# **UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK**

# **Board of Graduate Studies**

Minutes of the Board of Graduate Studies meeting held on Thursday 17 January 2008.

Present: Professor L Bridges (Chair), Professor M Thorogood (Deputy Chair), Dr S Allan, Ms

L Ayrton, Professor S Breslin, Mr Q Diep, Dr A Dowd, Professor J Faundez, Professor L Green, Professor J Labbe, Dr D Leadley, Professor P Marshall, Professor R Napier, Professor E Peile, Mr P Ptashko, Professor N Stocks, Dr A

Stokes, Professor A Sturdy.

Apologies: Dr A Clark, Ms S Liggins, Ms V Mangeyna, Mr D Metcalfe, Professor H Smith, Dr J

Vickery.

43/07-08 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 15 November 2008.

44/07-08 Matters arising on the minutes

(a) Arts and Humanities Research Council's new Block Grant Partnership Scheme (minutes 17/07-08 and 29(b)/07-08 and AGSC 5(a)/07-08 refer)

REPORTED:

That the AHRC had introduced a system of capping application numbers for all institutions in the 2008 Open Competition and the maximum number of applications the University may submit had been set at 52.

(b) MA in International Performance Research (Erasmus Mundus bid) (minutes 83(f)/06-07 and 102(d)/06-07, AGSC 4(a)(ii)/07-08 and AQSC 74/06-07 and 3(c)/07-08 refer)

- (i) That at its meeting on 7 June 2007, the Board <u>resolved</u> that the proposal for an MA in International Performance Research from the School of Theatre, Performance and Cultural Policy Studies, as set out in papers BGS 59/06-07 and BGS 61/06-07, be considered by the Chair following consultation with the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Arts, noting that the proposal had already been approved by the Chair of the Collaborative, Flexible and Distance Learning Sub-Committee but had not yet been approved by the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Arts;
- (ii) That at its meeting on 23 October 2007, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Arts <u>reported</u> under Chair's Action that the Chair, acting on behalf of the Committee, had <u>approved</u> without further amendment the proposal from the School of Theatre, Performance and Cultural Policy Studies to introduce a new MA in International Performance Research in collaboration with the Universities of Amsterdam and Tampere with effect from October

2008, it being noted that this course is subject of a bid to the European Commission's Erasmus Mundus scheme (Papers BGS.59/06-07 and AQSC.93/06-07);

- (iii) That the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, had subsequently taken action to approve the proposal for a new MA in International Performance Research in collaboration with the Universities of Amsterdam and Tampere, as set out in papers BGS 59/06-07 and BGS 61/06-07.
- (c) Graduate Awards and Nominations Sub-Committee (minutes 3/07-08 and 29(a)/07-08 and SGS 4/07-08 refer)

#### REPORTED:

That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Studies had nominated Dr F Peter to serve on the Graduate Awards & Nominations Sub-Committee alongside Professor S Breslin.

(d) Schedule of Strategic Departmental Reviews for the Period 2007/08 to 2010/11 (minutes BGS 30(e)/07-08 and AQSC 26/07-08 refer)

#### REPORTED:

- (i) That at its last meeting, the Board resolved to consider the process for Strategic Departmental Reviews at this meeting;
- (ii) That the Academic Quality and Standards Committee, at its meeting on 21 November, considered the revised guidelines for the Strategic Departmental Review process and <u>recommended</u> (to the Senate) that the revised Guidelines for the Strategic Departmental Review process be approved as set out in paper AQSC 30/07-08, subject to:
  - (A) Further clarification of the mechanism by which Committees including Faculty Boards, the Boards of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies, and Academic Quality and Standards Committee may identify and put forward any issues they consider should be explored during Reviews;
  - (B) The addition of the Chair of the Board of Graduate Studies to the suggested list of useful meetings.
- (iii) That the Senate, at its meeting on 5 December, had approved the revised guidelines for the Strategic Departmental Review process and that the guidelines and schedule are now available online (http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/gov/sdr/).
- (e) University Strategy; Learning, Teaching and Assessment Enhancement Strategy (minutes BGS 38/07-08 and AQSC 11/07-08 and 26(c)/07-08 refer)

- (i) That the Chair raised the Board's concern about the limited postgraduate focus in the proposed projects with the Academic Quality and Standards Committee;
- (ii) That the Academic Quality and Standards Committee, at its last

meeting on 21 November 2007, <u>resolved</u> that a further draft of the University's Learning, Teaching and Enhancement Assessment Strategy be prepared for discussion at the next meeting of that Committee, taking account of the issues discussed at that meeting.

