

FACULTY BOARD OF PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY

A meeting was held on Friday 1st October 2010 in the Committee Room, Institute of Astronomy. There were present:

Professor G.F. Gilmore (Chairman), Professor C. Abell, Mr P.M. Aslin, Professor S.M. Best, Professor G.T. Burstein, 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, Dr J.M. Riley and Professor D.R. Ward.

Apologies were received from Dr J.R. Batley, Dr. M.J. Duer, Mr. F. Floether, Professor W. Jones and Ms A. Quider.

MINUTES

10501 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2010 were approved.

10502 Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

10503 European Credit Transfer Scheme for Masters courses

The Chairman summarised the responses received from three Departmental Teaching Committees and commented that more rigorous justification of the ECTS credit for Masters (particularly integrated masters) courses is necessary. The Physics response indicated the Teaching Committee would be reviewing the matter this term. Heads of Departments of Astronomy and Chemistry were asked to task their Teaching Committees to do the same with a view to discussing the matter again at the next Faculty Board meeting.

10504 Winton Fund for the Physics of Sustainability

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10505 Students' issues

It was noted that Frederik Floether has been working with the CUSU Education Officer on expanding the roles of and support for student representatives.

10506 Any other business

Learning and Teaching Reviews

Professor Littlewood reported that a student representative from the Faculty of Law had been appointed to the General Board's Learning and Teaching Review Committee for the review of the Department of Physics due this academic year. The Materials Science Review Committee also has a student member. This is apparently a new policy. The Faculty Board agreed that it would be more appropriate to include a student from a more closely related discipline and asked the student representative to establish whether nominations had been made by CUSU and if so what their policy was regarding how student members of Review Committees are appointed. The Board will consider at the next meeting whether to recommend to the

Education Committee an alternative means of nominating student members of Review Committees.

- 10507 Senior Research Associate in the Department of Chemistry
It was noted that the Chairman and Secretary, on behalf of the Faculty Board, have approved the appointment of Dr John Skidmore as a Senior Research Associate in the Department of Chemistry from 12th July 2010.
- 10508 Progression from Part II to Part III
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- 10509 Hamilton Prize
Professor Stafford Withington was nominated as an examiner for the Hamilton Prize.
- 10510 Membership of the Faculty Board in class (b)
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- 10511 Isbel Fletcher Garden Fund Managers
Professor Paul Hewett was reappointed as an Isbel Fletcher Garden Fund Manager for four years from 1 October 2010.
- 10512 Sims Fund Managers
Dr David Jefferson was reappointed as a Sims Funds Manager for four years from 1 January 2011.
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