



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

FACULTY BOARD OF PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY

A meeting was held on Friday 23 November 2012 in the Hoyle Committee Room, Institute of Astronomy.

There were present: Professor GF Gilmore (Chair), Mrs VR Bennett (Secretary), Professor C Abell, Professor GT Burstein, Dr C Ducati, Mr RAC Hay, Professor PC Hewett, Dr W Nolan, Professor D Ritchie, Professor WJ Stirling and Professor M Thomson.

Apologies were received from: Professor SM Best, Dr MJ Duer, Professor D Frenkel, Professor AL Greer, Dr HRN Jones, Dr JM Riley, and Mr V Oleinikovas.

MINUTES

Unreserved Business

- 12701 **Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2012 were approved.
- 12702 **Matters arising from the minutes**
The Chairman reported that the deadline for nominations for the Student Elections had passed, and no nominations had been received. It was agreed that the Secretary would write to the Student Union Education Officer and ask if the role of Faculty Board representative could be publicised more actively in future to encourage greater participation.
- *12703 **Items dealt with under Chairman's action**
- (i) **Membership of the NST Management Committee**
It was noted that the Chairman had approved the re-appointment of Dr James Keeler and Professor David Ritchie as members of the NST Management Committee for three years from 1 January 2013.
- 12704 **National Student Survey 2012**
The Board received, as paper FB/12704, copies of the results of the above survey. The General Board's Education Committee request for the data to be considered in an appropriate forum, such as Departmental Teaching Committee or Staff Student Liaison Committee, and with Directors of Studies was noted. Minutes of departmental discussions were to be returned to the Faculty Board, and passed back to the Educational and Student Policy office by the beginning of the Lent Term.
- 12705 **Recommendations for the on-going Training of Supervisors**
The Board received, as paper FB/12705, a letter from the Chair of the Senior Tutors' Standing Committee on Education setting out recommendations for the above. It was agreed that the proposal was of greater relevance at departmental level, and the Faculty Secretary would circulate the letter for departmental Teaching Committees to discuss and comment on.
- *12706 **Observers from other Faculty Boards**
It was noted that Observers had been appointed for 2013 as follows:

Syndicate of Chemical Engineering and
Biotechnology
Biology
Earth Sciences and Geography
Engineering
Mathematics
School of the Physical Sciences

tbc

Professor M Carrington

tbc

Professor J Robertson

tbc

Dr Jim Bellingham (ex officio)

12707 **Students' issues**
There were none.

12708 **Any other business**
There was none.

Date of next meeting: Friday, 25 January 2013 at 14:15