



## FACULTY BOARD OF PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY

A meeting was held on **Friday 28 June 2013**  
in the Committee Room, Hoyle Building, Institute of Astronomy, Madingley Road

There were present: Professor GF Gilmore (Chair), Mrs VR Bennett (Secretary), Professor GT Burstein, Dr C Ducati, Dr MJ Duer, Professor AL Greer, Mr RAC Hay, Professor PC Hewett, Dr HRN Jones, Dr JM Riley, Professor D Ritchie.  
And Professor J Robertson (Observer – Engineering).

Apologies were received from: Professor C Abell, Professor SM Best, Professor D Frenkel, Dr W Nolan, Professor WJ Stirling, Professor M Thomson.

### MINUTES

#### Unreserved Business

The Board congratulated Dr Ducati on her promotion to Reader with effect from 1 October 2013.

13601 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 May 2013 were approved.

13602 **Matters arising from the minutes**

There were none.

13603 **Committee of Management for the Natural Sciences Tripos**

The Board received, as paper FB/13603, a copy of the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2013. The Board noted in particular items under minutes 693) viii (Institute of Physics accreditation) and 694) (review of mathematics teaching).

Under 693, Professor Ritchie reported that the Department of Physics was pleased to receive the recommendation that external examiners also review Part IB papers. However, the current external examiners had been consulted and had not been enthusiastic. The Department was considering how best to take this recommendation forward.

Under 694), it was reported that membership of the working party was still in the process of being finalised.

13604 **Co-option of a new Member of the Faculty Board in Class (c)**

The Board had received Professor Ritchie's resignation as a member in Class (c) with effect from 30 September 2013. In line with the provisions set out in Statutes & Ordinances (pp 577-578) it was proposed that a replacement be co-opted to serve until the end of the calendar year. Professor CA Haniff had been nominated by the Department of Physics to replace Professor Ritchie, and was duly co-opted.

It was noted that the vacancy would be filled formally through election at the Annual Meeting, with the new appointee's tenure running for the remainder of Professor Ritchie's period of appointment (31 December 2014).

13605     **Students' issues**  
          There were none.

13606     **Any other business**  
          There was none.



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#### Reserved Business

13607R **Minutes**

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13608R **Matters arising from the minutes**

- i. Faculty Promotions Committee Membership (minute 13410R & 13507R)  
It was noted that Professor Cooper would be taking up an EPSRC Fellowship in 2013-14, and so would no longer be able to serve on the Committee. Professor Henning Sirringhaus had been nominated by the Department of Physics, and was duly appointed.

13609R **Senior Research Associate in the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy**

The Faculty Board received papers in support of the promotion of Dr Nicholas G Jones to Senior Research Associate. The Board noted the case made by the Head of Department in support of the promotion and duly approved the appointment with effect from 1 August 2013, subject to the usual University probationary period.

13610R **Senior Research Associate in the Department of Physics**

The Faculty Board received papers in support of the promotion of Dr F Sfigakis to Senior Research Associate, with effect from 1 July 2013, and the appointment of Dr AP Jardine from 1 October 2013.

The appointments were duly approved, subject to the usual University probationary period.

13611R **Deputy Heads in the Department of Physics**

The Board had been notified by the Department of Physics that the position of Deputy Head (Finance and Resources) would become vacant on 1 August 2013 when Professor MA Parker assumed the Headship of the Department, and that of Deputy Head (Teaching) on 1 October 2013, when Professor DA Ritchie's current tenure ended.

The Department proposed to ask the General Board to appoint Professor RT Phillips as Deputy Head (Finance and Resources) from 1 August 2013 to 30

September 2016, and Professor CA Haniff as Deputy Head (Education) from 1 October 2013 to 30 September 2016.

The nominations were duly approved.

13612R **Any other reserved business**

There was none.

The Board noted that this was the final meeting for Professor Greer, Professor Ritchie and Professor Stirling, and thanked them for serving on the Board and making a valuable contribution to its business.