The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board held on 13 January 2016 (Paper 173) and there were no matters arising.

The Chair reminded colleagues to respond to Dr Caroline McMurray in LTEO on the consultation paper on alternative format PhD thesis submissions by the end of March, following which the proposal would be finalised to enable implementation from
2016/17. The Board noted that the consultation paper would be considered by the Faculty Research Students’ Committee at its next meeting. The SU Officer reported that the SU would also be submitting a response.

The Chair reported the following:

a) Expressions of interest in the new Head of Natural Sciences/DoT role had been received from 4 members of academic staff. Interviews would be held in the next few weeks, following which the Faculty would seek to appoint two DoSs, in addition to a separate Admissions Tutor and Senior Tutor.

b) The Senior Academic Appointments Committee would be agreeing its recommendation to Council of the new Dean of Science tomorrow afternoon.