



Meeting **BOARD OF STUDIES FOR THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE**  
Place 1 South 0.01  
Date Wednesday 22 June 2016 at 10:15

Present	Professor D M Bird	Dean of Science (Chair)
	Professor S J Bending	Head of Department of Physics
	Professor A D Burrows	Department of Chemistry
	Professor F Burstall	Department of Mathematical Sciences
	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 J Nordstrom	Department of Mathematical Sciences
	Professor E O'Neill	Head of Department of Computer Science
	Dr J Power	Department of Computer Science
	Dr P Rogers	Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology (alternate for Professor S G Ward)
	Dr S J Roser	Head of Natural Sciences
Professor R J Scott	Head of Department of Biology and Biochemistry	
Professor C Wilson	Associate Dean (Research)	
Dr Z Yalabik	School of Management	
In attendance	Mrs M Hallett	Faculty of Science (Secretary)
	Ms A L Harper	Faculty of Science (Observer)
	Mr Matt Humberstone	Students' Union (SU) Sabbatical Officer (Community) for 2016/17
Apologies	Dr F Bisset	Learning Partnerships Office
	Professor C Bowen	Faculty of Engineering and Design
	Dr J Bultitude	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
	Dr H R Corradi	Department of Biology and Biochemistry
	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 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)	

**6182 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board held on 18 May 2016 (Paper 298).

**6183 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

- 6184 CHAIR'S BUSINESS**  
The Chair had no business to report.
- 6185 BOARD OF STUDIES APPEAL HEARING PANEL MEMBERS**  
The Board approved the Appeal Hearing panel members, in line with Regulation 17 (Paper 300).
- 6186 ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRIZE**  
The Board approved a new Crescendo Biologics Prize (£250) for best MPharmacol placement report (Paper 301).
- 6187 CHANGES TO THE FOREIGN LANGUAGES CENTRE'S (FLC's) OFFER**  
The Board considered the proposed changes to the FLC's offer (Paper 303), in particular proposals to reduce the number of languages offered to eight, to remove 6-credit unit language options and to remove all higher level language classes (i.e. levels 5 and 6). The Board noted that a number of programmes within the Faculty (e.g. Computer Science and Natural Sciences degrees) currently include language units as optional units (not as extra-curricular) and/or as DoS approved units (e.g. Physics and Chemistry degrees). The Board also noted that language units were included across all or multiple years of some programmes (e.g. Natural Sciences and Chemistry degrees). The Board noted that language units have proven popular with both prospective and current students to date. The Board noted the proposal for the removal of 6-credit unit language options to be phased over the next four years and expressed concern, in the light of Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) requirements, that the availability of such language options had already been advertised to prospective students commencing in 2017/18 at recent Open Days.  
The Board therefore agreed that the 6-credit unit language options should be retained, at least in mainstream languages, e.g. French, German, Spanish, beyond 2016/17. The Board requested that the Secretary report this feedback to Maggie Ward Goodbody by the stipulated deadline of 1 July 2016. The SU Officer reported that the SU had been involved in discussions and held mixed views about the proposals.
- 6188 STAFF STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (SSLC) MEETINGS**  
**Department of Biology and Biochemistry**  
The Board noted the minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2016 (Paper 308).  
**Department of Chemistry**  
The Board noted the minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2016 (Paper 309).
- 6189 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**  
There was none.

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