



Meeting **BOARD OF STUDIES FOR THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE**  
Place 1 South 0.01  
Date Wednesday 20 April 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 A D Burrows	Department of Chemistry
	Professor F Burstall	Department of Mathematical 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 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
	Professor P Morters	Head of Department of Mathematical Sciences
	Dr J Power	Department of Computer Science
Professor R J Scott	Head of Department of Biology and Biochemistry	
Professor C Wilson	Associate Dean (Research)	
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 G Mathlin	Department of Physics
	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
	Dr D A Taylor	Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology
	Miss J Walsh	PGR student representative
	Professor S G Ward	Head of Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology
	Professor S Wonnacott	Associate Dean (Graduate Studies)
	Miss L Woodcock	Students' Union (SU) Sabbatical Officer (Education)
Dr Z Yalabik	School of Management	

**6137 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**ACTION**

The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board held on 24 February 2016 (Paper 221).

**6138 MATTERS ARISING  
M6112 CHAIR'S BUSINESS**

The Board was informed that:

- a) Professor Nick Brook, University College London, had been appointed new

Dean of the Faculty of Science from 1 July 2016. There would be a 1 month hand-over period with the current Dean during July 2016.

- b) Dr Paul Snow, Department of Physics, had been appointed new Head of Natural Sciences and DoT from 1 August 2016 for 3 years.

## 6139 CHAIR'S BUSINESS

The Chair brought the following to the attention of the Board:

- New opportunities in the academic framework:

For implementation from 2017/18, for Year 1 undergraduate programmes, the 36 credit cap on year-long units will be lifted (where a clear pedagogic argument can be made that is convincing for all stakeholders) and the requirement for discrete units to have their own learning outcomes and assessment will be softened by allowing for assessments to be designed to serve more integrative purposes, across, for example, an entire first year of a programme.

For undergraduate Years 2-4, exemption will still need to be sought regarding the 36 credit cap and there will be no softening of the requirement for discrete units.

For postgraduate taught, exemption will still need to be sought regarding the 36 credit cap and the requirement for discrete units.

- The following students from the Faculty of Science had been elected as Students' Union Officers for 2016/17:
  - ❖ Katherine Moynihan (Biology & Biochemistry) had been elected as Activities Officer.
  - ❖ Ben Davies (Computer Science) had been elected as Education Officer.
  - ❖ William Galloway (Mathematical Sciences) had been elected as Sports Officer.
  - ❖ Matt Humberstone (originally from Mathematical Sciences) had been re-elected as Community Officer.

The Chair also congratulated Lucy Woodcock on being elected as Students' Union President.

- The following staff and students from the Faculty of Science had won Academic Representation Awards 2015/16 at the Awards Evening held on 14 April 2016:
  - ❖ Dr Merrilee Hurn (Mathematical Sciences): Personal Tutor of the Year Award.
  - ❖ Dr Fabio Nemetz (Computer Science): Above and Beyond Award.
  - ❖ Dr Euan Spence and Dr Daniel Simpson (Mathematical Sciences): Excellence in Teaching Awards.
  - ❖ Computer Science: SSLC of the Year Award winner.
  - ❖ Mathematical Sciences: SSLC of the Year Award highly commended.
  - ❖ Miss Freya Johnson (Computer Science) and Miss Jenny Munden (Mathematical Sciences): Outstanding Contribution (Academic Rep) Awards.
  - ❖ Miss Roseanna McMahon (Computer Science): Outstanding Contribution (Faculty Rep) Award.
  - ❖ Miss Jenny Munden (Mathematical Sciences) (UG) and Ms Aoibheann Brady (Mathematical Sciences) (PG): Academic Representative of the Year Award.