

## FACULTY BOARD OF PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY

A meeting was held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010 in the Committee Room, Institute of Astronomy. There were present:

Professor G.F. Gilmore (Chairman), Mr P.M. Aslin, Professor C. Abell, Dr J.R. Batley, Professor S.M. Best, Professor G.T. Burstein, Dr. M.J. Duer, Mr. F. Floether, Professor A.L. Greer, Mr R.A.C. Hay, Dr H.R.N. Jones, Professor R.C. Kennicutt, Dr W. Nolan, Ms A. Quider, Dr J.M. Riley and Professor D.R. Ward.

Apologies were received from Professor W. Jones and Professor P.B. Littlewood.

### MINUTES

#### 10101 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009 were approved.

#### 10102 Matters arising from the minutes

##### b) Minute 09507 Membership of the Faculty Board in class (b)

It was noted that the Council have appointed Dr M. J. Duer as a member of the Faculty Board in class (b) from 1 January 2010 until 31 December 2011 and she has agreed to serve.

##### c) Minute 09610 Co-option of members of the Faculty Board in class (d)

Mr P. M. Aslin and Dr H.R.N. Jones were co-opted to the Faculty Board for the calendar year 2010.

#### 10103 Natural Sciences Tripos: Annual Report and Examinations statistics 2009

The Faculty Board received the Annual Report of the Committee of Management of the Natural Sciences Tripos and also the NST Examination Statistics. The Board had no particular comments to make on either but did detect what appears to be an error in the data of one of the tables. In the distribution of Part II classes 2005-9 the data for Chemistry 2006 seems wrong. The Secretary was asked to notify the NST Secretary. [Afternote: The error was confirmed and corrected by the NST Secretariat. The corrected table is available from the Secretary.]

#### 10104 Name change Materials Science undergraduate courses

Approval was granted to the change of name of undergraduate courses in NST Parts IB, II and III from "Materials Science and Metallurgy" to "Materials Science". It was noted that there is no intention to propose a change to the name of the Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy.

#### 10105 Certificate awarded by the Institute of Continuing Education

The Board were willing to support the principle of a Certificate of Higher Education in Astronomy, provided by the Institute of Continuing Education, on grounds of the University's commitment to public engagement and widening participation. However, insufficient information was provided from which to judge the academic merit of the course. The Board

agreed to endorse the course subject to the provision of additional information to the satisfaction of the Director of the Institute of Astronomy.

10106 Students' issues

There were no matters arising from the student representatives.

10107 Senior Research Associate at the Department of Physics

Approval was granted to the promotion of Dr Bojan Nikolic to Senior Research Associate with effect from 1 February 2010.

10108 Any other business

There was no further business.

10109 Tata Steel Fund

The managers of the recently established Tata Steel Fund are the Head of Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy and the Tata Steel Professor ex-officio plus one person appointed by the Faculty Board. The Board felt it would be appropriate for the third manager to be external to the Department of Materials Science and so agreed to appoint the Chair of the Faculty Board ex-officio. If a future Chair of the Faculty Board is a Materials Scientist then the Board would expect to make an alternative appointment. Therefore Professor Gilmore was appointed in the first instance to serve while he continues to Chair the Faculty Board or until 30 September 2014 whichever is sooner.

10110 General Board Learning and Teaching Reviews

It was noted that General Board Learning and Teaching Reviews of the Departments of Physics and Materials Science and Metallurgy are due during the academic year 2010-11. The Faculty Board had no issues to raise or special terms of reference to suggest for these reviews.

10111 Head of Department of Materials Science and Metallurgy

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