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### MINUTES

#### Unreserved Business

13401 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2013 were approved.

13402 **Matters arising from the minutes**

There were none.

13403 **Dates of meetings for 2013-14**

The following dates were agreed:

20 September 2013  
*(Degree Committee only)*  
25 October  
22 November (& Annual  
Meeting)

17 January 2014  
14 February  
28 March  
30 May  
27 June

13404 **Students' issues**

There were none.

13405 **Any other business**

There was none.



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13406R **Minutes**

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13407R **Matters arising from the minutes**

There were none.

13408R **Honorary Professorships**

The Board noted that information about the General Board's scheme had been circulated to Departments within the Faculty for consideration. No proposals had been received from Departments by the deadline.

13409R **Retention of Sabbatical Credit**

The Board received, as paper FB/13409R, a request from Professor James Stirling for Professor David Ritchie to be allowed to retain sabbatical leave credit arising from his appointment as Deputy Head of the Department of Physics. The request was duly approved.

13410R **Faculty Promotions Committee Membership**

The Faculty Board was asked to appoint the membership of the Faculty Promotions Committee for the 2014 exercise. It was noted that traditionally this had been chaired by the Chair of the Faculty Board and included the Heads of Departments plus two other professors from each of Chemistry and Physics and one other from each of Astronomy and Materials Science.

The following nominations were agreed:

- (Chair) Professor GF Gilmore – IoA
- Professor PC Hewett - IoA
- Professor D Frenkel - Chemistry
- Head of Department- - MSM tbc
- Head of Department - Physics tbc
- Professor CJ Clarke - IoA
- Professor S Balasubramanian - Chemistry
- Professor DS Wright - Chemistry
- Professor C Haniff - Physics
- Professor N Cooper - Physics

The Secretary was asked to confirm the nomination of the second member for the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy.

13411R **Senior Research Associate in the Institute of Astronomy**

The Faculty Board approved the appointment of Dr Ewald Puchwein as Senior Research Associate, with effect from 1 October 2013, subject to the usual University probationary period.

13412R **Head of Department Search – Department of Physics**

Professor Best tabled a report from the Faculty Board nomination group, together with timeline, setting out the process followed. It was noted that the process had included consultation with all members of staff, including support staff.

The Faculty Board unanimously agreed to endorse the recommendation of the group that Professor A Parker be nominated to the General Board to serve as the next Head of Department from 1 August 2013 to 30 September 2018.

The Board was informed that Professor Parker had specifically requested that the nomination be announced to all staff in the Department as soon as possible, and it was agreed that Mr Hay would circulate a message on behalf of the Chairman to this effect, making it clear that the nomination was subject to General Board approval.

The Faculty Board recorded its thanks to the members of the nomination group for its work in running the selection process on an unusually short timescale: positive feedback had been received from both School and Pro-Vice-Chancellor level.

13413R **Any other reserved business**

There was none.