



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

FACULTY BOARD OF PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY

A meeting was held on **Friday 21 November 2014**
in the Committee Room, Hoyle Building, Institute of Astronomy, Madingley Road

There were present: Professor SM Best, Professor M Blamire, Dr M Duer, Professor D Frenkel, Professor GF Gilmore (Chair), Professor CA Haniff, Mr RAC Hay, Mrs M Howe (Secretary), Dr HRN Jones, Dr KM Knowles, Professor MA Parker, Professor M Thomson, Mr T Wenzel with Ms L Friday in attendance.

Apologies were received from: Professor C Abell, Dr C Ducati, Professor AC Fabian, Dr W Nolan, and Dr JM Riley.

MINUTES

Unreserved Business

14701 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 2014 were approved.

14702 **Matters arising from the minutes**

i. Student Elections 2014 (minute 14610i)

It was noted that there was confusion over the one possible nomination which had been received by the deadline of 18 November, but it was hoped there would be an undergraduate representative from 1 January 2015.

14703 **National Student Survey 2014**

The Board received, as paper FB/14704 the results of the National Student Survey for 2014, distributed by the Educational and Student Policy office. It was noted that virtually all comments for Departments listed were positive, but students felt that they were being expected to work too hard, and were too often asked for feedback. The results had been circulated to departments already and Physics reported that it would be more useful if students could be surveyed at the end of their course ie the end of Part III rather than Part II.

14704 **NST Maths Report**

The NST Maths Report was with Teaching Committees in Departments, who were encouraged to take it seriously.

14705 **Students' issues**

The graduate representative commented in relation to the NSS outcomes that students coming to Cambridge ought to be aware that they would be expected to work hard.

14706 **Any other business**

The student representative was thanked for his contribution to the work of the Board over the past year.



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Reserved Business

14707R **Minutes**

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14708R **Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising.

14709R **Proposal for a Deputy Chairman of the Faculty Board**

The Board approved the proposal for a Deputy Chairman and agreed that Professor Daan Frenkel would fill this role for a year, after which the need would be reassessed.

14710R **Membership of the Search Committee for a new Head of the Department of the Institute of Astronomy**

The Board approved the following nominations for membership of the Search Committee:

Professor Peter Haynes

Professor Cathie Clarke

Professor Christopher Haniff

Professor Max Pettini

The Committee is to report to the Faculty Board in Easter Term 2015.

14711R **Senior Research Associate in the Department of Material Science and Metallurgy**

The Faculty Board received papers in support of the appointment of Dr Shgh (Steve) Woei Ooi to Senior Research Associate, with effect from 1 December 2014 and approved this.

14712R **Senior Research Associate in the Department of Physics**

The Faculty Board received papers in support of the promotion of Dr Christopher Braithwaite to Senior Research Associate, with effect from 1 November 2014. This was duly approved.

14713R **Any other reserved business**

The Board noted that the Faculty Board of Biological Sciences had raised concerns about the process by which new UTOs were seen to have met probation

requirements. It was anticipated that there would be a formalisation of the conditions they were expected to meet.