

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Board of Graduate Studies

There will be a meeting of the Board of Graduate Studies at 9.30 on Thursday 2 May 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).

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 19 February 2013 (available online).

2. Matters Arising on the Minutes

(a) PGR Scholarships Competition

TO RECEIVE:

A report from the Project Officer (Postgraduate Scholarships) on the outcome of the PGR Scholarships Competition (paper BGS 70/12-13, previously circulated).

(b) Requirements for Taught Postgraduate Awards (minute BGS 74/12-13 referred)

TO REPORT:

- (i) That, at its meeting on 19 February 2013, the Board resolved to adopt the 'Revised Requirements for Taught Postgraduate Awards', noting that the wording of 3 (a) of the requirements was amended to state:

'Students who do not attain the minimum pass mark on a module are eligible for re-examination on one occasion providing that they have not failed more than two thirds of the taught element of the course'

- (ii) That, following the meeting of the Board on 19 February 2013, the Working Group established by the Academic Quality and Standards Committee to review the assessment conventions for taught postgraduate students indicated that the amended wording for 3 (a) did not reflect their recommendations;

- (iii) That members were subsequently invited to vote between the wording contained in (b) (i) above and an alternative form of wording, noting that the outcome of the vote indicated that the majority of Board members would prefer the adoption of the following wording:

‘Students on taught postgraduate degrees should normally be allowed one opportunity to remedy failure in initial assessment in modules that equate with no more than one half of the total credits awarded in the taught element of the course’

3. Chair’s Business

TO RECEIVE

(a) An oral report from the Chair of the Board on the following:

- (i) Review of PGR teaching.
- (ii) Review of entry requirements for postgraduate study.

(b) Scholarships working group (minute BGS 31(d)/12-13 referred)

A paper summarising the findings of the Scholarships working group which met on 30 January 2013 (paper BGS 78/12-13, copy attached).

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:

A report from the Students’ Union Postgraduate Officer on the results of the ‘Postgraduates who Teach’ survey (paper BGS 71/12-13, previously circulated), with a copy of the final survey (paper BGS 72/12-13, previously circulated).

6. Chevening-Warwick scholarships

TO CONSIDER:

A paper from the Director of the International Office proposing the establishment of Chevening Partnership Scholarships for students from Burma, Cambodia and Laos (paper BGS 73/12-13, previously circulated).

7. Review of the Preliminary Review Panel stage for Postgraduate appeals

TO CONSIDER:

A paper from the Assistant Registrar (Graduate School) on the role of the Preliminary Review Panel in the postgraduate appeals process (paper BGS 74/12-

13, previously circulated), with a draft Preliminary Review Panel report form (paper BGS 75/12-13, previously circulated).

8. Mode of attendance of external examiners at Taught Postgraduate Boards of Examiners meetings

TO CONSIDER:

A paper from the Assistant Registrar (Graduate School) regarding external examiners' ability to participate in Boards of Examiners meetings via tele- or video-conference (paper BGS 76/12-13, previously circulated).

9. New Course Proposal

Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies

MA Digital Media and Culture

TO REPORT:

- (a) That at its meeting on 22 November 2012, the Board of Graduate Studies recommended that a proposal from the Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies to introduce an 'MA Digital Studies', as set out in papers BGS 32-37/12-13, be approved in principle, noting the following;
 - (i) That consultation would be required with other departments within the University regarding existing provision of modules that could be utilised with this course;
 - (ii) That there needed to be a clearer sense of the type of students the course may attract and how the course would compare to other, similar offerings at other Universities, both in the UK and internationally;
 - (iii) That further thought needed to be given to the title of the course and how best this could accurately reflect its content, noting that 'digital' should be clarified to ensure that this translates meaningfully within the proposed Asian market ;
 - (iv) That consideration be given to assigning a nominal credit value to the proposed un-assessed core Research Lab module, to ensure that this was undertaken by students.
- (b) That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences has taken action to recommend the approval of the updated paperwork.

TO CONSIDER:

A proposal from the Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies to introduce an 'MA Digital Media and Culture, comprising;

- (c) Course approval memo: MA Digital Media and Culture (GFSS 103(a)/12-13, previously circulated);

- (d) Course proposal form part 1 (GFSS 103(b)/12-13, previously circulated);
- (e) Course proposal form part 2 (academic fees and resources) (GFSS 103(c)/12-13, previously circulated);
- (f) MA course specification (GFSS 103(d)/12-13, previously circulated);
- (g) PG Certificate course specification (GFSS 103(e)/12-13, previously circulated);
- (h) PG Diploma course specification (GFSS 103(f)/12-13, previously circulated);
- (i) Letter of support from Dr Matthew Fuller, Goldsmiths, University of London (GFSS 103(g)/12-13, previously circulated);
- (j) Letter of support from Dr Jussi Parikka, Winchester School of Art, University of Southampton (GFSS 103(h)/12-13, previously circulated).

10. Revised course proposal

Warwick Business School

MA and PG Certificate in the Advanced Teaching of Shakespeare

TO REPORT:

- (a) That at its meeting on 19 February 2013, the Board of Graduate Studies recommended that a proposal from Warwick Business School to restructure the MA and PG Certificate in the Advanced Teaching of Shakespeare, as set out in papers BGS 66-69/12-13, be approved in principle, noting that prospective students needed to be clear about the number of hours of self-study that would be required to reflect the number of CATS assigned to the online element of the course leading to the award of Postgraduate Certificate.
- (b) That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences has taken action to recommend the approval of the updated paperwork.

TO CONSIDER:

An updated proposal from Warwick Business School to restructure the MA and PG Certificate in the Advanced Teaching of Shakespeare and introduce a 'bridging' module that will allow those students who gained the PG Award in Teaching Shakespeare to upgrade to the PG Certificate or progress to the MA, comprising:

- (c) Course proposal form for the PG Certificate in the Advanced Teaching of Shakespeare (GFSS 158(a)/12-13, previously circulated);
- (d) Rationale provided by Warwick Business School for the additional 'bridging' module (GFSS 158(b)/12-13, previously circulated);
- (e) Course Structure for MA in Advanced Teaching of Shakespeare GFSS

158(c)/12-13, previously circulated);

(f) PG Certificate Level Descriptors (GFSS 158(d)/12-13, previously circulated);

(g) Module proposal form for 'Teaching Shakespeare (online) bridge' (GFSS 158(e)/12-13, previously circulated).

11. Chair's Action

TO RECEIVE:

A report on items approved by the Chair on behalf of the Board (paper BGS 77/12-13, to be tabled).

12. Any Other Business

13. Next meeting

TO REPORT:

That the next meeting of the Board is on Thursday 6 June, 9.30am, in CMR 1.0.

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