

## FACULTY BOARD OF PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY

A meeting was held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011 in the Hoyle Committee Room, Institute of Astronomy. There were present:

Professor G.F. Gilmore (Chairman), Mr P.M. Aslin (Secretary), Professor S.M. Best, Dr C. Ducati, Dr. M.J. Duer, Mr. R.A.C. Hay, Ms J. Hlavacek-Larrondo, Dr H.R.N. Jones, Dr W. Nolan, Professor D. Ritchie, and Professor W.J. Stirling, and Professor M. Thomson.

Apologies were received from Mr. F. Floether, Professor A.L. Greer, Professor W. Jones Professor R.C. Kennicutt, Mr J. Norris, and Dr J.M. Riley.

### MINUTES

11401 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2011 were approved.

11402 Matters arising from the minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

11403 Items dealt with under Chairman's action

It was noted that the Chairman has taken the following actions between meetings on behalf of the Faculty Board:

**R\*** (i) Deputy Heads in the Department of Physics

(ii) Examination arrangements for NST Part II Experimental and Theoretical Physics

Approved changes in the examination arrangements for NST Part II Experimental and Theoretical Physics from 2011-12, as proposed by the Physics Teaching Committee.

(iii) Examination arrangements for NST Part II Astrophysics

Approved changes in the examination arrangements for NST Part II Astrophysics from 2011-12, reducing the number of papers from five to four to give equal weight to all courses.

11404 Learning and Teaching Review of the Department of Physics

The Faculty Board received the Report of the Review Committee for the Department of Physics. The Report was very positive overall and a credit to the Department. It was noted that group working has been started in Part IB practicals in time for the forthcoming IoP review and it has been popular with the students.

The Secretary was asked to encourage the NST Committee to take the lead on reviewing the provision of mathematics teaching as recommended in sections 24 and 25.

11405 Students' issues

No issues were raised.

11406 Any other business

There was no further business.

11407 Senior Research Associate at the Department of Physics

The Faculty Board approved the promotion of Dr Vladislav Stolyarov as a Senior Research Associate in the Department of Physics with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011.

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