

# UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

## Board of Graduate Studies

There will be a meeting of the Board of Graduate Studies at 2pm on Tuesday 26 April 2005 in the Council Chamber, University House.

C E Charlton  
University Secretary

**Note: Questions on agendum items or apologies for this meeting should be directed to the Secretary of the Committee, Alison Bell, ext 24414, email [Alison.Bell@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:Alison.Bell@warwick.ac.uk)**

## A G E N D A

### 1. Minutes

TO CONSIDER:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 17 February 2005 previously circulated).

### 2. Matter arising on the Minutes

#### (a) QAA Code of Practice (minute 36/h/i/04-05 refers)

TO CONSIDER:

A proposal outlining possible changes to examination arrangements for research degrees in view of the QAA Code of Practice (paper BGS 23/04-05, copy attached)

#### (b) Department of Philosophy: Potential Link with Columbia University (minute 37f/04-05 refers)

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Chair on funding for this link.

### 3. Chair's Business

#### (a) TO REPORT:

That the Chair would send a memo to Chairs of Department encouraging them to bring proposals for new courses to the first Board meeting of the academic year, if possible, to facilitate admissions and recruitment processes.

#### (b) TO CONSIDER:

A summary of the HEFCE report entitled 'Costs of training and supervising postgraduate research students' (paper BGS 24/04-05, copy attached) and a paper analysing the HEFCE report entitled 'Postgraduate research degree programmes in English universities-

costs and revenues' (paper BGS 25/04-05 ,copy attached). The full HEFCE report is available at:  
[www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/rereports/2005/rd01\\_05/rd01\\_05.doc](http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/rereports/2005/rd01_05/rd01_05.doc)

(c) TO RECEIVE

A report on the allocation of Warwick Postgraduate Research Fellowships (Round 1) and Wisconsin-Madison Scholarships and on the shortlisting for East European Scholarships (paper BGS 28/04-05, copy attached).

(d) TO RECEIVE

An oral report from the Chair on bid to the University for Scholarship funds for next five years.

(e) TO RECEIVE

An oral report from the Chair on discussions with Warwick Medical School on the reorganisation of taught postgraduate provision.

(f) TO RECEIVE

An oral report from the Chair on the discussion of postgraduate matters at steering committee on 25 April 2005.

(g) TO RECEIVE

A report from the Chair on the Academic satisfaction review questionnaire for research students (paper BGS 29/04-05, copy attached).

4. Reports from the Faculty Graduate Studies Committees

TO RECEIVE:

Oral reports from the Chairs of the Graduate Studies Committees of the Boards of the Faculties.

5. Postgraduate Committee

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Education Officer on the Postgraduate Committee's recent activities.

6. Accreditation of Prior Learning

TO REPORT:

That Senate at its meeting of 09/03/05 considered a proposed policy and application form for the accreditation of prior learning (papers AQSC 14/04-05 {revised 3} and 15/04-05 {revised2}, copies attached) and resolved as follows:

- (i) That the arrangements for evaluating accreditation of prior (experiential) learning (AP{E}L) requests in relation to staff registered on the Warwick Teaching Certificate (WTC) be

reassessed as part of the ongoing review of the WTC with a view to involving a member of staff from the academic department in which an AP(E)L applicant is based in the consideration of that candidate's AP(E)L application.

- (ii) That, subject to (i) above, the proposed policy on accreditation of prior learning be approved as set out in paper AQSC 14/04-05 (revised 3).

(Please note that the above extract is taken from the unapproved minutes of the March meeting of Senate).

7. Warwick Sport

TO REPORT:

That the Equal Opportunities Committee at its meeting of January 2005 resolved that reports from the Student Union Equal Opportunities and Welfare Officer and the Director of Sport be referred to BGS for consideration.

TO CONSIDER:

A report from the Student Union Equal Opportunities and Welfare Officer (paper EOC15/04-05, copy attached) and a report from the Director of Sport (paper EOC16/04-05, copy attached)

8. New Doctoral level qualifications

TO REPORT:

That the Academic Quality and Standards Committee at its meeting of 23 January 2005 recommended that the Board consider the desirability of developing new doctoral level qualifications and alternative routes to PhD, given the international recognition of that qualification.

TO CONSIDER:

The desirability of developing new doctoral level qualifications and alternative routes to PhD, given the international recognition of that qualification.

9. New length PhD in the Institute of Mathematics

TO CONSIDER:

A paper from the Institute of Mathematics proposing a four-year PhD and outlining the rationale for this (paper BGS 26/04-05, copy attached).

10. New and Revised Courses of Study

- (a) Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations

TO REPORT:

That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies approved by Chair's action a proposal from the Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations for a restructured MA in Race and Ethnic Studies (paper SGS29/04-05, copy attached)

TO CONSIDER:

A proposal from the Centre for Research in Ethnic Relations for a restructured MA in Race and Ethnic Studies as set out in paper SGS29/04-05.

(b) Warwick Manufacturing Group

TO REPORT:

That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science, at its meeting of 25/01/05, approved a proposal from the Warwick Manufacturing Group for a revised MSc in International Technology Management (paper SGS32/04-05, copy attached) and a covering memo outlining the proposal (paper SGS31/04-05, copy attached).

TO CONSIDER:

A proposal from the Warwick Manufacturing Group for a revised MSc in International Technology Management as set out in paper SGS32/04-05.

11. Postgraduate Recruitment and Admissions

(a) TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Deputy Director of the Student Recruitment and Admissions Office.

(b) TO CONSIDER:

A proposal from the Deputy Director of the Student Recruitment and Admissions Office to replace the application fee for postgraduate awards with an upgrade fee (paper BGS 27/04-05, copy attached)

(c) TO RECEIVE:

A paper from the Deputy Director of the Student Recruitment and Admissions Office outlining how the money generated by the postgraduate application fee has been spent (minute 32/04-05 refers) (paper BGS 29/04-05, paper to follow)

(d) Listing New Degrees on Online Application Form (minute 45/04-05 refers)

TO CONSIDER

An oral report from the Deputy Director of the Student Recruitment and Admissions Office on the speed with which courses are listed on the online application form after being approved.

12. Any Other Business