

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Board of Graduate Studies

Minutes of the Board of Graduate Studies meeting held on Tuesday 19 February 2013.

Present: Professor R Napier (Deputy Chair), Professor R Aldrich, Dr C Bilton, Ms A Chowcat, Ms J Cooper, Dr A Cristea, Dr A Dowd, Mr C Drake, Professor R Earle, Mr J Entwistle, Professor D Leadley, Professor J Neelands, Dr J Parkinson, Professor D Steinberg, Ms A Stewart, Ms N Tosun, Dr J Vickery,

Apologies: Professor S Brammer, Dr R Dias, Professor F Griffiths, Dr J Kidd, Ms Z Kristensen, Professor J Labbe, Mr D Leggett, Dr A Phillips, Ms O Salau, Dr P Taylor, Professor M Wills.

In attendance: Ms A Brunt (for item 70/12-13), Dr W Davies (for item 77/12-13), Ms J Delasalle (for item 76/12-13), Dr R Fisher (for item 75/12-13), Mr J Kennedy (for item 70/12-13), Dr D Lamburn (for item 74/12-13), Professor C Lury (for item 71,72,77/12-13), Mr M Mik (for item 74/12-13), Dr N Monk (for items 71,72/12-13), Mr D Pearson, Mr N Tkacz (for item 71,72,77/12-13), Ms K Weir.

65/12-13 Minutes of the last meeting

CONSIDERED:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 15 January 2013.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 15 January 2013 be approved.

66/12-13 Matters Arising on the Minutes

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

REPORTED:

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 referred)

REPORTED:

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 referred):

- (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.
- (c) MA Digital Studies

REPORTED:

(by Dr C Bilton, Director, Centre for Cultural Policy Studies):

- (a) That following the Board's 'in principle' approval of the 'MA Digital Studies' course proposed by the Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies, the course title had been amended to 'MA Digital Media', noting that this had potential to cause confusion for students interested in applying to existing Media related courses available in the Centre for Cultural Policy Studies;
- (b) That where 'in principle' approval is granted with a recommendation for consultation on aspects such as course title, the results of the consultation should be referred to the Board for further approval before steps are taken to advertise a course.

(by Professor C Lury, Director, Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies):

- (c) That consultation on the title of the course had indicated that 'MA Digital Media' would be more appropriate and accessible to students, but that the requirement for approval of the amended title had not been appreciated by the Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies.

RESOLVED:

- (d) That representatives from the Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies and the Centre for Cultural Policy Studies would meet to discuss the concerns regarding the amended title for the course, noting that the course should subsequently be returned to the Board for full approval before it can proceed.

67/12-13 Chair's Business

- (a) Quality Assurance Agency (QAA)

REPORTED:

- (i) That the QAA would visit the University to undertake its Institutional Review between 26 - 28 February 2013;

- (ii) That one of the areas of focus for the QAA will be postgraduate issues, noting that they have already made a number of requests regarding policies and procedures;
- (iii) That the QAA had requested to meet with Professor M Wills, Director of Graduate Studies for Chemistry.

(b) PGR Scholarships Competition

REPORTED:

- (i) That scoring had been undertaken for the PGR Scholarships Competition, noting that the 1259 applications received represented a drop of approximately 300 applications compared to last year's competition;
- (ii) That 213 scholarship nominations out of a maximum of 242 had been made by departments;
- (iii) That research would be undertaken to ascertain whether the quality of applicants has differed from last year, particularly in light of the change to the timescales of the competition.

(c) Graduate School Review

REPORTED:

That a review of the Graduate School and its effectiveness in supporting the University's strategy with regard to postgraduate education would be initiated, noting that a panel would consult with staff and students across the University before reporting to the Steering Committee in May 2013 and to the Board in June 2013.

68/12-13 Reports from the Chairs of the Graduate Studies Committees

RECEIVED:

Oral reports from the Chairs of the Graduate Studies Committees.

REPORTED (by the Chairs of the Graduate Studies Committees for the Boards of the Faculties of Arts, Social Sciences, Science and Medicine):

That consideration had been given to PhD submission rates and that further reforms of the methodology employed were encouraged.

RECOMMENDED (to the Board of Graduate Studies by the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science):

That Departments, Schools and Centres in receipt of EPSRC DTG funded studentships be permitted to make unconditional offers of funding, ahead of the official EPSRC announcement, for up to two thirds of their long term average allocation.

