

FACULTY BOARD OF PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY

A meeting was held on Friday 28th January 2011 in the Committee Room, Institute of Astronomy. There were present:

Professor G.F. Gilmore (Chairman), Mr P.M. Aslin, Professor S.M. Best, Dr. M.J. Duer, Mr. F. Floether, Professor A.L. Greer, Mr R.A.C. Hay, Dr H.R.N. Jones, Professor W. Jones, Professor R.C. Kennicutt, Mr J. Norris, Dr J.M. Riley, Professor D. Ritchie, Professor J. Robertson and Professor M. Thomson.

Apologies were received from Professor C. Abell, Professor G.T. Burstein, Professor P.B. Littlewood, Dr W. Nolan and Ms J. Hlavacek-Larrondo.

MINUTES

11101 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2010 were approved.

11102 Matters arising from the minutes

It was noted that Dr Julia Riley had been appointed by the Council as a member of the Faculty Board in class (b) for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2012.

11103 NST Part III entry requirements

The Faculty Board approved the arrangements proposed by each Department for the consideration of special cases for admission to NST Part III and noted that appeals against decisions made by these Departmental panels would be sent to the Faculty Board to be considered by the Chairman plus at least two other members of the Board.

11104 NST Annual Report and Examination Statistics

The Board received the NST Annual Report and examination statistics and had no comment to make. The Secretary was asked to check whether the full cohort tracking data which had been distributed in previous years is still available.

11105 Students' issues

The undergraduate student representatives raised some concerns over the variability of lecturers styles and quality of presentation. There was some discussion of the issues and the student representatives agreed to provide a summary of their concerns and suggestions which the Secretary could then pass on to Departmental Teaching Committees for consideration. It was also suggested that this might be an issue which the UCU rep could raise during the forthcoming Learning and Teaching Reviews of the Departments of Physics and Materials Science and Metallurgy.

11106 Any other business

There was no further business.

- 11107 Senior Research Associate at the Department of Chemistry
Approval was granted for the promotion of Dr Leila Luheshi as a Senior Research Associate in the Department of Chemistry with effect from 1st February 2011.
- 11108 Senior Research Associate at the Department of Chemistry
Approval was granted for the promotion of Dr Rebecca Myers as a Senior Research Associate in the Department of Chemistry with effect from 1st February 2011.