



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

FACULTY BOARD OF PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY

A meeting was held on **Friday 22 November 2013**
in the Committee Room, Hoyle Building, Institute of Astronomy, Madingley Road

There were present: Dr M Duer (Acting Chair), Mrs VR Bennett (Secretary), Professor SM Best, Professor GT Burstein, Dr C Ducati, Professor AC Fabian, Professor CA Haniff, Mr RAC Hay, Dr HRN Jones, Professor MA Parker and Dr JM Riley.

Apologies were received from: Professor C Abell, Professor M Blamire, Professor D Frenkel, Professor GF Gilmore, Dr W Nolan, and Professor M Thomson.

MINUTES

Unreserved Business

- 13901 **Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2013 were approved.
- 13902 **Matters arising from the minutes**
*i. Guide to Supervisions in the Physical Natural Sciences (minute 13806)
It was noted that all Departments in the Faculty had reviewed the document, and it would be posted on the Faculty website in due course.
- ii. Student Elections 2013 (minute 13810i)
It was noted that two nominations for the graduate student representative had been received by the deadline of 19 November, and there would therefore be an election on 26 November.
- 13903 **Committee of Management for the Natural Sciences Tripos**
The Board received, as paper FB/13903, a copy of the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2013. Members were pleased to read (in minutes 694 & 703) that progress was being made with the review of mathematics teaching.
- 13904 **National Student Survey 2013**
The Board received, as paper FB/13904 the results of the National Student Survey for 2013, distributed by the Educational and Student Policy office. The varying comments from students in different departments within the Faculty were noted. It was noted that the results had been circulated to departments already and it was agreed to ask Teaching Committee Chairs to send any comments direct to the Educational and Student Policy office by the beginning of Lent Term 2014, as requested.
- 13905 **Careers Service Destination of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) data**
The Board received, as paper FB/13905, the results of the annual survey of DLHE data conducted by the University Careers Service. It was noted that the General Board's Education Committee had asked whether it would be helpful for the Faculty Board to receive this data on a regular basis in order to inform it, for example, when reviewing course content.
Board members agreed that it would be more appropriate for the data to go direct to Departments, automatically on a regular basis.

- 13906 **Observers from other Faculty Boards**
The Board noted that Dr Colm Durkan had been appointed as the observer for the Faculty Board of Engineering.
- 13907 **Students' issues**
There were none.
- 13908 **Any other business**
There was none.