(f) Postgraduate Certificate in Academic and Professional Practice (minute 100(a)(iii)/06-07 refers)

#### RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine, noting that he had been asked to raise an issue identified by the Academic Staff Committee concerning the length of the PCAPP course and would discuss this further with the Chair of the Board following the meeting.

# 45/07-08 Chair's Business

(a) Warwick Postgraduate Research Scholarships

#### REPORTED:

- (i) That all departments have been asked to nominate <u>three</u> applicants in Round 1 of the competition for a WPRS award in 2008-09, with the exception of the following departments with more than 60 postgraduate research students which may nominate six applicants:
  - Biological Sciences
  - Chemistry (including MOAC)
  - Institute of Education
  - Engineering
  - Maths
  - Physics
  - Warwick Business School
- (ii) That Round 2 of the competition for a WPRS award in 2008-09 would open on 1 February and close on 29 February 2008, noting that it was proposed that all applications for Round 2 be made electronically.
- (b) Commonwealth Shared Scholarships Scheme

#### REPORTED:

- (i) That the University had been offered 6 awards on the Commonwealth Shared Scholarships Scheme for 2008/09;
- (ii) That at its last meeting, the Board resolved that one award be given to each of the five departments which had bid for an award, with the sixth award to be allocated once lots had been drawn:
- (iii) That lots had now been drawn by the Chair and the sixth award had been allocated to CELTE.
- (c) ESRC review of postgraduate funding

# RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Chair noting that, as part of the ESRC's review of its

postgraduate funding, Oakleigh Consulting visited the University in December to gather information on various aspects of postgraduate development in social science, including strategy, recruitment, finance, supervision and training.

# (d) Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES)

#### CONSIDERED:

Participation in the Postgraduate Research Survey Experience this academic year.

#### RECOMMENDED:

That the University use the Postgraduate Research Survey Experience instead of the Academic Satisfaction Survey to gather feedback from postgraduate research students this academic year, noting that further thought needed to be given to mechanisms for surveying taught postgraduate students.

# (e) Collaborative Scholarships

# RECEIVED:

A paper on collaborative scholarship schemes (paper BGS 24/07-08).

# (f) Split-site PhDs

# RECEIVED:

A paper on split-site PhDs (paper BGS 25/07-08).

#### (g) Postgraduate Taught Exam Boards

# REPORTED:

That the Graduate School would shortly be circulating a note to departments regarding the timing of Exam Boards for taught postgraduate courses and was also considering how to provide further support and advice to departments regarding postgraduate exam boards.

# 46/07-08 Chair's Action

#### RECEIVED:

A report on items approved by the Chair on behalf of the Board (paper BGS 26/07-08), as follows:

# (a) Faculty of Arts

# MA in Global History (minute 39/07-08 refers)

## REPORTED:

(i) That at its last meeting, the Board <u>resolved</u> that the proposal for an MA in Global History <u>not</u> be approved, noting that the Board would consider it for approval at the next meeting of the Board subject to:

- (A) Approval from the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Arts of the amendments it had requested;
- (B) Insertion of the learning outcomes for the Postgraduate Diploma;
- (C) Market research being undertaken to assess level of demand.
- (ii) That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Arts, acting on its behalf, had subsequently taken Chair's Action to approve the revised proposal for an MA in Global History, as set out in AGSC 6/07-08 (revised);
- (iii) That the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, had subsequently taken Chair's Action to approve in principle the revised proposal for an MA in Global History, as set out in AGSC 6/07-08 (revised), noting that the revised proposal would be considered by the Board at its next meeting.

Note: Paper AGSC 6/07-08 (revised) was considered under New Course Proposals (minute 57(a)/07-08 below).