RESOLVED:

That the Chair of the Board would consider this proposal and liaise with appropriate bodies within the University to ascertain support for such an initiative, noting that the Board of Graduate Studies does not have the power to allocate funding to departments.

69/12-13 Postgraduate Forum and the Students' Union

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Postgraduate Officer.

REPORTED:

- (a) That a survey of undergraduate and postgraduate students would be initiated to ascertain the quantity of contact time experienced by students across the University;
- (b) That the next Education Convention would take place on 20 February 2013, noting that the agenda would facilitate discussion on a range of student issues and include a panel questions and answers session with the University's senior management;
- (c) That a report on the findings of the 'Postgraduates who Teach' survey would be submitted to the Board for consideration at its meeting in May.

70/12-13 PhD scholarships for students sponsored by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan

RECEIVED:

- (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);
- (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), 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).

REPORTED (by the Director, International Office):

- (d) That this scheme was not discipline specific;
- (e) That departments would retain the right to reject applicants on academic grounds and that funding would be allocated to identified Higher Education Commission students at the department's request;

- (f) That the Finance Office had reviewed the proposal and raised no objections.

CONSIDERED:

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

RESOLVED:

- (g) That the Board was supportive of the proposal to offer PhD scholarships to students sponsored by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, as set out in paper BGS 53/12-13;
- (h) That the International Office should make departments aware that an applicant has been put forward by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, in order that the decision to offer a place be made with full knowledge of the fee implications.

71/12-13

IATL - Interdisciplinary modules at M-level

CONSIDERED:

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

REPORTED:

(by Dr J Parkinson, Director of Graduate Studies, PAIS):

- (a) That the CAT weighting of the proposed interdisciplinary modules will be incompatible with CAT weightings of modules for some courses, making it problematic for students to elect to study an interdisciplinary module and still meet the CAT requirements for their course;

(by Dr A Dowd, Academic Director of Graduate Studies, Warwick Manufacturing Group):

- (b) That students opting for an interdisciplinary module with a high CAT weighting may undermine their ability to meet the overall learning outcomes for their course;

(by Professor J Neelands, Professor of Creative Education, Warwick Business School):

- (c) That the University needed to further consider the wider issue of CATS and credit weighting of modules.

(by Dr N Monk, IATL Deputy Director):

- (d) That departments would be able to elect whether or not to allow interdisciplinary modules to be made available to their M-level students.

RESOLVED:

- (e) That the Board was supportive of the proposal to establish a range of M-level interdisciplinary modules within IATL;
- (f) That the creation of an IATL PG Award in Interdisciplinary Study, comprising M-level modules proposed by IATL, be approved.

72/12-13 IATL's Interdisciplinary Module Approvals Panel

RECEIVED:

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).

RESOLVED:

That the Board approved the modules proposed by IATL's Interdisciplinary Module Approvals Panel, as set out in paper BGS 55/12-13.

73/12-13 Aligning policy on embargoing of hard and electronic copies of theses

CONSIDERED:

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).

RESOLVED:

That the Board was supportive of the proposal to align the policy relating to embargoing of hard and electronic copies of theses, as set out in paper BGS 56/12-13.

74/12-13 Requirements for Taught Postgraduate Awards

CONSIDERED:

Revised Requirements for Taught Postgraduate Awards (paper BGS 57/12-13).

REPORTED:

(by Dr A Dowd, Academic Director of Graduate Studies, Warwick Manufacturing Group):

- (a) That unlike the current 'Policy on remedying failure at PGT level', the revised requirements do not contain reference to the University's policy relating to remedying failure as a result of the imposition of late penalties or as a result of a finding of plagiarism;

(by Ms J Cooper, Warwick Medical School):

- (b) That 3 (a) of the proposed requirements does not facilitate the consideration of part-time students who may only study one module per academic year, resulting in an examination board being unable to

ascertain whether they have met the relevant criteria of eligibility for re-examination.

RESOLVED:

(a) That the revised Requirements for Taught Postgraduate Awards would be adopted with effect from 2013/2014 for new PGT entrants, noting the following:

(i) That the wording at 3 (a) of the requirements be 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',

rather than

'Students who do not attain the minimum pass mark on a module are eligible for re-examination on one occasion providing that a pass mark has been attained in at least at least one third of the taught element of the course'

(ii) That 3 (a) of the requirements be amended to include reference to the University policy relating to remedying failure as a result of the imposition of late penalties or as a result of a finding of plagiarism;

(iii) That the existing University 'Policy on remedying failure at PGT level' would be superseded by the revised requirements, noting that this therefore would cease to exist as a separate policy.

