



UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

FACULTY BOARD OF PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY

A meeting was held on **Friday 14 February 2014**
in the Committee Room, Hoyle Building, Institute of Astronomy, Madingley Road

There were present: Dr MJ Duer (Acting Chair), Mrs VR Bennett (Secretary), Professor SM Best, Professor M Blamire, Dr C Ducati, Professor AC Fabian, Professor CA Haniff, Mr RAC Hay, Dr HRN Jones, Professor MA Parker, Dr W Nolan, Mr T Wenzel.
And Dr Colm Durkan (Observer – Engineering)

Apologies were received from: Professor C Abell, Professor GT Burstein, Professor D Frenkel, Professor GF Gilmore, Dr JM Riley, Dr A Strange, Professor M Thomson.

MINUTES

Unreserved Business

- 14201 **Minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2014 were approved, subject to a minor correction.
- 14202 **Matters arising from the minutes**
General Board Learning and Teaching Review of the Institute of Astronomy (minute 14204)
It was reported that insufficient nominations had been put forward for the membership of the Review Committee. A paper was tabled containing additional names, and these were duly endorsed by the Board.
- 14203 **National Student Survey (minute 13904)**
The Board received for information, as paper FB/14203, an extract from the unconfirmed minutes of the Department of Physics' Teaching Committee held on 6 December 2013 with the Department's response to the National Student Survey. The comments were noted.
- 14204 **CamCORS supervision data for 2012-13**
The Board received, as paper FB/14204a and FB/14204b, data drawn from CamCORS on supervisions given in 2012-13. It was noted that this had been circulated to Colleges and departmental contacts in the Faculty, who had been asked to review the data in the light of supervision norms.

Representatives from the Departments of Physics and Chemistry reported that the data was in line with supervision norms. It was agreed to receive further feedback from other Departments, as relevant.
- 14205 **Students' issues**
There were none.
- 14206 **Any other business**
Professor Haniff drew to the Board's attention the General Board requirement that examiners' reports be considered as unreserved business on Faculty Boards (with comments referring to individual students being excised, if necessary, in order to preserve anonymity), and for Faculty Boards to make External Examiners' reports and any response to them available to students.

Members of the Faculty Board reported that in the past, owing to the nature of the Natural Sciences Tripos, it had been felt that the responsibility for disseminating feedback from examiners reports lay primarily with the NST Management Committee and individual departments.

It was agreed that the Secretary should consult with the NST secretariat and report back to a future meeting of the Faculty Board.