# (b) Faculty of Medicine

(i) <u>Postgraduate Diploma in Implant Dentistry (minute GCFM 36/05-06 refers)</u>

# REPORTED:

- (A) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine, at its meeting on 9 May 2006, <u>resolved</u> that the proposal for revisions to the title of the Postgraduate Diploma in Ethics and Practice of Implant Dentistry and the available exit qualifications of MSc in Implant Dentistry, as set out in paper GCFM43/05-06, be approved as listed below:
  - (1) Postgraduate Diploma in Ethics and Practice of Implant Dentistry change to Postgraduate Diploma in Implant Dentistry;
  - (2) That students enrolled on the MSc Implant Dentistry be permitted to exit at Certificate level after one year of study or at Diploma level after two years of study.
- (B) That the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, had subsequently taken Chair's action to approve the change in title from Postgraduate Diploma in Ethics and Practice of Implant Dentistry to Postgraduate Diploma in Implant Dentistry with effect from May 2006.

# (c) Faculty of Science

(i) <u>Postgraduate Certificate and Award in Transferable Skills (minutes</u> 10(j)/07-08 and 29(d)/07-08 refer)

# REPORTED:

(A) That at its meeting on 11 October 2007, the Board <u>resolved</u> that the proposal, course specification and Course Regulations for

the new course 'Postgraduate Certificate in Transferable Skills', as set out in papers SGS.67(b)-(d)/06-07), be approved, subject to:

- (1) The title being amended to the 'Warwick Interdisciplinary Science Postgraduate Certificate in Transferable Skills' throughout the course proposal paperwork;
- (2) The introduction of a Postgraduate Award as an exit qualification;
- (3) The appointment of an external examiner to the Board of Examiners.
- (B) Subsequently, it was reported to the Board on 15 November 2007 that MOAC had agreed to the title for the new 'Postgraduate Certificate in Transferable Skills' (papers SGS.67(b)-(d)/06-07)) being amended to 'Postgraduate Certificate in Transferable Skills in Science' and would shortly submit the amended paperwork;
- (C) That the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, had subsequently taken Chair's action to approve the revised proposal for the 'Postgraduate Certificate in Transferable Skills in Science' (paper SGS 67(d)/06-07 (revised));
- (D) That the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, had subsequently taken Chair's action to approve the new proposal for the introduction of a 'Postgraduate Award in Transferable Skills in Science' (paper SGS 25/07-08), noting that the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Science had already taken Chair's action to approve it.

# (d) Faculty of Social Studies

(i) <u>Institute of Education (minute GFSS 4(b)/07-08 refers)</u>

- (A) That at its meeting on 23 October 2007, it was reported to the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Studies that its Chair had taken Chair's action, on its behalf, to approve the following:
  - The proposal to introduce a variant to the Postgraduate Certificate in Innovation in Education for Middle Level Leaders (paper GFSS.286/06-07[revised]);
  - (2) The proposal to introduce a variant to the Postgraduate Certificate in Innovation in Education for Newly Qualified Teachers (paper GFSS.289/06-07[revised]);
  - (3) A proposal to change the name of the Postgraduate Certificate in Innovation in Education to recognise the different SSAT programmes (paper GFSS.319/06-07):
    - (a) Postgraduate Certificate in Innovation in Education (Middle Level Leaders) (paper GFSS.286/06-07[revised]);

- (b) Postgraduate Certificate in Innovation in Education (Newly Qualified Teachers) (paper GFSS.289/06-07[revised]);
- (c) Postgraduate Certificate in Innovation in Education (Developing Leaders) (paper GFSS.317/06-07);
- (d) Postgraduate Certificate in Innovation in Education (Lead Practitioners) (paper GFSS.316/06-07);
- (e) Postgraduate Certificate in Innovation in Education (Primary Developing Leaders) (paper GFSS.315/06-07).
- (B) That the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, had subsequently taken Chair's action to approve the proposals listed under (A) (1-3) above, subject to approval by the Collaborative, Flexible and Distributed Learning Sub-Committee.

# (ii) School of Health and Social Studies (minute GFSS 4(f)/07-08 refers)

- (A) That at its meeting on 23 October 2007, it was reported to the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Studies that its Chair had taken Chair's action, on its behalf, to approve the proposal to revise the assessment on the MA Social Work (GFSS.318/06-07);
- (B) That the Chair of the Board had subsequently taken Chair's action, on behalf of the Board, to approve the proposal to revise the assessment on the MA Social Work (GFSS.318/06-07).

