



Meeting **BOARD OF STUDIES FOR THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE**
Place 3 West North, room 3.8
Date Wednesday 7 October 2009 at 2.15pm

Present Professor D M Bird Professor J C Knight
Dr I S Blagbrough Dr F R Laughton
Professor G R Burton Professor G A McCusker
Professor J J Faraway Dr A J Power
Dr M V Hejmadi Dr G J Price
Dr R Hooley Dr I Walker
Dr A C Jeffries Professor I H Williams
Professor C Jennison (Chair) Dr C Wilson
Dr I V Kamotski Dr D Wolverson

Mrs E F Bird (Secretary)

Apologies for absence were received from:

Dr B Delgado-Charro Professor R M Tyrrell
Dr W M Megill Professor P J Willis
Dr E O'Neill Dr B Yalabik

Professor Jennison welcomed Professor Geoffrey Burton and Dr Ilya Kamotski both from the Department of Mathematical Sciences, Dr John Power, Department of Computer Science and a representative from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Dr Ian Walker (Department of Psychology).

Professor David Bird attended the meeting as the alternate for Professor Knight.

4864 DEAN'S BUSINESS

Professor Jennison informed the Board that there should be student representation on the Board at the next meeting in November. Elections for Course and Faculty representatives were being conducted on line by the Students' Union. Elections for SSLC representatives would take place in Weeks 2/3; Faculty representatives in Weeks 5/6.

Professor Jennison congratulated

- Professor Barry Potter, Department of Pharmacy & Pharmacology, with the late Professor Michael Reed from Imperial College London, who had recently been awarded the prestigious 2009 GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) International Achievement Award
- Dr Momna Hejmadi, Department of Biology & Biochemistry, as one of six individuals shortlisted for this year's UK Centre for Bioscience Ed Wood Teaching Award. The award provided national recognition and reward for individual excellence in teaching and supporting student learning in the biosciences.

4865 CHANGES TO UNIVERSITY STATUTES, ORDINANCES AND THE QA CODE OF PRACTICE

The Board noted some recent changes to University Statutes, Ordinances and the QA Code Of Practice (papers 1a-1d).

- **University Statutes** The Board noted that the main change related to a new function of advising and recommending to the Senate on the academic strategy of the School

A member of the Board drew attention to an apparent omission in the University Statutes and Ordinances relating to visiting staff. There was a general lack of clarity about their status, privileges, contracts and remuneration. It was agreed that these issues would be raised with the Office of the Secretariat and the Department of Human Resources.

Secretary

- **University Ordinances** The Board noted revised Statutes in connection with Boards of Studies, Directors of Studies, Groups and SSLCs.
- **Reserved Area Business**
- **Changes to the QA Code of Practice** Professor Jennison drew particular attention to some aspects of the QA Code of Practice Statement relating to the membership of MPhil-PhD transfer panels (QA7 para 10.7); and aspects of the post-viva process (QA7 paras 16.2 and 16.5).

4866 MEMBERSHIP OF UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

The Board noted Faculty membership and Faculty representation on University committees (paper 2). Members were invited to notify the Secretary of any amendments or omissions.

4867 MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2009 (papers 3/4). There were no matters arising.

4868 VACATION POWERS 2009-10 ACADEMIC SESSION

The Board agreed to grant the Dean of Faculty of Science power to act on behalf of the Board of Studies for the Faculty of Science during vacations, and at any other time if required, of the 2009-10 academic session.

Secretary's note: Amendments to the Standing Orders for Boards of Studies, to be approved by Senate on 21 October 2009, include provision for automatic powers for the Chair to take urgent decisions under delegated powers as and when required.

Meetings in 2009-10

Date	Day	Time	Room
25 November 2009	Wednesday	2.15 pm	Council Chamber
20 January 2010	Wednesday	2.15 pm	Council Chamber
3 March 2010	Wednesday	2.15 pm	Council Chamber
21 April 2010	Wednesday	2.15 pm	Council Chamber
19 May 2010	Wednesday	2.15 pm	Venue tbc
29 June 2010 (Final Year results)	Tuesday	9.30 am	Council Chamber
9 July 2010 (Progression results)	Friday	9.30 am	Council Chamber
20 September 2010 (Supplementary results)	Monday	2.15 pm	Council Chamber