

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Board of Graduate Studies

There will be a meeting of the Board of Graduate Studies at **2.00pm** on **Thursday, 5 May 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).

A G E N D A

1. Minutes of the last meeting

TO CONSIDER:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 24 February 2011 (copy attached).

2. Matters arising on the minutes

- (a) Membership of Sub-Committees (minutes 54(b)/10-11, 35/10-11, 20(b)/10-11 and 4/10-11 refer)

Graduate Awards and Nominations Sub-Committee

TO REPORT:

- (i) That Dr E Ushioda replaced Professor S Ali to prevent overrepresentation of the School of Law among the Faculty of Social Sciences representatives.
- (ii) That Dr K Astbury served as the second Faculty of Arts scorer.
- (b) New 4-year Standard Period of Registration for Full-Time PhD Students (minutes 54(d)/10-11, 35(e)/10-11, 20(g)/10-11, 9(g)/10-11, 101/09-10 and 63/09-10 refer)

TO RECEIVE:

A paper from the Director of Student Admissions and Recruitment Office on the progress of operational preparations for the change of standard period of registration for full-time PhD students (paper BGS 47/10-11, copy attached).

- (c) Extension Charge for Students Resubmitting a PGT Project or Dissertation (minutes 54(e)/10-11, 35(g)/10-11, 20(i)/10-11, 16/10-11, 95/09-10 and 93/09-10 refer)

TO RECEIVE:

A paper from the Assistant Secretary on numbers of postgraduate taught students resubmitting their dissertations/projects (paper BGS 48/10-11, copy attached).

- (d) Parking Fees for PGR Students (minutes 54(i)/10-11 and 51/10-11 refer)

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Chair on the level of campus parking fees for PGR students.

- (e) New Dedicated Postgraduate Space: Coventry House (minutes 56/10-11 and 36(g)/10-11 refer)

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Chair on the new dedicated postgraduate space in Coventry House.

- (f) The Student Experience Post-Browne (minute 59(c)/10-11 refers)

TO RECEIVE:

A copy of the Student Experience Post-Brown report prepared by the Students' Union (paper BGS 59/10-11, copy attached).

- (g) PGR Annual Course Review Reports (minute 60/10-11 refers)

TO CONSIDER:

The summary PGR Annual Course Review Report prepared by the Faculty Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine (paper BGS 49/10-11, copy attached).

- (h) QAA Consultation Paper on Doctoral Degree Characteristics (minute 65/10-11 refers)

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Chair on the University's response to the QAA Consultation Paper.

- (i) Strategic Departmental Review of the Department of Chemistry (minute 70/10-11 refers)

TO RECEIVE:

A paper from the Assistant Secretary on recommendations of the 2010 Strategic Departmental Review of the Department of Chemistry in graduate matters (paper BGS 50/10-11, copy attached).

- (j) Postgraduate Open Day Feedback Summary (minute 71/10-11 refers)

TO CONSIDER:

A paper from the Project Officer (PGR Recruitment) on Postgraduate Open Day of 17 November 2010 Feedback Summary (paper BGS 51/10-11, copy attached).

3. Chair's Business

(a) Directors of Graduate Studies Lunch

TO REPORT:

That the Summer term meeting for Directors of Graduate Studies will take place on Monday 23 May 2011 at 12.30pm in the Institute of Advanced Study Seminar Room, Millburn House.

(b) Erasmus Mundus Grand Committee

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Chair on the Erasmus Mundus Grand Committee.

(c) Proposal for a Joint PhD Template

TO CONSIDER:

A paper from the Chair and the Assistant Registrar (Graduate School) on the proposal for a joint PhD template (paper BGS 52/10-11, copy attached).

(d) Postgraduate Scholarships

(i) Warwick Collaborative Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme Allocation for 2011/12

TO RECEIVE:

A paper from the Head of Student Finance summarising Warwick Collaborative Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme allocation for 2011/12 (paper BGS 53/10-11, copy attached).

(ii) Warwick Postgraduate Research Scholarships (WPRS) Allocation

TO REPORT:

That the Graduate Awards and Nominations Committee met on 22 March 2011 and, using a ranking produced by department and Faculty-level scoring, determined which candidates should be made WPRS awards and which should be put on a Reserve list, noting that:

(A) all successful candidates had an average score of at least 4.75 out of 5;

(B) 36 WPRS have been awarded.

(iii) AHRC Scholarships Allocation

TO REPORT:

(A) That the Graduate Awards and Nominations Committee met on 22 March 2011 and, using a ranking produced by department and Faculty-level scoring, along with a list of the subject awards available under the AHRC Block Grant Partnership (BGP), determined which candidates should be made AHRC doctoral awards, noting that 11 AHRC doctoral awards were made.

- (B) That the Graduate Awards and Nominations Committee held a further meeting on 7 April 2011 and, using a ranking produced by department nominations and Faculty-level scoring, along with a list of the subject awards available under the AHRC BGP, determined which candidates should be made AHRC Research Preparation and Professional Preparation Master's awards, noting that 9 awards had been made.

(iv) Chancellor's International Scholarships Allocation

TO REPORT:

That the Graduate Awards and Nominations Committee determined which candidates should be offered Chancellor's International Scholarships at its 22 March 2011 meeting, selecting the strongest Overseas candidates from the ranking used for WPRS awards, noting that 17 awards were made.

(v) Fulbright Scholarship for 2011/12 (minute BGS 64/10-11 refers)

TO REPORT:

That a Fulbright Scholarship for 2011/12 was awarded to support a candidate applying for Master's study in the department of Economics.

(vi) University of Warwick-Open Society Institute Scholarship Allocation and Bid

TO REPORT:

- (A) That following the production of a shortlist based on department nominations and scoring by Professors J Labbe and S Ali, shortlisted candidates for OSI/Warwick Master's scholarships were interviewed by representatives from the Graduate School and from the Open Society Institute. Candidates recommended for a scholarship have been invited to undertake English language tests and offers will be made thereafter.

- (B) The Graduate School, together with colleagues in the Faculty of Social Sciences, has also submitted a bid, on the OSI's invitation, for an expanded funding partnership with OSI to provide postgraduate scholarships, including new PhD scholarships alongside the continuation of the Master's scheme, to begin in Autumn 2012.

(e) PGT Tuition Fees

TO CONSIDER:

An oral report from the Chair on the issue of PGT tuition fees in light of the increased UG tuition fees for 2012/13.

4. Chair's Action

TO RECEIVE:

A report on items approved by the Chair on behalf of the Board (paper BGS 54/10-11, copy attached).

5. PGR Annual Report Forms 2009-10 Analysis

TO CONSIDER:

A paper from the Assistant Registrar (Graduate School) presenting an analysis of the 2009-10 PGR Annual Report forms (paper BGS 55/10-11, copy attached).

6. Consultation on HEFCE Allocation Method for Postgraduate Research Funding from 2012/13

TO RECEIVE:

HEFCE *Consultation on allocation method for postgraduate research funding from 2012-13* document (paper BGS 56/10-11, copy attached).

7. English Language Admissions Requirements

TO CONSIDER:

A paper from the Deputy Director of the Centre for Applied Linguistics on the University admissions and English language training (paper BGS 57/10-11, copy attached).

8. Postgraduate Forum and the Students' Union

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Education Officer.

9. New Course Proposals

TO RECEIVE:

A paper setting out recommendations for the approval of new courses (paper BGS 58/10-11, to follow).

10. Any Other Business

11. Next meeting

TO REPORT:

That the next meeting of the Board is on Thursday, 9 June 2011 at 2.00pm in the Council Chamber, University House.

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