A meeting was held on Friday 27th February 2009 in the Committee Room, Institute of Astronomy. There were present:

Professor R.T. Phillips (Chairman), Professor G.F. Gilmore, Mr R.A.C. Hay, Dr H.R.N. Jones, Dr W. Nolan, Mr A. Norman, Ms A. Quider, Dr J.M. Riley, Professor J. Robertson, Professor C.V. Robinson, and Mr P.M. Aslin (Secretary of Faculty Board.)

Apologies were received from Professor C. Abell, Dr J.R. Batley, Dr S.M. Best, Professor G.T. Burstein, Mr J. Foerster, Professor A.L. Greer, Ms J. Horsley, Professor W. Jones, Professor R.C. Kennicutt, Professor P.B. Littlewood, and Professor D.R. Ward.

MINUTES

09201 Minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on 30th January 2009 were approved.

09202 Matters arising from the minutes
(a) Minute 09106 MPhil in Scientific Computing
It was noted that a revised proposal is in preparation and will be put to the Faculty Board at the next meeting.

09203 Natural Sciences Tripos: Annual Report and Examinations statistics 2008
The Annual Report of the Committee of Management for the NST and tables of examination class distributions were received. Proposed changes in the governance of the NST were noted but the Faculty Board had no comments at this stage.

09204 Students' issues
No issues were raised.

09205 Any other business
There was no further business.

09206 Manager of the Sims Fund
Professor D.A. Ritchie was appointed to serve for four years to 31 December 2012.

09207 Senior Research Associate in the Department of Chemistry
Approval was granted for the appointment of Dr Anthony Bugaut to Senior Research Associate in the Department of Chemistry with effect from 1st April 2009.

09208 Senior Research Associate in the Department of Chemistry
Approval was granted for the appointment of Dr Raphael Rodriguez to Senior Research Associate in the Department of Chemistry with effect from 1st April 2009.