# 47/07-08 Reports from the Chairs of the Graduate Studies Committees

# **RECEIVED:**

Oral reports from the Chairs of the Graduate Studies Committees, noting that the Chairs would welcome additional guidance being issued to departments on the appropriateness of seeking approval by Chair's action for different types of course/module proposals and the setting of deadlines during the year by which such proposals should normally be received.

# **RESOLVED:**

That the Chair and the Graduate School Office consider this request in conjunction with the Teaching Quality Unit and the Academic Quality and Standards Committee.

# 48/07-08 Postgraduate Committee and Students' Union

# REPORTED:

That the following student representatives had been appointed by each of the Boards of the Faculties from amongst the departments in that Faculty:

(a) Faculty of Arts: Lucy Ayrton

(b) Faculty of Medicine: David Metcalfe

- (c) Faculty of Social Studies: Quincy Diep
- (d) Faculty of Science: Stephanie Liggins

#### RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Education Officer.

49/07-08 <u>Guidelines on the Supervision and Monitoring of Postgraduate Research Students</u> (minutes 14/07-08 and 36/07-08 and AQSC 35/07-08 refer)

#### REPORTED:

That the Academic Quality and Standards Committee, at its last meeting, approved the updated *Guidelines on the Supervision and Monitoring of Postgraduate Research Students* be approved as set out in paper BGS 5/07-08 (revised).

50/07-08 <u>Amendment to Regulation 15 for Higher Doctorates (minute 19/07-08 refers)</u>

#### REPORTED:

That the Board, at its last meeting, resolved that a proposal for amendment to Regulation 15 be considered at the next meeting of the Board, noting that the Higher Doctorate should only be awarded to candidates whose work represents a sustained and distinguished contribution to their subject.

# CONSIDERED:

- (a) A background paper for the proposed amendments to Regulation 15 (paper BGS 36/07-08);
- (b) Proposed amendments to Regulation 15 (paper BGS 27/07-08).

#### RECOMMENDED:

That the proposed amendments to Regulation 15, as set out in Paper BGS 27/07-08, be approved.

51/07-08 Graduate School ASDAR and University Strategy (minute 10(f)/07-08 refers)

# CONSIDERED:

The key recommendations made in the Graduate School's ASDAR (paper BGS 28/07-08).

#### RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Board and the Graduate School should continue to have an overview of taught postgraduate provision.
- (b) That consideration be given to how best to streamline consideration of taught postgraduate course and module approval business by the committee structure, noting that the Chair would be bringing forward to a future meeting a proposal for the integration of a number of processes relating to postgraduate provision.
- (c) That the Graduate School give some thought to facilitating informal meetings

of Directors of Graduate Studies and Directors of Research Degrees across departments.

(d) That it be noted that most student handbooks were already online but that some were restricted to members of the department concerned. This model was the preference of student representatives present at the meeting as it helped to avoid confusion. However, consideration could be given to making the handbooks accessible to all University staff in the interests of sharing good practice.

# 52/07-08 PhD in Multidisciplinary Studies

#### CONSIDERED:

An in-principle proposal for the introduction of a PhD in Multidisciplinary Studies (paper BGS 29/07-08).

#### RESOLVED:

That the initial proposal be welcomed and the administrative and funding arrangements be developed further before the proposal is reconsidered by the Board.

# 53/07-08 Postnominals

#### CONSIDERED:

- (a) A summary of the responses were received from universities on their current use of postnominals for sub-degree courses (paper BGS 30/07-08);
- (b) A proposal to amend Ordinance 13 (paper BGS 31/07-08).

#### RECOMMENDED:

That the proposal to amend Ordinance 13, as set out in paper BGS 31/07-08, be approved.

# 54/07-08 Guide to Examinations for Higher Degrees by Research (minute 30(d)/07-08 refers)

#### CONSIDERED:

Proposed revisions to the *Guide to Examinations for Higher Degrees by Research* (paper BGS 32/07-08, noting that only Parts I-III were circulated to the Board, since Part IV solely reproduced the relevant University Regulations).

