

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 **2pm** on **Wednesday 12 February 2014** in room CMR 1.0, first floor, University House.

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Registrar

Note: Committee papers can be accessed at <https://files.warwick.ac.uk/bfss/browse/BFSS>. Questions on agendum items or apologies for this meeting should be directed to the Secretary to the Board, Martin Mik (m.mik@warwick.ac.uk).

2nd CIRCULATION A G E N D A

New items added since the first circulation agenda, additional papers and revised papers are highlighted in **bold**. We will work from the second circulation agenda at the meeting.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD

1. Minutes

TO CONSIDER:

The revised minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 7 November 2013 ([available online](#)), noting the inclusion of Professor N Gane (Sociology) in the list of Board members present at the meeting.

2. Matters Arising

(a) Warwick Q-Step Centre (minute 5c/13-14 refers)

TO RECEIVE:

An oral update from the Director of Warwick Q-Step Centre on the progress of the Centre's activities since its establishment.

(b) Gender Equality Charter Mark

TO RECEIVE:

- (i) A presentation entitled 'Women in Science: Athena SWAN Charter' (paper BFSS.19/13-14, [available online](#)), prepared by Ms S Beaufoy, HR Adviser (Equality and Diversity), on the requirements for the Athena SWAN Charter;
- (ii) A list of departments and institutions participating in the Gender Equality Charter Mark pilot (paper BFSS.20/13-14, [copy attached](#));
- (iii) A Gender Equality Charter Mark departmental analysis and action template (paper BFSS.21/13-14, [copy attached](#)), noting that further information and documentation for the Charter Mark is available online at: <http://www.ecu.ac.uk/our-projects/gender-charter-mark>

3. Chair's Business

University League Tables 14.45

TO RECEIVE:

A presentation from the Director of Strategic Planning and Analytics on University League Tables.

4. University Research Centres

(a) Centre for Operational Policing Research 15.15

TO CONSIDER:

A proposal from the School of Law, Warwick Business School and the Department of Psychology, to establish a new University Research Centre entitled the Centre for Operational Policing Research, as set out in paper BFSS.13/13-14 ([available online](#)).

(b) Warwick Data Science Institute

TO CONSIDER:

A proposal from the Department of Computer Science, the Institute of Mathematics and the Department of Statistics, to establish a new University Research Centre entitled Warwick Data Science Institute, as set out in paper BFSS.14/13-14 ([available online](#)).

5. Assessment and Feedback

TO RECEIVE:

(a) A composite report on timeliness of feedback on assessment submitted in Autumn Term 2013-14 across the Faculty (paper BFSS.15/13-14, [available online](#)), noting that the composite report was not available at the meetings of the Undergraduate Studies Committee and the Graduate Studies Committee;

(b) An oral report from the Secretary on the outcomes of the consideration of the composite report by the Graduate and Undergraduate Studies Committees conducted via email.

6. Timetable Remodel Update

TO RECEIVE:

A paper from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Planning and Resources), Director of Strategic Planning and Analytics and Senior Assistant Registrar (Space Management and Timetabling) on the progress of the timetable remodel (paper SC.65/13-14, [available online](#)).

7. Global Sustainability Undergraduate Degree 14.15

TO RECEIVE:

A concept paper on the development of a joint degree with Monash University (paper BUGS.15/13-14, available online), presented by Professor Jan Palmowski, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Postgraduate and Transnational Education).

8. School of Modern Languages

TO RECEIVE:

A paper from the Chair of the Faculty of Arts and the Chair of the Sub-Faculty of Modern Languages setting out a proposal to create a School of Modern Languages in the Faculty of Arts (paper SC.33/13-14, copy attached).

TO CONSIDER:

The vision and desirability of setting up the School of Modern Languages in the Faculty of Arts, as set out in paper SC.33/13-14.

9. Any Other Business

10. Next Meeting

TO REPORT:

That the next meeting of the Board will take place on Thursday 22 May 2014, 10.00-12.00, in room CMR 1.0, University House.

ITEMS TO RECEIVE FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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 Board 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. These papers are available online from the Board's electronic filestore at <https://files.warwick.ac.uk/bfss/browse>.

11. Chair's Action

TO REPORT:

- (a) Centre for Law, Governance and Regulation of the Global Economy (minute 6(c)/13-14)

That, following the receipt of satisfactory responses to the Board's comments on the proposal from the School of Law to establish a new University Research Centre for Law, Governance and Regulation of Global Economy, the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, has taken action to recommend the proposal to the Research Committee for approval.

(b) Equality and Diversity Committee

That the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, has taken action to recommend Dr J Angouri (CAL) to the Senate for appointment to the membership of the Equality and Diversity Committee.

(c) Assessment and Feedback (minute 9/13-14 refers)

That the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, has taken action to approve the composite report on timeliness of feedback on assessment submitted in Summer Term 2012-13 across the Faculty (paper BFSS.9/13-14), noting that no comments were received from the Graduate and Undergraduate Studies Committees.

(d) Undergraduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Arts

That the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, has taken action to appoint Dr T Crowther (Philosophy) to represent the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences on the Undergraduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Arts.

12. Report from the Faculty Undergraduate Studies Committee

TO RECEIVE:

The draft unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Undergraduate Studies Committee held on 21 January 2014 (paper BFSS.16/13-14, available online).

13. Report from the Faculty Graduate Studies Committee

TO RECEIVE:

The minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Graduate Studies Committee held on 28 January 2014 (paper BFSS.17/13-14, available online).

14. Report from the Faculty IT Committee

TO RECEIVE:

The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of the Faculty IT Committee held on 22 January 2014 (paper BFSS.18/13-14, available online).

15. Faculty of Social Sciences Teaching and Learning Showcase

TO REPORT:

That a Faculty of Social Sciences Teaching and Learning Showcase will take place on Tuesday 25 February 2014 in the Teaching Grid, University Library, noting that further information and a booking form is available online at: <http://warwick.ac.uk/ldc/tandl/socscitls/>.

16. Faculty Lunches in 2013-14

TO REPORT:

- (a) That the Spring term Faculty Lunch is being merged with the Faculty of Social Sciences Tester Day Market Place & Lunch, which will take place at 12 noon in Ramphal Foyer on Wednesday 12 February 2014.
- (b) That the Summer term Faculty Lunch will take place on Thursday 22 May 2014, 12.30pm, Social Sciences Lounge, room D2.04, WBS Social Sciences building.

17. Dates of 2013-14 Board Meetings

TO REPORT:

That the final meeting of the Board during the academic year 2013-14 will take place as follows:

Thursday 22 May 2014, 10.00-12.00, room CMR 1.0, University House.

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