75/12-13 Postgraduate Decliner Survey

RECEIVED:

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

(a) PG Decliner Survey sent to decliners that applied for 2012-13 entry (BGS 59/12-13);

(b) PG Decliner Survey that will be sent to future decliners (BGS 60/12-13).

RESOLVED:

(c) That noting that small number of respondents to the PG Decliner Survey, outcomes should not be extrapolated too far without referral to those views expressed by applicants who accepted their offers;

(d) That the Board would be supportive of the introduction of a virtual Open Day, noting that consideration should be given to the limitations

presented by different time zones to ensure that the Open Day is accessible to as wide an audience as possible.

76/12-13 Open Access and postgraduate research students

RECEIVED:

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

REPORTED (by the Academic Support Manager, Research):

That Research Councils UK requires all research funded by them to be published in journals that are compliant with Research Council policy on Open Access, noting that further substantive guidance on this policy would be reported when available.

77/12-13 New Course Proposal

Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies

PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies

CONSIDERED:

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

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved in principle, noting the following:

- (a) That it is the student's right to opt to transfer to the Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies rather than be compelled to do so;
- (a) That further evaluation of the course should be accelerated, noting that key areas such as method of assessment needed to be clarified so that the advertising of the course represents a realistic picture of what is being offered to prospective students;
- (b) That full approval of the course should be expedited, noting that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 2 May 2013.

78/12-13 Chair's Action

RECEIVED:

A report on items approved by the Chair on behalf of the Board (paper BGS 63/12-13), as follows:

(a) Faculty of Social Sciences

(i) School of Law

'International Justice' specialism for International

Development Law and Human Rights (IDLHR) LLM

REPORTED:

- (a) That the Deputy Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee for the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences, acting on its behalf, has taken action to recommend the introduction of a new 'International Justice' specialism to sit alongside four other existing specialisms to the International Development Law and Human Rights (IDLHR) LLM course.
- (b) That the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, has subsequently taken action to approve the introduction of a new 'International Justice' specialism, to sit alongside four other existing specialisms to the International Development Law and Human Rights (IDLHR) LLM course.

(ii) Institute of Education

New Secondary PGCE route - Drama for Creative Learning with a focus on Alternative Educational Settings

REPORTED:

That the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, has taken action to approve, in principle, the introduction of a revised version of the existing PGCE Secondary Drama with English course, to create a Secondary PGCE route (Drama for Creative Learning with a focus on Alternative Educational Settings), noting that full course proposal paperwork will be considered by the Board in due course.

79/12-13 New course proposals

A paper setting out recommendations for the approval of new courses (paper BGS 64/12-13), as follows:

(a) Faculty of Social Sciences

(i) Institute of Education

(A) MA in Educational Leadership (Future Leaders)

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 29 January 2013, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences recommended that the proposal to introduce a new course entitled 'Masters in Educational Leadership (Future Leaders)', as set out in papers GFSS 102(a-g)/12-13, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new course entitled 'Masters in Educational Leadership (Future Leaders)', as set out in papers GFSS 102(a-g)/12-13 (available online).

RESOLVED:

That this proposal be approved, subject to clarification of the CATS and modules undertaken for a student to be eligible for a PG Certificate, and approval of the staff contributing from Future Leaders.

(B) MA Educational Innovation (Early Years)

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 29 January 2013, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences recommended that the proposal to establish an "Early Years" Specialism for the MA Educational Innovation, as set out in papers GFSS 70/12-13, be approved

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to establish an "Early Years" Specialism for the MA Educational Innovation, as set out in papers GFSS 70/12-13 (available online).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

(ii) Centre for Lifelong Learning

MA in Coaching

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 29 January 2013, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences recommended that the proposal to introduce a new course entitled 'MA in Coaching', as set out in papers GFSS 71(a-m)/12-13, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new course entitled 'MA in Coaching', as set out in papers GFSS 71(a-m)/12-13 (available online).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, subject to clarification of the

learning outcomes for the PG Diploma and PG Certificate, and confirmation that the PG Certificate and PG Diploma are awarded as a result of academic fail, rather than as a result of the student opting to exit the course early.