#### RESOLVED:

That the proposed revisions to the *Guide to Examinations for Higher Degrees by Research*, as set out in paper BGS 32/07-08, be approved, subject to the following amendments:

- (a) That, for the purposes of determining whether a thesis should be examined by two external examiners, a member of staff be defined as someone holding membership of a department in accordance with Ordinance 10(1);
- (b) That information about the confidentiality of the work submitted be included in the letters sent to the examiners.

- (c) That the Board supported the move to electronic submission of the final version of the thesis for storage by the Library in the institutional repository.
- (d) That the Graduate School be asked to consider the introduction of a requirement that students submit the thesis electronically for examination.

# 55/07-08 Course Approval Form (AQSC minute 32(a)/07-08 refers)

#### REPORTED:

- (a) That the Academic Quality and Standards Committee, at its meeting on 21 November, had <u>recommended</u> to the Senate that proposed amendments to the Course Approval form to require more detailed information from departments about the external advice taken during the development of new and restructured courses be approved as set out in paper AQSC 19/07-08, subject to minor amendments proposed during the meeting;
- (b) That the Senate, at its meeting on 5 December, had approved the proposed amendments to the Course Approval form.

# 56/07-08 <u>Institute of Advanced Study (IAS) PhD Student Workshop Funding Competition</u> 2007-08

#### RECEIVED:

- (a) Information on the Institute of Advanced Study (IAS) PhD Student Workshop Funding Competition 2007-08 (paper BGS 33/07-08);
- (b) PhD Student Workshop Funding Competition Application Form 2007-08 (paper BGS 34/07-08), noting that the information and application form are also available on the IAS webpage at <a href="http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross-fac/ias/phdworkshopfunding2007/">http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/cross-fac/ias/phdworkshopfunding2007/</a>.

# 57/07-08 New Course Proposals

#### CONSIDERED:

A paper setting out recommendations for the approval of new courses (paper BGS 35/07-08 (revised)), as follows:

(a) Faculty of Arts

#### MA in Global History (minute 39/07-08 refers)

- (i) That at its last meeting, the Board <u>resolved</u> that the proposal for an MA in Global History <u>not</u> be approved, noting that the Board would consider it for approval at the next meeting of the Board subject to:
  - (A) Approval from the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Arts of the amendments it had requested;
  - (B) Insertion of the learning outcomes for the Postgraduate

# Diploma:

- (C) Market research being undertaken to assess level of demand.
- (ii) That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Arts, acting on its behalf, had subsequently taken Chair's Action to approve the revised proposal for an MA in Global History, as set out in AGSC 6/07-08 (revised);
- (iii) That the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, had subsequently taken Chair's Action to approve in principle the revised proposal for an MA in Global History and the course specification, as set out in AGSC 6/07-08 (revised).

#### CONSIDERED:

The revised proposal for an MA in Global History (paper AGSC 6/07-08 (revised)).

# **RESOLVED:**

That the revised proposal for an MA in Global History, as set out in paper AGSC 6/07-08 (revised), be approved, subject to the receipt of a completed Part 2 form.

# (b) Faculty of Medicine

(i) MSc Medical Leadership

- (A) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine, at its meeting on 23 October 2007, considered a proposal for a new masters programme entitled "MSc Medical Leadership" as set out in papers DMAP 2-5/07-08.
- (B) That it was reported to that Committee that:
  - (1) That the programme would include either a professional project or a dissertation:
  - (2) That detailed comments had already been provided by the DMAP Committee and that these amendments had not yet been made to the proposal.
- (C) That that Committee <u>resolved</u> that:
  - (1) Professor Peter Spurgeon should be named as cocourse leader for the programme:
  - (2) The amendments proposed by the DMAP Committee should be made to the course proposal documentation;
- (D) That that Committee <u>recommended</u> to the Board that subject to the amendments detailed above the proposal for a new masters programme entitled "MSc Medical Leadership" be approved as set out in papers DMAP 2-5/07-08;

(E) That the amendments requested by the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine had subsequently been made and approved by the Chair of that Committee, acting on its behalf.

