

FACULTY BOARD OF PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY

A meeting was held on Friday 2nd October 2009 in the Committee Room, Institute of Astronomy. There were present:

Professor R.T. Phillips (Chairman), Mr P.M. Aslin, Dr J.R. Batley, Professor S.M. Best, Professor G.F. Gilmore, Professor A.L. Greer, Mr R.A.C. Hay, Dr H.R.N. Jones, Professor R.C. Kennicutt, Dr W Nolan, Dr J.M. Riley.

Apologies were received from Professor C. Abell, Professor G.T. Burstein, Professor W. Jones, and Professor P.B. Littlewood.

MINUTES

09501 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2009 were approved.

09502 Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

09503 Learning and Teaching Review of the Institute of Astronomy

The Faculty Board received the Report of the General Board's Review Committee which conducted the Learning and Teaching Review of the Institute of Astronomy. The Report was very positive overall and the Faculty Board had no comments to make. It was noted that the Department is formulating a response.

09504 The Bologna Process and Master's Provision

The Board received a briefing paper from the International Office on recent developments in the Bologna Process and the implications for Masters provision in the UK. Despite reassurances in the paper that the measure of value of courses should be learning outcomes rather than course duration, the Board were concerned that the University is still being complacent. It is already evident that PhD admission across much of Europe doesn't recognise the integrated Masters as sufficient preparation. This is a national issue, not specific to Cambridge, but is nevertheless something the University should address.

09505 Students' issues

There were no issues raised

09506 Matters arising from the Minutes

(i) Minutes 09409. Faculty Promotions Committee

It was noted that the Secretaryship of the Faculty Promotions Committee has been changed from Andrea Turrell to Paul Aslin.

09507 Membership of the Faculty Board in class (b)

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09508 Hamilton Prize

Dr Bill Allison was appointed an examiner for the Hamilton Prize.

09509 Senior Research Associate in the Department of Chemistry

Approval was granted for the promotion of Dr Peter Braesicke to Senior Research Associate in the Department of Chemistry with effect from 1 October 2009.

09510 Headship of the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy

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09511 Senior Research Associate in the Department of Chemistry

Approval was granted for the promotion of Dr Michael Casford to Senior Research Associate in the Department of Chemistry with effect from 1 October 2009.

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