(iii) Warwick Business School

(A) MSc Business Analytics and Consulting

REPORTED:

- (1) That, at its meeting on 29 January 2013, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences considered a proposal to restructure the MSBAC and subsequently discontinue the Masters in Management Sciences and Operation Research (MSOR), as set out in papers GFSS 72(a-v)/12-13, and recommended:

(to Warwick Business School)

- (a) That the School review the consistency across the modules within this degree where there are groupwork components or summative parts of assessment, noting that significant differences exist between the perceived amount of work required, for example, by indication of word limits to CATS equivalents;
- (b) That the School give further consideration to the duration for the non-credit bearing, pre-sessional module "Foundations of Business", querying the appropriateness and intensity of delivering this over a one week period and whether this allows for adequate content to bring all students to an appropriate level of competency;

(to the Board of Graduate Studies)

That the proposal be approved, subject to:

- (c) Receipt of signed version of GFSS72a.12/13;
- (d) Receipt of examination conventions.
- (2) That a signed version of GFSS72a.12/13 and the examination conventions have

subsequently been received, and the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences, acting on its behalf, has taken action to recommend that the proposal to restructure the MSBAC and subsequently discontinue the Masters in Management Sciences and Operation Research (MSOR), as set out in papers GFSS 72(a-v)/12-13, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce to restructure the MSBAC and subsequently discontinue the Masters in Management Sciences and Operation Research (MSOR), as set out in papers GFSS 72(a-v)/12-13 (available online).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, subject to confirmation that the PG Certificate and PG Diploma are awarded as a result of academic fail, rather than as a result of the student opting to exit the course early.

(iv) Politics and International Studies

REPORTED:

- (1) That, at its meeting on 29 January 2013, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences considered a proposal for a 15 month registration period option at MA level for internship students, as set out in paper GFSS.95/12-13;
- (2) That the following was reported by Dr Brassett:
 - (a) That the Department struggled to encourage internships when not currently allowed to grant an extension on the basis that an appropriate work internship is taken;
 - (b) That there is an increasing demand from students for the opportunity to undertake relevant work experience and the potential for staff to improve the wealth of options available through their contacts;
 - (c) The Department requests permission to offer students a registration option that compensates for when a student takes 3 weeks or more in industry;

- (3) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences recommended that the proposal be approved, subject to the School providing clarification on the following points:
- (a) The fee appropriate for such an extension to the period of registration with full access to University facilities;
 - (b) Availability of option to all students, noting that visa holders will also need to satisfy immigration requirements;
 - (c) How examination processes and progression are to be handled and if a delay in examination may be to the student's disadvantage.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal for a 15 month registration period option at MA level for internship students, as set out in paper GFSS.95/12-13 (available online).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, subject to consideration being given to whether students achieving lower than expected academic standards should proceed to the internship.

(b) Faculty of Arts

(i) Department for Italian

MA for Research in Italian Studies

REPORTED:

- (1) That, at its meeting on 29 January 2013, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Arts recommended that a proposal to introduce a new course entitled "MA for Research in Italian Studies", as set out in paper AGSC 29.12-13, be approved;
- (2) That the department subsequently proposed an amendment to the course proposal to allow an option for students to select taught modules instead of the Advanced Study Options, and that on receipt of updated paperwork, the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Arts, acting on its behalf, took action to recommend that the proposal to introduce a new course entitled "MA for Research in Italian Studies", as set out in

paper AGSC 29.12-13, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new course entitled “MA for Research in Italian Studies”, as set out in paper AGSC 29.12-13 (available online).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

(ii) Department for German Studies

MA for Research in German Studies

REPORTED:

- (3) That, at its meeting on 29 January 2013, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Arts recommended that a proposal to introduce a new course entitled “MA for Research in German Studies”, as set out in paper AGSC 30.12-13, be approved;
- (4) That the department subsequently proposed an amendment to the course proposal to allow an option for students to select taught modules instead of the Advanced Study Options, and that on receipt of updated paperwork, the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Arts, acting on its behalf, took action to recommend that the proposal to introduce a new course entitled “MA for Research in German Studies”, as set out in paper AGSC 30.12-13, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new course entitled “MA for Research in German Studies”, as set out in paper AGSC 30.12-13 (available online).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

