



Meeting **BOARD OF STUDIES FOR THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE**
Place 1 South 0.01
Date Wednesday 18 November 2015 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 A D Burrows	Department of Chemistry
	Dr H R Corradi	Department of Biology and Biochemistry
	Professor C Frost	Head of Department of Chemistry
	Dr A Hayes	Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching), Department of Computer Science
	Professor C Jennison	Head of Department of Mathematical Sciences
	Professor R S G Jones	Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology
	Dr G Mathlin	Department of Physics
	Miss R McMahon	Undergraduate student representative
	Dr P Mitchell	Natural Sciences (alternate for Dr S J Roser)
	Dr J Power	Department of Computer Science
	Dr D A Taylor	Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology
	Miss J Walsh	PGR student representative
	Professor C Wilson	Associate Dean (Research)
Professor S Wonnacott	Associate Dean (Graduate Studies)	
Miss L Woodcock	Students' Union (SU) Sabbatical Officer (Education)	
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
	Professor F Burstall	Department of Mathematical Sciences
	Dr J Doughty	Department of Biology and Biochemistry
	Dr J Nordstrom	Department of Mathematical Sciences
	Professor E O'Neill	Head of Department of Computer Science
	Dr S J Roser	Head of Natural Sciences
	Professor R J Scott	Head of Department of Biology and Biochemistry
	Professor S G Ward	Head of Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology
Dr Z Yalabik	School of Management	

6062 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

ACTION

The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board held on 7 October 2015 (Paper 68) and there were no matters arising.

6063 CHAIR'S BUSINESS

The Chair reported the following:

- i) There had been problems with the fume cupboard system in 1 South which had

led to the system having to be shut down for 12 days. This could have affected adversely Chemistry PhD students and some undergraduate MChem students undertaking Year 4 research projects. The Department of Chemistry had undertaken appropriate measures to mitigate effects of the shut down on student research. The Head of Department reported that he had communicated directly with undergraduate students regarding the impact of the shut down and the MChem research project Unit Convenor had contacted all students undertaking the unit, including Natural Sciences students.

The Chair explained that evidence had proven that, under certain weather conditions, it was possible for fume cupboard extracts leaving the building via chimneys to be ventilated back in to the building through air intakes. The fume cupboard system was therefore shut down and tests were carried out which proved that the fume extract and air intake systems were working properly. During the shut down period, chemicals were deliberately vented through the fume cupboard system and qualitative measurements from air quality monitoring over a week showed no signs of further recirculation. The Chair commented that similar situations had been experienced by other universities in the past. The Chair reported that appropriate measures had been put in place to safeguard the health and safety of staff and students, while ensuring that work and research could be maintained.

- ii) The timing of 'Let's Talk' (an opportunity to put questions to the Vice-Chancellor and to hear an update on the latest developments affecting the University) was unfortunate since it had coincided with Faculty Boards of Studies.