



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

FACULTY BOARD OF PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY

A meeting was held on **Friday 15 January 2016**
in the Committee Room, Hoyle Building, Institute of Astronomy, Madingley Road

There were present: Dr P Barker, Professor SM Best, Professor M Blamire, Ms M Danowska, Dr C Ducati, Professor MJ Duer, Professor AC Fabian, Professor GF Gilmore (Chairman), Professor CA Haniff, Mrs M Howe (Secretary), Dr HP Hughes, Dr HRN Jones, Dr KM Knowles, Mr R Parthipan, Dr JM Riley.

Apologies were received from: Mr RAC Hay, Dr W Nolan, Professor MA Parker, Professor JA Pyle, Ms S Sharma and Professor T Wilkinson (Observer – Engineering)

MINUTES

The Chairman welcomed Drs Barker and Hughes and the new student representatives to the meeting. He also thanked Mr Robert Hay, who had announced his departure, for all his valuable contributions to the work of the Board and the Degree Committee over many years.

Unreserved Business

16101 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2015 were approved.

16102 Matters arising from the minutes

i. Student Elections 2015 (minute 15611i)

It was noted that two nominations had been received for undergraduate student representative positions and one for the postgraduate position. Ms Magda Danowska and Mr Raghul Parthipan would therefore be the undergraduate representatives and Ms Shruti Sharma the graduate representative from 1 January 2016 for one year.

The student representatives present were welcomed to the meeting.

16103 Membership

i. Faculty Board membership in class (b) (minute 15605)

The Board noted that the Council, on the recommendation of the General Board, had agreed to reappoint Professor MJ Duer from 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2017.

ii. Faculty Board membership in class (d) (minute 15606)

Following item 16103i above, the Faculty Board approved the co-option of Dr C Ducati, Mrs M Howe and Dr HRN Jones to serve for the calendar year.

iii. Observers

a) The Board noted that Professor Paul Townsend had been appointed as the observer for the Faculty Board of Mathematics and Professor Townsend was welcomed to the meeting. The observers for the Syndicate of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology and for Biology were still to be confirmed.

b) Dr Kevin M Knowles was approved as Observer to the Faculty Board of Mathematics.

- 16104 **Faculty/Departmental Governance (minutes 15610 and 15703)**
The Board noted the response from the School to the consultation on the General Board's paper on the future of Governance for Faculties and Departments.
- 16105 **Teaching and Learning Reviews**
i. The Board noted that the proposed review of the Department of Physics would be deferred to 2017-18 (minute 15706).

ii. The Board noted the content of the report of the Review Committee for the Institute for Astronomy. Once the Department had responded the report, together with the response, would be circulated to other relevant Boards and Degree Committees drawing attention in particular to the potential future inter-departmental courses which might be possible in Exo-subjects (Review p17, para 8.5).
- 16106 **Students' issues**
There were no particular issues for discussion though Ms Danowska commented on the excellent feedback coming from particular Chemistry courses.
- 16107 **Any other business**
There was none.