

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Academic Quality and Standards Committee

There will be a meeting of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee on Wednesday 22 February 2006 at 9.30am in the Council Chamber, University House.

Note: Questions on agenda items or apologies for this meeting should be directed to the Secretary of the Committee, Darren Wallis, ext 22707, email darren.wallis@warwick.ac.uk, or the Assistant Secretary of the Committee, Julian Moss, ext 74464, email julian.moss@warwick.ac.uk

C E Charlton
University Secretary

SECOND CIRCULATION AGENDA

Items marked # are for discussion. Other items will not be discussed unless requested by a member of the Committee. Members wishing to mark an item for discussion are asked to notify the Secretary prior to the meeting.

#2. Matters Arising

- (a) Quality assurance in WMG (Minute 3/05-06 (vi)(B)+(C) refer)

TO CONSIDER:

A report from Dr A Dowd on progress in WMG on addressing recommendation 8 of the report from the Working Group on Quality Assurance Issues in WMG, and on the distribution of management tasks, **paper AQSC 100/05-06 (copy attached)**.

- (b) National Student Survey 2005 and 2006 (minutes 46(a)/05-06 and 46(b)/05-06 refer)

TO REPORT:

That the username and password for the 2005 National Student Survey dissemination site have been passed to Heads of Department.

TO RECEIVE:

An update on student participation in the 2006 National Student Survey, **paper AQSC 81/05-06 (copy attached)**.

- (e) Faculty of Science: Integrated Masters courses (minute 54/05-06 refers)

TO REPORT:

That the Board of the Faculty of Science at its meeting on 8 February 2006 considered issues regarding integrated Masters courses, in the

light of comments from the Board of Graduate Studies and the Academic Quality and Standards Committee **and resolved**

- (i) **That a group be formed, chaired by Professor Hutton, to consider issues regarding Integrated Masters courses and make recommendations to the Board;**
- (ii) **That this group be empowered to report directly to the meeting of the AQSC on 11th May, having circulated its report to Board members for comment by 21st April.**
(unconfirmed minute)

#4. Annual Course Reviews: Summary Reports

TO CONSIDER:

The following Summaries of Annual Course Review reports:

- (f) **Faculty of Science, Undergraduate courses, paper SFS 67/05-06 (revised) (copy attached);**

#7. Undergraduate Research Scholarship Scheme (URSS)

TO CONSIDER:

A report prepared by Dr Andrew Castley, URSS Coordinator, CAP, on the operation of the Undergraduate Research Scholarship Scheme, **paper AQSC 84/05-06 (to follow)**.

#8. PSRB engagements

Department of Psychology: British Psychological Society

TO RECEIVE:

Confirmation from the British Psychological Society that the BSc (Hons) Psychology and BSc (Hons) Psychology and Philosophy courses have been reaccredited for a five year period, **paper AQSC 99/05-06 (to follow)**.

20. New and Revised Postgraduate Courses

TO REPORT:

That at its meetings on 12 January and 16 February 2006 the Board of Graduate Studies **resolved** to approve the following new and revised courses:

Institute of Education

- (a) MA in 'Educational Leadership and Innovation'.
- (b) Postgraduate Certificate in 'Leading Education Enquiry'.
- (c) PGA in 'Leading Educational Change and Improvement'.
- (d) MA in 'Religious Education by Distance Learning'.

- (e) Postgraduate Certificate in Religious Education.
- (f) MA in Drama and Theatre Education.
- (g) PGA in 'Oracy: Speaking and Listening Across the Curriculum'.
- (h) PGA in 'Assessment for Learning'.
- (i) PGA in 'Foreign Language Teaching Pedagogy and Methodology'.

Centre for Translation and Comparative Cultural Studies

- (j) MA in 'Translation, Media and Cultural Transfer'.

History of Art

- (k) MA in 'The History and Business of Art and Collecting: The Historic and Contemporary Art Markets'.

Warwick Medical School

- (l) PGA in 'Parenting and Child Health'.
- (m) PGA in 'Qualitative and Comparative Research Methods in Health'.
- (n) Change of name from PGA in 'Clinical Governance' to PGA in 'Clinical Quality Improvement and Risk Management.'
- (o) Change of name from PGA in 'Operational Health Services Management' to PGA in 'Introduction to Management in Health Services Organisations'.

21. New and Revised Undergraduate Courses

TO REPORT:

That at its meeting on 15 February 2006 the Board of Undergraduate Studies:

- (a) Reported that the Chair, acting on behalf of the Board, had approved a proposal from the Department of Politics for a new course 'BA/BSc in Philosophy, Politics and Economics with Intercalated Year' for introduction in 2005/06 as set out in paper UFSS 79-81/05-06, it being noted that the Undergraduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies, at its meeting on 18th January 2006, recommended that this proposal be approved subject to the Chair receiving a completed Course Specification Form.
- (b) Resolved that a proposal from the Department of German Studies for a new course 'BA Honours, German with Spanish', be approved for introduction in October 2007 as set out in paper AUSC25/05-06, subject to the submission of Programme Specifications on the current version of the pro-forma.
- (c) Resolved that a proposal from the Departments of Politics and Sociology for a new course 'BA Politics and Sociology with

Intercalated Year' for introduction in 2006/07 as set out in paper UFSS 84/05-06, be considered by Chair on behalf of the Board once the Departments of Politics and Sociology have agreed a proposal regarding credit transfer for the intercalated year.

- (d) Resolved that a proposal from the Department of Statistics for a new course 'MMORSE with Intercalated Year' be approved for introduction in October 2006 as set out in paper SFS 58-59/05-06, with the proviso that under section 7 'Methods of Assessment', the correct years and weightings are entered.

#22. Careers Service: Voluntary Year Out for Work Experience

TO REPORT:

That the Board of Undergraduate Studies at its meeting on 15 February 2005 considered a paper from the Director of the Careers Service entitled "Implementing the Undergraduate Curriculum Review: Update from the Careers Service" (paper BUGS 9 /05-06), together with a oral report from the Director of the Careers Service and resolved that the paper be forwarded to the Academic Quality and Standards Committee with the Board's commendation, it being noted that the Director of the Careers Service would pursue suggestions by the Board members regarding terminology and the possible extension of comparative data beyond the Russell Group of universities.

TO CONSIDER:

The Careers Service proposal, "Implementing the Undergraduate Curriculum Review: Update from the Careers Service", **paper BUGS 9 /05-06 (copy attached)**.