

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Board of Graduate Studies

There will be a meeting of the Board of Graduate Studies at 9.30am on Tuesday 13 January 2015 in CMR 1.0, University House.

K M Sloan
Registrar & Chief Operating Officer

Note: Committee papers can be accessed at <https://files.warwick.ac.uk/bgs/browse>. Questions on items on the agenda or apologies for this meeting should be directed to the Assistant Secretary to the Board, Laura Larard (l.j.larard@warwick.ac.uk).

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting

TO CONSIDER:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 20 November 2014 (copy attached).

2. Matters Arising on the Minutes

(a) Graduate Awards and Nominations Sub-Committee (minutes 6/14-15 and 23(a)/14-15 refer)

TO REPORT:

- (i) That the following had been nominated to serve as Faculty Selectors on the Graduate Awards and Nominations Sub-Committee:

(A) Faculty of Arts

- (1) Professor I de Smet;
- (2) Dr D Wright;

(B) Faculty of Medicine

- (1) Professor D Grammatopoulos;
- (2) Dr S Taylor-Phillips;

(C) Faculty of Science

- (1) Dr N Wilson;
- (2) Dr B Finkelstadt;

(D) Faculty of Social Sciences

- (1) Mr P Whitehead;
- (2) Professor N Gane.

- (ii) That the four members of the Board to serve as representatives on the Graduate Awards and Nominations Sub-Committee would be:

- (A) Professor M Soteriou (Faculty of Arts);
- (B) Dr D Watson (Faculty of Science);
- (C) Dr A Pinter (Faculty of Social Sciences);
- (D) Dr P McTernan (Faculty of Medicine).

(b) PGR Scholarships Competition (minute 23(d)/14-15 refers)

TO REPORT:

That following consultation with the Board, the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf has taken action to approve the following revisions to scholarship nomination quotas:

- (i) That the following quotas would apply to the Faculties of Science and Social Sciences:
 - (A) 6 nominations for departments with a PGR population (not including Masters-level qualifications) 50 and above;
 - (B) 4 nominations for departments with a PGR population (not including Masters-level qualifications) of between 15-49;
 - (C) 2 nominations for departments with a PGR population (not including Masters-level qualifications) of below 15.
- (ii) That the following quotas would apply to the Faculty of Arts:
 - (A) 10 nominations for departments with a PGR population (not including Masters-Level) population of 15 or above;
 - (B) 5 nominations for departments with a PGR population (not including Masters-Level) population of below 15.
- (iii) That the Faculty of Medicine would continue to have 10 nominations as previously agreed.
- (iv) That the Department of Philosophy would receive 10 nominations to reflect their status within CADRE, rather than the Social Sciences

(c) International Scholarships (minute 26/14-15 refers)

TO REPORT:

That the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf has taken action to approve the proposal from the International Office to offer fee discounts to the Vietnam International Education Development (VIED) programme of the Ministry of Education and Training, Vietnam (MOET) of 40% for PGR courses with no stipend and 30% for PGT for a period of three years, noting

that individual departments are under no obligation to accept students on this basis.

(d) Postgraduate Forum and the Students' Union (minute 28/14-15 refers)

(i) Postgraduate Student-Staff Liaison Committee Annual Report 2014

TO RECEIVE:

(A) An oral report from the Postgraduate Officer and Head of Client Services, Library in relation to potential extended opening times for the Library and PG Hub;

(B) A report from the Postgraduate Officer on issues raised by SSLCs during the first term of 2014/15 (paper BGS 24/14-15, copy attached).

(ii) Postgraduate Office Space Survey Report

TO RECEIVE:

A report from the Postgraduate Officer outlining the split of responses between postgraduate taught and research students, and details of an additional survey within Warwick Medical School (paper BGS 25/14-15, copy attached).

3. Chair's Business

TO RECEIVE:

An update on the Postgraduates Who Teach policy.

4. Skills Working Group

TO RECEIVE:

A paper on the Skills Working Group (paper BGS 26/14-15, copy attached).

5. Postgraduate Open Day

TO RECEIVE:

A report from the Project Officer (Postgraduate Recruitment) on the Postgraduate Open Day which took place on 26 November 2014 (paper BGS 27/14-15, copy attached).

6. Postgraduate Community Working Group

TO RECEIVE:

An update from the Postgraduate Student Development Officer (Graduate School) on progress of the Postgraduate Community Working Group (paper BGS 23/14-15, copy attached).

7. Graduate School Website

TO RECEIVE:

- (a) A report from the Chair on the proposal to establish a new Graduate School portal for postgraduate students (paper BGS 28/14-15, copy attached);
- (b) An oral report from the Deputy Director of University Marketing.

8. Chair's Action

TO RECEIVE:

A report on items approved by the Chair on behalf of the Board (paper BGS 29/14-15, copy attached).

9. Any Other Business

10. Next meeting

TO REPORT:

That the next meeting of the Board is on 9 February 2015 at 2.00pm in Senate House Council Chamber.