

**FACULTY BOARD OF PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY**

A meeting was held on Friday 22 June 2012 in the Hoyle Committee Room, Institute of Astronomy.

There were present: Mrs VR Bennett (Secretary), Professor GT Burstein, Dr C Ducati, Professor GF Gilmore, Professor AL Greer, Mr RAC Hay, Professor PC Hewett, Dr HRN Jones, Dr W Nolan, Dr JM Riley, Professor D Ritchie, Professor M Thomson

Apologies were received from: Professor C Abell, Professor SM Best, Dr MJ Duer, Professor D Frenkel, Ms J Hlavacek-Larrondo, Mr V Oleinikovas, and Professor WJ Stirling

**MINUTES****Unreserved Business****12501 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2012 were approved.

**12502 Matters arising from the minutes**

There were none.

**12503 Code of Practice: Reasonable Adjustments for Disabled Students**

The Board received for information, as paper FB/12503, a copy of a draft code of practice from the Head of Educational and Student Policy.

The Faculty Board commented on the detailed operation of the code, in particular (in paragraph 18) the statement regarding 3-hour examinations. It was noted that it is no longer the norm in secondary education for pupils to sit such long exams. However, members of the Board reported that special measures were in place in departments to allow students to familiarise themselves with this process, and the feeling was that - with this assistance - the 3-hour examination should be retained.

The Board also noted that the code as written seemed to refer mainly to undergraduate students. It was felt that more references to graduate students and their particular issues (eg either with the written dissertation, or in the oral/viva examination) could be incorporated in the code of practice.

It was agreed to feed these points back to the Educational and Student Policy section.

**12504 Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of Management for the Natural Sciences Tripos**

The Board received for information, as paper FB/12403, a copy of the unreserved minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Management for the Natural Sciences Tripos held on 1 May 2012. No Departments had any points they wished to raise.

- 12505      **New Experimental Astrophysics building**  
With reference to the notice in *Reporter* of 7 June 2012, the Board noted with thanks the receipt of benefactions from Mr HW Battcock (£1.5m) and from the Wolfson Foundation (£1m) towards the costs of the new building for Experimental Astrophysics, and approved retrospectively the naming of the building as the Battcock Centre for Experimental Astrophysics.
- 12506      **Students' issues**  
There were none.
- 12507      **Any other business**  
There was none.

**Date of next meeting:** Friday, 26 October 2012 at 14:15