# **CONSIDERED:**

The proposal for a new Masters programme entitled "MSc Medical Leadership" as follows:

- (F) Course proposal form (paper DMAP 2/07-08 (revised));
- (G) Course Specification (paper DMAP 54/07-08);
- (H) Module proposal forms (papers DMAP 3/07-08 (revised), DMAP 4/07-08 (revised), DMAP 5/07-08 (revised)), noting that each module would also form a Postgraduate Award with the same title.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the proposal for a new Masters programme entitled "MSc Medical Leadership" be approved subject to receipt of a completed Part 2 form and a signed copy for the MSc and provision of Postgraduate Award forms (parts 1 and 2) for each of the separate Postgraduate Awards.

# (ii) MSc Lingual Orthodontics

- (A) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine, at its meeting on 23 October 2007, considered a proposal for a new Masters programme entitled "MSc Lingual Orthodontics" as set out in papers DMAP 6-11/07-08.
- (B) That it was reported to the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine that:
  - (1) That there was support for a new programme in Lingual Orthodontics from the British Lingual Orthodontic Society (BLOS);
  - (2) That there was strong demand for such a programme evidenced by interest shown in a possible programme at recent meetings;
  - (3) That there were only 2 other courses available internationally at present.
- (C) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine <u>resolved</u> that:
  - (1) A course specification should be completed for the programme:
  - (2) A fee form should be completed, it being noted that the proposed fee was in line with that for the Masters in Implant Dentistry;

- (3) The learning outcomes should be revised in accordance with the issues highlighted at the meeting;
- (4) The amendments to the proposal flagged by the DMAP Committee should be made.
- (D) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine <u>recommended</u> to the Board that subject to the recommendations above the proposal for a Masters programme entitled "MSc Lingual Orthodontics" be approved as set out in papers DMAP 6-11/07-08.
- (E) That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine had subsequently taken Chair's action to approve the proposal as set out in the following papers:
  - (1) Course proposal form (paper DMAP 7/07-08 (revised);
  - (2) Course Specification (paper DMAP 50/07-08);
  - (3) Module proposal forms (papers DMAP 8/07-08 (revised), DMAP 9/07-08 (revised), DMAP 10/07-08 (revised), DMAP 11/07-08 (revised), and DMAP 51/07-08), noting that Paper DMAP 6/07-08 was no longer required.

#### CONSIDERED:

The proposal for a new Masters programme entitled "MSc Lingual Orthodontics" as set out in the Course proposal form (paper DMAP 7/07-08 (revised)) and Course Specification (paper DMAP 50/07-08).

## RESOLVED:

That the proposal for a new Masters programme entitled "MSc Lingual Orthodontics", as set out in the Course proposal form (paper DMAP 7/07-08 (revised)) and Course Specification (paper DMAP 50/07-08), be approved, subject to clarification of the course structure as set out in question 6, the receipt of a completed Part 2 form and a signed copy.

(iii) Module and Postgraduate Award in Techniques and Applications of Molecular Biology

- (A) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine, at its meeting on 23 October 2007, considered a proposal for a new module and postgraduate award entitled "Techniques and Applications of Molecular Biology" as set out in papers DMAP 20-22/07-08;
- (B) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine <u>resolved</u> that the format of the one hour viva assessment should be clarified:
- (C) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine <u>recommended</u> to the Board that subject to the clarification noted above, the proposal for a new module and postgraduate award entitled "Techniques and Applications of

Molecular Biology" be approved as set out in papers DMAP 20-22/07-08:

(D) That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine, acting on its behalf, had subsequently taken action to approve the proposal on receipt of satisfactory clarification.

## CONSIDERED:

The proposal for a new module and postgraduate award entitled "Techniques and Applications of Molecular Biology" (papers DMAP 20/07-08 (revised) and 21-22/07-08).

# RESOLVED:

That the proposal for a new module and postgraduate award entitled "Techniques and Applications of Molecular Biology", as set out in papers DMAP 20/07-08 (revised) and 21-22/07-08, be approved subject to clarification of the rationale for the course length and submission of a signed copy.

(iv) Module and Postgraduate Award: Kidney: An Endocrine Organ

# REPORTED:

- (A) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine, at its meeting on 23 October 2007, considered a proposal for a new module and postgraduate award entitled "Kidney: An Endocrine Organ" as set out in papers DMAP 23-25/07-08;
- (B) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine <u>recommended</u> to the Board that the proposal for a new module and postgraduate award entitled "Kidney: An Endocrine Organ" be approved as set out in papers DMAP 23-25/07-08;
- (C) That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine had subsequently taken action to approve the revised proposal.

