Meeting
BOARD OF STUDIES FOR THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE
Place 1 South 0.01
Date Wednesday 18 May 2016 at 14:15

Present
Professor D M Bird Dean of Science (Chair)
Professor S J Bending Head of Department of Physics
Dr J Bultitude Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
Dr H R Corradi Department of Biology and Biochemistry
Dr J Doughty Department of Biology and Biochemistry
Professor C Frost Head of Department of Chemistry
Dr G Mathlin Department of Physics
Professor P Morters Head of Department of Mathematical Sciences
Dr S J Roser Head of Natural Sciences
Dr D A Taylor Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology
Professor S G Ward Head of Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology
Professor C Wilson Associate Dean (Research)
Professor S Wonnacott Associate Dean (Graduate Studies)

In attendance Mrs M Hallett Faculty of Science (Secretary)
Ms A L Harper Faculty of Science (Observer)

Apologies Dr F Bisset Learning Partnerships Office
Professor C Bowen Faculty of Engineering and Design
Dr A D Burrows Department of Chemistry
Professor F Burstall Department of Mathematical Sciences
Dr A Hayes Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching), Department of Computer Science
Professor R S G Jones Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology
Miss R McMahon Undergraduate student representative
Dr J Nordstrom Department of Mathematical Sciences
Professor E O’Neill Head of Department of Computer Science
Dr J Power Department of Computer Science
Professor R J Scott Head of Department of Biology and Biochemistry
Miss J Walsh PGR student representative
Miss L Woodcock Students’ Union (SU) Sabbatical Officer (Education)
Dr Z Yalabik School of Management

6164 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING ACTION
The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board held on 20 April 2016 (Paper 270).

6165 MATTERS ARISING
There were no matters arising.
CHAIR’S BUSINESS
The Chair brought the following to the attention of the Board:

- Three PhD students from the Faculty of Science had been shortlisted for the Ede and Ravenscroft Prize 2016: Kimberley Gallagher (Chemistry), Milto Miltiadou (Computer Science) and Jack Oyston (Biology and Biochemistry, and that the Prize had been awarded to Jack Oyston.
- The UCU had called for:
  a) Strike action from its members on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th May.
  b) Refusal by its members to work beyond contracted hours (or 37 hours per week for academic staff for whom there are no contracted hours) continuously from 25th May. Heads of Departments would be asked to ensure that during this time all colleagues prioritise assessment.
  c) All External Examiners to resign from their posts, subject to appropriate notice being given (6 months for our taught programmes), and not to take up new posts, which had potential to cause disruption next academic year.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRIZE
The Board approved a new American Alumni Foundation Prize (£250) for best final year project (June 2016) in:
- a) Natural Sciences (Paper 296).
- b) Physics or Maths & Physics (Paper 297).

The Board noted that while the funding was only for one year in the first instance, it was expected to be made an annual award.

STAFF STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (SSLC) MEETINGS
The Board noted the minutes of the following departmental SSLC meetings:
- Department of Computer Science 14 April 2016 (Paper 275).
- Department of Physics 18 November 2015 (Paper 276A), and 24 February (Paper 276B) and 16 March (Paper 276C) 2016.