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
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.