



# UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

## FACULTY BOARD OF PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY

A meeting was held on **Friday 17 January 2014**  
in the Committee Room, Hoyle Building, Institute of Astronomy, Madingley Road

There were present: Professor GF Gilmore (Chair), Mrs VR Bennett (Secretary), Professor C Abell, Professor SM Best, Professor M Blamire, Professor GT Burstein, Dr C Ducati, Dr MJ Duer, Professor AC Fabian, Professor CA Haniff, Mr RAC Hay, Dr HRN Jones, Dr W Nolan, Mr T Wenzel.

And Dr Colm Durkan (Observer – Engineering)

Apologies were received from: Professor D Frenkel, Professor MA Parker, Dr JM Riley, Dr A Strange, Professor M Thomson.

### MINUTES

#### Unreserved Business

#### 14101 Minutes

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

#### 14102 Matters arising from the minutes

##### i. Student Elections 2013 (minute 13810i and 13902ii)

It was noted that two nominations had been received for the graduate student representative position. Mr T Wenzel (PHY) had won the election held on 26 November. The Chair had offered to allow the other candidate, Mr V Kachanov (MSM) to attend Faculty Board meetings as an observer. The two undergraduate positions had not been filled. Mr Wenzel was welcomed to the meeting.

#### 14103 Committee of Management for the Natural Sciences Tripos

- i. The Board received, as paper FB/14103i, a copy of the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2013.
- ii. The Board received, as paper FB/14103ii, a copy of the Annual Report for 2012-13.

There were no comments on either paper.

#### 14104 General Board Learning and Teaching Review of the Institute of Astronomy

The Board noted that a Learning and Teaching Review of the IoA was scheduled for 2014-15. A tabled paper was received with nominations for the membership of the Review Committee for this exercise, produced in consultation with the Chair of the Teaching Committee of the Institute of Astronomy. The Chair was in the process of confirming with the nominees that they were willing to serve on the Review Committee. The nominations were duly approved.

No special terms of reference were proposed.

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**Membership**

\*i. Faculty Board membership in class (b) (minute 13807)

The Board noted that the Council, on the recommendation of the General Board, had agreed to reappoint Dr Melinda Duer from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2015.

ii. Faculty Board membership in class (d) (minute 13808)

Following item 14105i above, the Faculty Board approved the co-option of Mrs VR Bennett, Dr C Ducati, and Dr HRN Jones to serve for the calendar year.

\*iii. Observers

The Board noted that Dr Adam Strange had been re-appointed as the observer for the Faculty Board of Earth Sciences and Geography. The observers for the Syndicate of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology, Biology, and Mathematics were still to be confirmed.

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**Students' issues**

Mr Wenzel raised the following two points:

- i. It was suggested that it would be helpful to create an overview of all student representation across the School of the Physical Sciences. This might be developed in conjunction with the CUSU Education Officer and included in departmental handbooks. It was agreed that Mr Wenzel would produce a draft.
- ii. The Researcher Development training programme was felt to be very generic, and it was suggested that work could be done on developing other topics. Mr Hay pointed out that the Department of Physics regularly discussed such issues at its Graduate Student Consultative Committee. Further work could be done on ensuring consultation across all departments in the Faculty.

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**Any other business**

There was none.