A meeting was held on Friday 5th March 2010 in the Committee Room, Institute of Astronomy. There were present:

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

Apologies were received from Dr J.R. Batle y, Professor G.T. Burstein, Mr. F. Floether, Professor W. Jones, Dr J.M. Riley, and Professor J Robertson

MINUTES

10201 Minutes
The minutes of the meeting held on 29th January 2010 were approved.

10202 Matters arising from the minutes

Minute 10105 Certificate awarded by the Institute of Continuing Education
Following receipt of further information the Faculty Board's endorsement was given to the ICE Certificate of Higher Education in Astronomy, although it was noted that the course should not be expected to prepare students for degree-level study in the physical sciences. As a result of the Faculty Board’s response the Education Committee have not approved the Certificate of Higher Education in Astronomy and have asked the ICE to review the programme specification to make it clear how the learning outcomes would be achieved.

10203 Changes to NST Part II Regulations
It was noted that the Chairman and Secretary on behalf of the Faculty Board have approved proposed changes to the NST Regulations to remove the Option A and Option B distinction within NST Part II for the subjects within this Faculty.

10204 Students' issues
There were no matters arising from the student representatives.

10205 Any other business
There was no further business.

10206 Matters arising from reserved business

R Minute 10111 Process for the selection of Heads of Department

10207 Any other reserved business
There was no further business.

R* These items remain Reserved