

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences

There will be a meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences at 10am on Wednesday 8 February 2012 in the Council Chamber, University House.

K M Sloan
Registrar

Note: Questions on agenda items or apologies for this meeting should be directed to the Secretary of the Board, Rebecca Lambert r.l.lambert@warwick.ac.uk.

AGENDA

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD

1. Minutes

TO CONSIDER:

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

2. Matters Arising

(a) ESRC Doctoral Training Centre (minute 3(d)/11-12 refers)

TO REPORT:

That the Secretary had circulated, as paper BFSS.7/11-12, the DTC briefing paper produced by Professor L Bridges, interim Director of the DTC, to Board members.

(b) School of Health and Social Studies (minute 5/11-12 refers)

TO RECEIVE:

An oral update from the Chair regarding progress with the consultation on the future of the School of Health and Social Studies.

(d) Committee Elections - Board of Graduate Studies (minute 9a/11-12 refers)

TO REPORT:

That the Faculty representatives to the Board of Graduate Student have been confirmed as Professor Jonathan Neelands and Mr David Salter.

- (e) Committee Elections - E-learning Steering Group (minute 9b/11-12 refers)

TO REPORT:

That a Faculty representative to sit on the E-Learning Steering Group was required to replace Professor David Wray, from the Institute of Education, it being noted that the Institute had agreed to propose nominations from within the Institute and that names would be submitted to the Secretary to the Board shortly.

3. UKBA Attendance Monitoring

TO CONSIDER:

A report from the Academic Registrar updating the Board following a recent audit of the University's attendance monitoring systems, which looked at our compliance with the UK Border Agency's requirements regarding overseas students (BFSS.8/11-12, copy attached)

4. University Policy on Remedying Failure at PGT level

TO REPORT:

- (a) That at its meeting on 31 January 2012, the Faculty Graduate Studies Committee considered a proposal to revise the University Policy on Remedying Failure at PGT Level, paper GFSS.122/11-12 (copy attached);
- (b) That the Graduate Studies Committee was not supportive of the proposal and had requested clarification from the Academic Quality and Standards Committee as to whether department exam conventions need further revision following the introduction of merit and whether, in order to achieve a merit, students must not have a fail mark.

TO CONSIDER:

The proposal outlined in paper GFSS.122/11-12, in the context of the Graduate Studies Committee resolution noted above.

5. Research Income

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from Ms N Muckle regarding research income in the Faculty.

6. Chairs Business

- (a) Warwick Institute of Public Policy (minute 3b/11-12 refers)
- (b) Teaching and Learning Review: Faculty Engagement

- (c) REF Update: Faculty Impact Officer
- (d) Faculty IT Support
- (e) Warwick-Monash collaboration
- (f) Warwick-Queen Mary collaborative doctoral awards

7. Faculty Board Membership

- (a) Faculty Research Committee

TO REPORT:

- (i) That the Governance team had confirmed that the Chair of the Faculty of Social Sciences Research Committee was to be included in the membership of the Board with immediate effect, as a formally constituted representative on the Board;
- (ii) That, subsequently, the Chair had approved the membership to the Board of Professor Stuart Croft, as Chair of the Faculty of Social Sciences Research Committee.

- (b) Faculty of Medicine Representative

TO REPORT:

That the Faculty of Medicine representative on the Board, Dr Ann Adams, had stepped down from her role at the end of the Autumn term, it being noted that the Faculty of Medicine will provide a nomination to replace Dr Adams as representative on the Board for the remainder of the 11-12 academic year.

8. Any Other Business

ITEMS TO RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

9. Report from the Faculty Undergraduate Studies Committee

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Undergraduate Studies Committee held on 1 February 2012, BFSS.9/11-12 (forthcoming).

10. Report from the Faculty Graduate Studies Committee

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Graduate Studies Committee held on 31 January 2012, BFSS.10/11-12 (forthcoming).

11. Report from the Faculty IT Committee

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Faculty IT Committee held on 1 February 2012, BFSS.11/11-12 (copy attached).

12. Spring Term Faculty Lunch

TO REPORT:

That the Spring Term Faculty Lunch will be held on Wednesday 29th February from 1pm – 2pm in the Council Chamber, University House, at which Professor Margot Finn (Pro-Vice Chancellor for Access, Widening Participation and Development) and Dr Giles Carden (Director of Management Information and Planning) will present on WP initiatives.

13. Joint Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Social Sciences Lunch

TO REPORT:

That the Summer term Faculty lunch will be held jointly with the Faculty of Arts, at 12.30pm on 20 June 2012, in D2.03, Warwick Business School Social Sciences lounge.

14. Dates of 2011-12 Committee Meetings

TO REPORT:

That the remaining dates and venues for the Board's meetings for the academic year 2011-12 are as follows:

Thursday 24 May 2012, at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, University House.