(iii) Department for Hispanic Studies

MA for Research in Hispanic Studies

REPORTED:

- (5) That, at its meeting on 29 January 2013, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Arts recommended that a proposal to introduce a new course entitled “MA for Research in Hispanic Studies”, as set out in paper AGSC 31.12-13, be approved;

- (6) That the department subsequently proposed an amendment to the course proposal to allow an option for students to select taught modules instead of the Advanced Study Options, and that on receipt of updated paperwork, the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Arts, acting on its behalf, took action to recommend that the proposal to introduce a new course entitled “MA for Research in Hispanic Studies”, as set out in paper AGSC 31.12-13, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new course entitled “MA for Research in Hispanic Studies”, as set out in paper AGSC 31.12-13 (available online).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

80/12-13 Revised course proposals

A paper setting out recommendations for the approval of revisions to existing courses (paper BGS 65/12-13), as follows:

- (a) Faculty of Social Sciences
- (i) Centre for Applied Linguistics

Examination Conventions

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 29 January 2013, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences recommended that the proposal to revise the examination conventions for the MA in ELT and the MSc in Intercultural Communication for Business and the Professions, as set out in papers GFSS 101/12-13 and GFSS 47/12-13, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to revise the examination conventions for the MA in ELT and the MSc in Intercultural Communication for Business and the Professions, as set out in papers GFSS 101/12-13 and GFSS 47/12-13 (available online).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, subject to point 10.0 of the Examination Conventions, relating to failure due to plagiarism, being aligned with University Regulation 11 concerning plagiarism.

(ii) Institute of Education

(i) Secondary PGCE English with Drama and Secondary PGCE History

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 29 January 2013, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences recommended a request from the Institute of Education to discontinue two Secondary PGCE variants, as set out in paper GFSS 45 12-13, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

A request from the Institute of Education to discontinue two Secondary PGCE variants, as set out in paper GFSS 45 12-13 (available online).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

(ii) PGCE Primary (all variants) and Early Years

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 29 January 2013, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences considered a proposal from the Institute of Education to make a minor revision to assessment method for the PGCE Primary (all variants) and Early Years courses, as set out in paper GFSS.49/12-13, and recommended:

(to the Institute of Education)

That consideration is given to the use of electronic posters as an option for students undertaking the assessment in order to reflect improvements in technology.

(to the Board of Graduate Studies)

That the proposal be approved.

CONSIDERED:

A proposal from the Institute of Education to make a minor revision to assessment method for the PGCE Primary (all variants) and Early Years courses, as set out in paper GFSS.49/12-13 (available online).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

(iii) Warwick Business School

(A) PhD Finance

REPORTED:

- (1) That, at its meeting on 29 January 2013, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences considered a proposal from Warwick Business School to revise the structure of the first year taught element of the PhD in Finance, as set out in paper GFSS 87(a-i) 12-13, and recommended:

(to Warwick Business School)

- (a) That consideration should be given to the impact of the first year of taught content on the intensity of the research component of the PhD, especially with respect to timely submission rates, noting that it is anticipated that most students would work well into their fourth year of study as standard;
- (b) That making the taught component of the PhD compulsory may unintentionally exclude students in receipt of Research Council funding (see (D) below);

(to the Board of Graduate Studies)

That the proposal be approved, noting that

- (c) The taught programme intended to support postgraduate research students rather than contribute specific credits toward a formal award;

and subject to clarification of

- (d) What would happen in the event of a student on the PhD Finance course being in receipt of an ESRC scholarship, given that undertaking the DTC research skills modules would be a condition of their funding;

- (e) What would happen in the event of a student failing one or more of the assessments relating to these non-credit bearing modules.
- (2) That the required clarification has subsequently been received, and the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences, acting on its behalf, has taken action to recommend that the proposal to revise the structure of the first year taught element of the PhD in Finance, as set out in paper GFSS 87(a-i) 12-13, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to revise the structure of the first year taught element of the PhD in Finance, as set out in paper GFSS 87(a-i) 12-13 (available online).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

(B) MSc Business

REPORTED:

