

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Board of Graduate Studies

There will be a meeting of the Board of Graduate Studies at **2.00pm** on **Thursday, 24 February 2011** in the **Council Chamber**, University House.

J F Baldwin
Registrar

Note: Committee papers can be accessed at <https://files.warwick.ac.uk/bgs/browse>. Questions on items on the agenda or apologies for this meeting should be directed to the Assistant Secretary to the Board, Martin Mik (m.mik@warwick.ac.uk).

2nd CIRCULATION A G E N D A

New items added since the first circulation agenda, additional papers and revised papers are highlighted in **bold**. We will work from the second circulation agenda at the meeting.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

TO CONSIDER:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 18 January 2011 (copy attached).

2. Matters arising on the minutes

(a) Terms of Reference (minutes 18/10-11 and 1/10-11 refer)

TO REPORT:

That, at its meeting on 26 January 2011, the Senate considered a recommendation from the Board that its terms of reference be revised as specified in the minutes, and resolved that the recommendation be approved.

(b) Membership of Sub-Committees (minutes 35/10-11, 20(b)/10-11 and 4/10-11 refer)

Graduate Awards and Nominations Sub-Committee

TO REPORT:

That Dr R Earle would serve as the second member from the Faculty of Arts.

(c) Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) Block Grant Partnership Awards for academic year 2011/12 and beyond (minutes 35(c)/10-11, 20(c)/10-11 and 9(b)/10-11 refer)

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Chair.

- (d) New 4-year Standard Period of Registration for Full-Time PhD Students (minutes 35(e)/10-11, 20(g)/10-11, 9(g)/10-11, 101/09-10 and 63/09-10 refer)

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Secretary on operational aspects of the proposed change of standard period of registration for full-time PhD students.

- (e) Extension Charge for Students Resubmitting a PGT Project or Dissertation (minutes 35(g)/10-11, 20(i)/10-11, 16/10-11, 95/09-10 and 93/09-10 refer)

TO RECEIVE:

Oral reports from the Chairs of Graduate Studies Committees on departmental practices regarding supervision of students resubmitting PGT Project or Dissertation.

- (f) PGT Grade Descriptors and Award of Merits (minutes 20(j)/10-11, 104/09-10 and 60/09-10 refer)

TO RECEIVE:

Oral reports from the Chairs of Graduate Studies Committees on faculty recommendations regarding the Award of Merit.

- (g) Visiting Postgraduate Research Students (minute 40/10-11 refers)

TO RECEIVE:

A paper from the Assistant Secretary summarising the amended rules concerning fee non-paying visiting PGR students (paper BGS 34/10-11, copy attached).

- (h) ESRC DTC Application (minutes 47/10-11, 20(d)/10-11, 9/10-11, 112/09-10, 88/09-10, 54(d)/09-10 and 44(d)/09-10 refer)

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Chair.

3. Chair's Business

PGR Funding Working Party (minutes 36(d)/10-11, 21(c)/10-11 refer)

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Chair.

4. New Dedicated Postgraduate Space: Coventry House

TO RECEIVE:

A floor plan of the new dedicated postgraduate space in Coventry House (paper BGS 35/10-11, previously circulated).

5. **Chair's Action**

TO RECEIVE:

A report on items approved by the Chair on behalf of the Board (paper BGS 36/10-11, copy attached).

6. **Reports from the Chairs of the Graduate Studies Committees**

TO RECEIVE:

Oral reports from the Chairs of the Graduate Studies Committees.

7. **Postgraduate Forum and the Students' Union**

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Education Officer and the PG Forum Coordinator.

8. **PGR Annual Course Review Reports**

TO CONSIDER:

The summary PGR Annual Course Review Reports prepared by each of the Faculty Graduate Studies Committees, as follows:

- (a) Arts (paper AGSC 22a/10-11, previously circulated);
- (b) Science (paper SGS 62/10-11, previously circulated);
- (c) Social Science (paper GFSS 110/10-11, previously circulated).

9. **RSC/Warwick Centre for Teaching Shakespeare**

TO RECEIVE:

A briefing paper in preparation for the phased introduction of a suite of new postgraduate qualifications from academic year 2012/13, which together constitute the academic foundation for a new collaboration between the Royal Shakespeare Company and the University of Warwick in an RSC/Warwick Centre for Teaching Shakespeare (CTS) to be hosted by Warwick Business School (paper BGS 37/10-11, previously circulated).

10. **Amendments to the data protection statement on the postgraduate application form**

TO CONSIDER:

A paper from the Assistant Registrar (Postgraduate Admissions) on the use of plagiarism detection software in the postgraduate admissions process (paper BGS 38/10-11, previously circulated).

11. **2009/10 SSLC report**

TO RECEIVE:

A report from the Education Officer on 2009/10 Postgraduate Student Staff Liaison Committee (paper BGS 39/10-11, copy attached).

12. Fulbright

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Chair.

13. QAA Consultation Paper on Doctoral Degree Characteristics

TO CONSIDER:

QAA consultation paper on doctoral degree characteristics (papers BGS 40/10-11, 41/10-11, 42/10-11, previously circulated).

14. New Course Proposals

TO RECEIVE:

A paper setting out recommendations for the approval of new courses (paper BGS 43/10-11, copy attached).

15. Revised Course Proposal

TO RECEIVE:

A paper setting out recommendations for the approval of revisions to existing courses (paper BGS 44/10-11, copy attached).

16. Graduate School Newsletter

TO RECEIVE:

The Winter 2010-11 newsletter issued by the Graduate School since the last meeting of the Board (paper BGS 45/10-11, previously circulated).

17. Postgraduate Awards

TO RECEIVE:

A paper on Postgraduate Awards approved (paper BGS 46/10-11, copy attached).

18. Any Other Business

19. Next meeting

TO REPORT:

That the next meeting of the Board is on **Thursday, 5 May 2011** in the **Council Chamber**.

AH/MM 22.02.11