A meeting was held on Friday 24th April 2009 in the Committee Room, Institute of Astronomy. There were present:

Professor G.F. Gilmore (Acting Chairman), Dr S.M. Best, Professor G.T. Burstein, Mr J. Foerster, Professor A.L. Greer, Mr R.A.C. Hay, Dr H.R.N. Jones, Professor W. Jones, Professor P.B. Littlewood, Dr W. Nolan, Ms A. Quider, Dr D.M.A. Stuart and Mr P.M. Aslin (Secretary of Faculty Board.)

Apologies were received from Professor C. Abell, Dr J.R. Batley, Professor R.C. Kennicutt, Mr A. Norman, Professor R.T. Phillips, Dr J.M. Riley, Professor C.V. Robinson, and Professor D.R. Ward.

MINUTES

09301 Minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2009 were approved.

09302 Matters arising from the minutes
There were no matters arising from the minutes.

09303 MPhil in Scientific Computing
A revised proposal is in preparation and will be put to the Faculty Board at the next meeting.

09304 Institute of Continuing Education
The Report of the General Board on Diplomas and Certificates awarded by the Institute of Continuing Education and other bodies and a report arising from the General Board’s strategic review of the Institute of Continuing Education were received. The Faculty Board will be asked to endorse relevant courses before they become University awards. The only relevant certificate is in Astronomy.

09305 Students’ issues
The Board of Graduate Studies has a code of practice for graduate research degrees. This has been advisory but the intention is to enforce it with effect from October 2009. The Board invites comments on the code and this has been sent to the Degree Committee but will also be put the Faculty Board at the next meeting in order to give the student representatives an opportunity to comment.

09306 Any other business
There was no further unreserved business.

09307 Honorary Professorships
No nominations were put forward.
Senior Research Associate in the Institute of Astronomy
Approval was granted for the appointment of Dr Stephen Hancock to Senior Research Associate in the Institute of Astronomy with effect from a date to be determined.

Senior Research Associate in the Department of Physics
Approval was granted for the appointment of Dr Jurjen Winkel to Senior Research Associate in the Department of Physics with effect from a date to be determined.

Senior Research Associate in the Department of Physics
Approval was granted for the appointment of Dr Michael Niggemann to Senior Research Associate in the Department of Physics with effect from a date to be determined.