

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Board of Graduate Studies

There will be a meeting of the Board of Graduate Studies at 9.30 on Tuesday 19 February 2013 in the CMR 1.0, University House.

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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, Kathryn Weir (kathryn.weir@warwick.ac.uk).

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the last meeting

TO CONSIDER:

The Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 15 January 2013 (available online).

2. Matters Arising on the Minutes

- (a) Summer recall of library books from PG students (minute BGS 31/12-13 refers)

TO REPORT:

That the Information Policy and Strategy Committee rejected the proposal to amend the policy that requires postgraduate students to return books recalled to the Library during vacation periods.

- (b) Fee structures for visiting postgraduate research students from strategic global partner institutions (minute BGS 31/12-13 refers)

TO REPORT:

That the Academic Resourcing Committee considered the proposal supporting the waiver of fees for visiting postgraduate research students from strategic global partner institutions (paper ARC 30/12-13) and resolved to agree in principle, noting the following (ARC minute 5247 refers):

- (i) That proposals for strategic partners in relation to fee waiving agreements should be agreed by ARC;
- (ii) That agreements should be reciprocal and clearly defined;
- (iii) That the volume of expected students eligible for fee waivers under the agreement should be of a level such that no additional costs of activity are created.

3. Chair's Business

TO RECEIVE

An oral report from the Deputy Chair of the Board.

4. Reports from the Chairs of the Graduate Studies Committees

TO RECEIVE:

Oral reports from the Chairs of the Graduate Studies Committees.

5. Postgraduate Forum and the Students' Union

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Postgraduate Officer.

6. PhD scholarships for students sponsored by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan

TO RECEIVE:

- (a) A paper from the Director (International Office) proposing that the University offer PhD scholarships to students sponsored by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (paper BGS 53/12-13, copy attached);
- (b) A paper from the Senior International Liaison Officer on issues affecting the reduced fee scheme currently in operation with a number of organisations in international markets (paper BGS 66/11-12, copy attached), noting that this was considered by the Board on 24 February 2012 (BGS minute 68/11-12 refers);
- (c) A joint paper from the Chair of the Board and the Director (International Office) on Scholarship funding for international students, considered and approved by the Academic Resourcing Committee on 12 October 2012 (paper ARC 13/12-13, copy attached).

TO CONSIDER:

The proposal that the University offer PhD scholarships to students sponsored by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.

7. IATL - Interdisciplinary modules at M-level

TO CONSIDER:

A paper from Dr N Monk (IATL Deputy Director) concerning the establishment of interdisciplinary modules at M-level (paper BGS 54/12-13, copy attached).

8. IATL's Interdisciplinary Module Approvals Panel

TO RECEIVE:

A report from Dr P Taylor (IATL Director) and Dr N Monk (IATL Deputy Director) on

the outcome of IATL's Interdisciplinary Module Approvals Panel meeting of 5 February 2013 (paper BGS 55/12-13, copy attached).

9. Aligning policy on embargoing of hard and electronic copies of theses

TO CONSIDER:

A paper from the Chair of the Board proposing an alignment of the policy relating to embargoing of hard and electronic copies of theses (paper BGS 56/12-13, copy attached).

10. Postgraduate Taught Examination Conventions

TO CONSIDER:

Revised Postgraduate Taught Examination Conventions (paper BGS 57/12-13, copy attached).

11. Postgraduate Decliner Survey

TO RECEIVE

A paper from the Project Officer (Postgraduate Recruitment) on the results of the Postgraduate Decliner Survey (paper BGS 58/12-13, copy attached), with the following attachments:

- (a) PG Decliner Survey sent to decliners that applied for 2012-13 entry (BGS 59/12-13, copy attached);
- (b) PG Decliner Survey that will be sent to future decliners (BGS 60/12-13, copy attached).

12. Open Access and postgraduate research students

TO RECEIVE:

A report from the Academic Support Manager (Research) on Open Access and postgraduate research students (paper BGS 61/12-13, copy attached).

13. New Course Proposal

Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies

PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies

TO CONSIDER:

A proposal from the Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies to introduce a PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies (paper BGS 62/12-13).

14. Chair's Action

TO RECEIVE:

A report on items approved by the Chair on behalf of the Board (paper BGS 63/12-13, copy attached).

15. New course proposals

A paper setting out recommendations for the approval of new courses (paper BGS 64/12-13, copy attached).

16. Revised course proposals

A paper setting out recommendations for the approval of revisions to existing courses (paper BGS 65/12-13, copy attached).

17. Revised course proposal

Warwick Business School

MA and PG Certificate in the Advanced Teaching of Shakespeare

TO CONSIDER:

A proposal from Warwick Business School to restructure the MA and PG Certificate in the Advanced Teaching of Shakespeare, comprising:

- (a) Memo from Warwick Business School (BGS 66/12-13, copy attached);
- (b) Course structure for the MA in the Advanced Teaching of Shakespeare (BGS 67/12-13, copy attached);
- (c) Course proposal form for the MA in the Advanced Teaching of Shakespeare (BGS 68/12-13, copy attached);
- (d) Course proposal form for the PG Certificate in the Advanced Teaching of Shakespeare (BGS 69/12-13, copy attached).

18. Any Other Business

19. Next meeting

TO REPORT:

That the next meeting of the Board is on Thursday 2 May, 9.30am, in CMR 1.0.