIDER:

The IT Services Strategy Overview, paper IPSC.05/10-11 (copy attached).

5. Role of the Faculty Chair: Proposed Changes Post-Harris

TO CONSIDER:

The proposed changes to the role of the Faculty Chair, as set out in paper BFS.09/10-11 (to follow).

6. Changes to Fees, Student Finance and Widening Participation

TO RECEIVE:

A discussion paper on changes to fees, student finance and widening participation, SC.259/10-11 (copy attached).

7. Annual Course Reviews

TO CONSIDER:

- (a) The summary report on the Undergraduate course review reports for 2009-10 from across the Faculty of Science (paper SFS.15/10-11, copy attached).
- (b) The summary report on the Postgraduate Research annual course reviews for 2009-10 from across the Faculty of Science (paper SGS.62/10-11, copy attached).

TO REPORT:

That the deadline for submission of departmental Annual Course Reviews for Postgraduate Taught Provision for 2009-10 is 14 March 2011.

8. Report from the Sub-Faculty

TO RECEIVE:

The minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Faculty of Science held on 2 February 2011 (to follow).

9. 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 1 February 2011 (to follow).

10. 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 8 December 2010 (copy attached) and the draft minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2011 (copy attached).

11. Chair's Business

TO RECEIVE:

- (a) An oral update on the progress of the refreshed University strategy
- (b) An oral update on the University's response to the UKBA's proposed changes to the student immigration route

12. Faculty Advisory Board

TO REPORT:

- (a) That at its meeting on 18 November 2010, the Science Faculty Advisory Board resolved that it would meet up to four times a year rather than a maximum of twice a year.
- (b) That at its meetings on 18 November 2010 and 7 February 2011, the Science Faculty Advisory Board considered three main key issues: the School of Engineering's Strategic Plan; the progress of the School of Life Sciences; and the impact of the Browne Report

and the Comprehensive Spending Review on the University including the setting of undergraduate tuition fees for home/EU students.

- (c) That the Advisory Board is planning to hold a Faculty of Science Strategy Day at Arden House on 17 May 2011.
- (d) That Dr Ezat Khoshdel, Head of Polymer Science at Unilever, has been recommended to the Vice-Chancellor for appointment to the Advisory Board.

13. Items to be brought to the Senate

TO CONSIDER:

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

14. Dates of Future Meetings

TO REPORT:

- (a) That the final meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Science in the academic year 2010-11 will be held on the following date:

Summer Term – Wednesday 25 May 2011, 2pm (Council Chamber)

- (b) That the deadline for the receipt of papers will be 12 noon on Tuesday 17 May 2011.

15. Any Other Business

16. Reserved Items

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

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