

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

FACULTY OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND MEDICINE

Board of the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Medicine

There will be a meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Medicine on Tuesday 12 February 2019 at 10.30am in the Council Chamber, Senate 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 SEMFacultyBoard@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#BFSEM+2018-19/Term+2+Meeting>

AGENDA

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

1. Conflicts of Interest

TO REPORT:

That, should any members or attendees of the Committee have any conflicts of interest relating to agenda items for the meeting, they should be declared in accordance with the CUC Guide for Members of Higher Education Governing Bodies in the UK, available from <http://www.universitychairs.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Code-Final.pdf>

2. Minutes

TO CONSIDER:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Medicine held on 15 November 2018 (BFSEM.09/18-19, online).

3. Chair's Business

4. Items from the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Medicine Education Committee

TO CONSIDER:

A report from the Chair of the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Medicine Education Committee, Dr Dave Britnell, from the meeting on the held on 24 January 2019 (BFSEM.10/18-19, attached), including a resolution that the University should be asked to provide the URSS scheme with more funding, together with the minutes of the meeting (BFSEM.11/18-19, online) and Education Strategy priorities (BFSEM.12/18-19, attached).

5. STEM Grand Challenge

TO RECEIVE:

An update on progress towards the goals of the STEM Grand Challenge, following the presentation by the Chair of Faculty to the Council on 5 February 2019 (BFSEM.13/18-19, attached).

6. British Science Association Festival 2019

TO RECEIVE:

An update on submissions for activities from colleagues for the British Science Association Festival 2019 (BFSEM.14/18-19, attached) and an updated slide presentation (BFSEM.14/18-19 Appendix, online).

7. Proposal for the Creation of a new School of Creative and Visual Cultures

TO CONSIDER:

A proposal to bring together the existing Schools and Centres from the Faculty of Arts to create a new School of Creative and Visual Cultures (SCVC) (BFSEM.15/18-19, attached) presented by Professor Dan Branch, Acting Chair of the Faculty of Arts.

8. University Research Centres – Triennial Review

TO CONSIDER:

Documentation submitted by University Category II and III Research Centres (BFSEM.16/18-19, attached) whether there is support for research centres to continue; and if there are any areas that would benefit from improved coordination or further development. The Centres under review are as follows:

- i. Centre for the History of Medicine
- ii. Warwick Cancer Research Centre
- iii. Centre for Discrete Mathematics and its Applications
- iv. Centre for Fusion Space and Astrophysics
- v. Milburn House Magnetic Resonance Lab
- vi. Centre for Research in Statistical Methodology (CRiSM)
- vii. Fluid Dynamics Research Centre
- viii. Warwick Analytical Science Centre

9. Draft Employability Strategy

TO CONSIDER:

The University's draft employability strategy (and Appendix setting out DHLE results 2016-17) (BFSEM.17/18-19, attached) setting out proposed strategic directions and how these will be facilitated, and an oral report from Pat Tissington, Academic Director of Employability and Skills, and Ellie King, Postgraduate Student Officer, SU.

10. Warwick Collaborative Postgraduate Research Scholarships

TO REPORT:

That five applications have been received for six scholarships, for which a 50% contribution to the costs must be secured by an external sponsor; that WMS is running its own competition due to its three scholarships having been ring fenced; that 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.

11. Warwick Postdoctoral Symposium

TO REPORT:

That following the success of the inaugural Symposium in 2018, the next Warwick Postdoctoral Science Symposium will be held on 7 May 2019, and that the keynote speaker will be Professor Russell Foster, Professor of circadian neuroscience and Director of the Nuffield Laboratory of Ophthalmology. Registration is via go.warwick.ac.uk/wpss.

That the Faculty Post-Doctoral Research Prizes will be presented at this meeting and that the deadline for submitting details of proposed awardees to be ratified by the Chair is **15 February 2019**.

12. 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.

13. Timeliness of Feedback

TO RECEIVE:

A composite report on timeliness of feedback on assessment submitted in the autumn Term 2018 across the Faculty, received by the Science Faculty Education Committee on 24 January 2018 (BFSEM.18/18-19, online), noting that support for consideration of these data had been strengthened by the production of a summary report.

14. Date of Next Meeting

TO REPORT:

That the next meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Medicine would be held as follows:

Thursday 23 May 2019 from 10.00am – 12.00pm, Council Chamber, Senate House (followed by lunch).