#### CONSIDERED:

The proposal for a new module and postgraduate award entitled "Kidney: An Endocrine Organ" (papers DMAP 23/07-08 (revised) and DMAP 24-25/07-08).

# **RESOLVED:**

That the proposal for a new module and postgraduate award entitled "Kidney: An Endocrine Organ", as set out in papers DMAP 23/07-08 (revised) and DMAP 24-25/07-08), be approved subject to reconsideration of the course title, confirmation that CVs for non-Warwick staff have been approved, clarification of the rationale for the course length and submission of a signed copy.

# (v) Module and Postgraduate Award: Renal Transplantation

#### REPORTED:

- (A) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine, at its meeting on 23 October 2007, considered a proposal for a new module and postgraduate award entitled "Renal Transplantation" as set out in papers DMAP 26-28/07-08:
- (B) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine <u>recommended</u> to the Board that the proposal for a new module and postgraduate award entitled "Renal Transplantation" be approved as set out in papers DMAP 26-28/07-08:
- (C) That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine had subsequently taken action to approve the revised proposal.

#### CONSIDERED:

The proposal for a new module and postgraduate award entitled "Renal Transplantation" (papers DMAP 26/07-08 (revised) and 27-28/07-08).

#### RESOLVED:

That the proposal for a new module and postgraduate award entitled "Renal Transplantation", as set out in papers DMAP 26/07-08 (revised) and 27-28/07-08), be approved subject to confirmation that CVs for non-Warwick staff have been approved, clarification of the rationale for the course length and submission of a signed copy.

(vi) <u>Module and Postgraduate Award: A Systems Approach to Patient</u> Safety

- (A) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine, at its meeting on 23 October 2007, considered a proposal for a new module and postgraduate award entitled "A Systems Approach to Patient Safety" as set out in paper DMAP 86/06-07;
- (B) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine <u>resolved</u> that:
  - (1) That the proposal should be amended in line with the recommendations of the DMAP Committee:
  - (2) That a PGA approval form should be completed in addition to the module approval form.
- (C) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine recommended to the Board that subject to the

amendments noted above, the proposal for a new module and postgraduate award entitled "A Systems Approach to Patient Safety" be approved as set out in paper DMAP 86/06-07:

(D) That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine had subsequently taken action to approve the revised proposal.

#### CONSIDERED:

The proposal for a new module and postgraduate award entitled "A Systems Approach to Patient Safety" (paper DMAP 87/06-07 (revised)), noting that the paper number cited in the minutes of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine was incorrect.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the proposal for a new module and postgraduate award entitled "A Systems Approach to Patient Safety", as set out in paper DMAP 87/06-07 (revised)), be approved subject to receipt of the full PGA form (parts 1 and 2) and submission of a signed copy.

(vii) <u>Module and Postgraduate Award: Clinical Systems Improvement Tools & Techniques</u>

#### REPORTED:

- (A) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine, at its meeting on 23 October 2007, considered a proposal for a new module and postgraduate award entitled "Clinical Systems Improvement Tools & Techniques" as set out in paper DMAP 88/06-07;
- (B) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine <u>resolved</u> that:
  - (1) That the proposal should be amended in line with the recommendations of the DMAP Committee:
  - (2) That a PGA approval form should be completed in addition to the module approval form.
- (C) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine <u>recommended</u> to the Board that subject to the amendments noted above, the proposal for a new module and postgraduate award entitled "Clinical Systems Improvement Tools & Techniques" be approved as set out in paper DMAP 88/06-07;
- (D) That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine had subsequently taken action to approve the revised proposal.

# CONSIDERED:

The proposal for a new module and postgraduate award entitled "Clinical Systems Improvement Tools & Techniques" (paper DMAP 88/06-07 (revised)).

# **RESOLVED:**

That the proposal for a new module and postgraduate award entitled "Clinical Systems Improvement Tools & Techniques", as set out in paper DMAP 88/06-07 (revised), be approved subject to submission of the full PGA form (parts 1 and 2) and submission of a signed copy.

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