

FACULTY BOARD OF PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY

A meeting was held on Monday 8th November 2010 in the Committee Room, Institute of Astronomy. There were present:

Professor G.F. Gilmore (Chairman), Professor C. Abell, Mr P.M. Aslin, Dr J.R. Batley, Dr J. Bellingham, Professor S.M. Best, Dr. M.J. Duer, Mr. F. Floether, Mr R.A.C. Hay, Dr H.R.N. Jones, Professor W. Jones, Professor R.C. Kennicutt, and Ms A. Quider.

Apologies were received from Professor G.T. Burstein, Professor A.L. Greer, Professor P.B. Littlewood, Mr D. Newgas, Dr W. Nolan, Dr J.M. Riley and Professor D.R. Ward.

MINUTES

10601 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2010 were approved.

10602 Matters arising from the minutes

(i) Minute 10503. European Credit Transfer Scheme for Masters courses

A statement was received from the Institute of Astronomy. The Physics teaching committee had had an inconclusive discussion on the issue and believed there is some confusion about what is required or the strategy for tackling the issue. There was no report from the Chemistry Teaching Committee. The Board agreed to submit the statements received from Materials and Astronomy and to seek further guidance from the Education Section if more justification is required.

(ii) Minute 10506. Learning and Teaching Reviews

The Faculty Board were content to learn that CUSU is nominating sabbatical officers for membership of Learning and Teaching Review Committees because of the time commitment required and so that the individuals can build up valuable experience by participating in several reviews. The Board expressed appreciation to David Newgas for following up on this question and obtaining the information.

10603 Election of student members of the Faculty Board

It was noted that the election of student members of the Faculty Board will take place on Tuesday 30th November 2010, with the closing date for nominations on 23rd November. An online voting system, developed by CUSU, is now available and this Faculty has expressed an interest in participating in piloting the system.

10604 National Student Survey 2010

The Board had no comment to make on the National Student Survey but noted that the results had been circulated to Teaching Committees.

10605 Students' issues

There were no matters arising from the student representatives.

- 10606 Any other business
There was no further business.
- 10607 Election of the Chairman of the Faculty Board for 2011
Professor G.F. Gilmore was elected Chairman of the Faculty Board for the calendar year 2011.
- 10608 Appointment of a member of the Council of the School of the Physical Sciences
Professor G.F. Gilmore was appointed a member of the Council of the School of the Physical Sciences for the calendar year 2011.
- 10609 Co-option of members of the Faculty Board in class (d)
Under item 10510 three nominations were made for a single appointment by the Council in class (b). These were Dr Julia Riley, Dr Howard Jones and Mr Paul Aslin. It was now agreed to co-opt whichever two of these three are not appointed by the Council as members in class (d) for the calendar year 2011.
- 10610 Observers on other Faculty Boards
The following observers were appointed to serve on the Faculty Boards stated for the calendar year 2011:
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| Biology | Dr M.J. Duer |
| Earth Sciences and Geography | Mr P.M. Aslin |
| Engineering | Professor G. T. Burstein |
| Mathematics | Professor M. Thomson |
- 10611 Membership of Appointments Committees
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- 10612 Pilkington Teaching Prize
R*
- 10613 Sackler Fund for Astronomy
Prof A.C. Fabian was appointed to serve for four years from 1 January 2011.
- 10614 Headship of the Department of Chemistry
R*
- 10615 Notice of benefaction
R*
- 10616 Any other reserved business
There was no further reserved business.
- R*** These items remain Reserved