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Meeting **BOARD OF STUDIES FOR THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE**  
Place Council Chamber  
Date Wednesday 3 March 2010 at 2.15pm

Present Professor G R Burton Mr T Major (student representative)  
Dr B Delgado-Charro Professor G A McCusker  
Mr J A Crawshaw (student representative) Dr E O'Neill  
Professor J J Faraway Dr A J Power  
Dr M V Hejmadi Professor G J Price  
Dr R Hooley Dr I Walker  
Dr A C Jeffries Professor P J Willis  
Professor C Jennison (Chair) Dr C Wilson  
Dr I V Kamotski Dr D Wolverson  
Professor J C Knight Dr B Yalabik

Mrs E F Bird (Secretary)

Apologies for absence were received from:

Dr I S Blagbrough Mr A Pool (student representative)  
Dr F R Laughton Professor R M Tyrrell  
Dr W M Megill Professor I H Williams

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**4930 MEMBERSHIP**

The Board agreed to co-opt Professor David Bird as a member of the Board for the rest of this academic session. Professor Bird took up his appointment as Dean-designate from 1 March 2010. He will be the Dean of Science from 1 August 2010.

**4931 MINUTES**

The Board approved the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2010 (papers 79/80).

**4932 MATTERS ARISING**

**M4907 Individual Mitigating Circumstances (IMCs)**

The Board noted that there had been a meeting on 21 January 2010 with Directors of Studies and Department Administrators about IMCs and IMCS Panels. This was a very constructive meeting and would be repeated after the end of Semester 2 in July.

Members of the Board who had been involved in IMCs Panels agreed that the process had run smoothly, although a considerable amount of work was involved in the process. It was noted that the IMCs guidelines had assisted the process.

It was agreed that the Faculty Teaching & Quality Committee would be asked to consider various borderline hypothetical cases of IMCs to share good practice and support equity of treatment across the Faculty.

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**M4914 MRes and MSc programmes in the Department of Biology & Biochemistry**

The Board noted that Senate had granted initial approval to the establishment of these new programmes at its last meeting on 10 February 2010.

**M4917 Ethical Implications of Research Activity**

The Board noted details of actions that had been taken in the Department of Pharmacy & Pharmacology (paper 81).

The procedures for the consideration of the ethical implications of research activity in the Department had been reviewed and a new system of peer review had been introduced. It was noted that one reason for the discrepancy between the number of grants received and those that had been ethically reviewed could be accounted for by a number of travel grants that had been awarded. These were not subject to ethical review.

**4933 FACULTY EXECUTIVE**

The Board received the notes of the meeting held on 12 January 2010 (paper 84).

**4934 FACULTY RESEARCH STUDENTS COMMITTEE**

The Board received the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2010 (paper 61).

Professor Jennison informed the Board that the first round of the allocations for Postgraduate Fees Scholarships had been made. The next round of allocations would include some Fees Scholarships for postgraduate taught students.

**4935 UNIT AND PROGRAMME CHANGES**

The Board noted some unit and programme changes that had been approved by the Chair of the Faculty Teaching & Quality Committee, on behalf of the Board of Studies (paper 86).

**4936 DEPARTMENT MEETINGS**

The Board received minutes from departmental meetings (paper 87/87a).

**Department of Biology & Biochemistry**

27 January 2010

**Department of Pharmacy & Pharmacology**

30 July 2009

4 November 2009.

**Meetings in 2009-10**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
21 April 2010	Wednesday	2.15 pm	Council Chamber
19 May 2010	Wednesday	2.15 pm	3 West 4.7
29 June 2010 <b>(Final Year results)</b>	Tuesday	9.30 am	Council Chamber
9 July 2010 <b>(Progression results)</b>	Friday	9.30 am	Council Chamber
21 September 2010 <b>(Supplementary results)</b>	Tuesday	2.15 pm	Council Chamber