- (1) That, at its meeting on 29 January 2013, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences recommended that a proposal to introduce three new pathways to the MSc in Business, entitled "Organisation Science (MBOS)", Human Resource Management (MBHRM)" and "Consulting (MBC)", as set out in papers GFSS 73(a-ah)/12-13, be approved, subject to the receipt of the revised CA1 course proposal form (GFSS.73a/12-13) and course specification (GFSS.73d/12-13) to include:
 - (a) Detail as to which learning outcomes are specific to the dissertation module;
 - (b) Clarification of the difference in requirements for the Postgraduate Diploma and MA awards.
- (2) That the revised CA1 course proposal form (GFSS.73a/12-13) and course specification (GFSS.73d/12-13) have subsequently been received, and the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences, acting on its behalf, has

taken action to recommend that the proposal to introduce three new pathways to the MSc in Business, entitled “Organisation Science (MBOS)”, Human Resource Management (MBHRM)” and “Consulting (MBC)”, as set out in papers GFSS 73(a-ah)/12-13, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce three new pathways to the MSc in Business, entitled “Organisation Science (MBOS)”, Human Resource Management (MBHRM)” and “Consulting (MBC)”, as set out in papers GFSS 73(a-ah)/12-13 (available online).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, subject to confirmation that the PG Certificate and PG Diploma are awarded as a result of academic fail, rather than as a result of the student opting to exit the course early.

(i) Warwick Institute of Education

(C) Masters-level Examination Conventions

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 29 January 2013, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences recommended that the proposal for significant revisions to examination conventions for all Masters courses, as set out in paper GFSS 43/12-13, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal for significant revisions to examination conventions for all Masters courses, as set out in paper GFSS 43/12-13 (available online).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

(b) Faculty of Medicine

(i) MSc in Trauma & Orthopaedics

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 28 January 2013, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine recommended that a proposal requesting that all existing students transfer to the recently approved new course structure, as set out in Paper

GSCFM 21/12-13, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

A proposal requesting that all existing students transfer to the recently approved new course structure, as set out in Paper GSCFM 21/12-13 (available online).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, subject to consultation with the student body currently registered on the course.

(B) MSc.in.Medical.Leadership

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 28 January 2013, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine recommended that a proposal requesting that the postgraduate certificate and postgraduate diploma within this degree framework are also approved as entry qualifications, as set out in Paper GSCFM 22/12-13, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

A proposal requesting that the postgraduate certificate and postgraduate diploma within this degree framework are also approved as entry qualifications, as set out in Paper GSCFM 22/12-13 (available online).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, subject to receipt of separate learning outcomes for the PG Diploma and PG Certificate.

(iii) MSc.Health.Sciences.(Plastic.Surgery)

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 28 January 2013, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine recommended that a proposal requesting a change to a course learning outcome and a change to one of the stipulated entry qualifications for the MSc Health Sciences (Plastic Surgery) from MRCS (Part 2) to MRCS (Part 1), as set out in Paper GSCFM 23/12-13, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

A proposal requesting a change to a course learning outcome and a change to one of the stipulated entry qualifications for the MSc Health Sciences (Plastic Surgery) from MRCS (Part 2) to MRCS (Part 1), as set out in Paper GSCFM 23/12-13 (available online).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

(c) Faculty of Arts

Department of Film and Television Studies

MA for Research in Film and Television Studies

REPORTED:

- (i) That, at its meeting on 29 January 2013, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Arts recommended that a proposal to revise the 'MA for Research in Film and Television Studies', as set out in papers AGSC 28.a-b12-13, be approved, subject to clarification of the course structure;
- (ii) That clarification of the course structure has been provided and that the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Arts, acting on its behalf, took action to recommend that the proposal to revise the 'MA for Research in Film and Television Studies', as set out in papers AGSC 28.a-b12-13, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

A proposal to revise the 'MA for Research in Film and Television Studies', as set out in papers AGSC 28.a-b12-13 (available online).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

81/12-13 Revised course proposal

Warwick Business School

MA and PG Certificate in the Advanced Teaching of Shakespeare

CONSIDERED:

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);
- (b) Course structure for the MA in the Advanced Teaching of Shakespeare (BGS 67/12-13);
- (c) Course proposal form for the MA in the Advanced Teaching of Shakespeare (BGS 68/12-13);
- (d) Course proposal form for the PG Certificate in the Advanced Teaching of Shakespeare (BGS 69/12-13).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal 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.

82/12-13 Next meeting

REPORTED:

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

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