A meeting was held on Friday 4th December 2009 in the Committee Room, Institute of Astronomy. There were present:

Professor R.T. Phillips (Chairman), Mr P.M. Aslin, Professor C. Abell, Dr J.R. Batley, Professor S.M. Best, Professor G.T. Burstein, Dr H.R.N. Jones, Professor R.C. Kennicutt, Dr W. Nolan, and Mr A. Norman.

Apologies were received from Professor G.F. Gilmore, Professor A.L. Greer, Mr R.A.C. Hay Mr. J. Foerster, Professor W. Jones, Professor P.B. Littlewood, Ms A. Quider, Dr J.M. Riley and Dr D.M.A. Stuart.

MINUTES

09701 Minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2009 were approved.

09702 Matters arising from the minutes
There were no matters arising from the minutes.

09703 Election of Student members of the Faculty Board
The election of the following students was noted for the calendar year 2010:

Class f (I) Postgraduate
Anna Quider Churchill PhD Astronomy

Class f (II) Undergraduate
Frederik Floether Homerton Part II Physics
David Newgas Pembroke Part II Physics

Frederik Floether has agreed to serve on the NST Management Committee for 2010 as this Faculty’s student representative.

Andrew Norman asked about the prospect of electronic voting with a view to increasing participation. The Secretary confirmed that the Education Section do anticipate the introduction of a system to allow on-line voting in Faculty Board elections in the near future and that this Faculty expects to participate in such a scheme when it is available.

09704 Observers from other Faculty Boards
It was noted that the following observers have been appointed for the calendar year 2010:

Biology Dr M. Carrington
Earth Sciences & Geography Ms J Horsley
Engineering Prof. J. Robertson
Mathematics Dr. D.M.A. Stuart
Chemical Engineering Dr. A.F. Routh
Proposed changes to the membership of the Senate
The Faculty Board confirmed support for the proposed amendment to Statute A which would confer membership of the Senate to holders of all Masters degrees of the University, including M.Sci and M.A.St.

Students' issues
There were no matters arising from the student representatives. The Chairman acknowledged that this was the last meeting of the term of membership of the student representatives and thanked them for their attendance and contributions to the Faculty Board.

Headship of the Department of Physics

Any other business
There was no further business.

These items remain Reserved