

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Board of Graduate Studies

There will be a meeting of the Board of Graduate Studies at 9.30am on Tuesday 14 January 2014 in 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 Pollard (kathryn.pollard@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 21 November 2013 (available online).

2. Matters arising on the minutes

(a) Graduate Awards and Nominations Sub-Committee (minutes 5/13-14 and 26(b)/13-14 refer)

TO REPORT:

(i) That the following had been nominated to serve as Faculty Selectors on the Graduate Awards and Nominations Sub-Committee:

(A) Faculty of Arts

- (1) Professor A Fuchs;
- (2) Dr P Roberts.

(B) Faculty of Medicine

- (1) Dr A Adams;
- (2) Professor D Grammatopoulos.

(C) Faculty of Science

- (1) Professor A Troisi;
- (2) Professor V Buchanan-Wollaston.

(D) Faculty of Social Sciences

- (1) Mr P Whitehead;
- (2) TBC.

(ii) That the following members of the Board had been nominated to

serve as representatives on the Graduate Awards and Nominations Sub-Committee:

(A) Faculty of Arts

Dr R Dias.

(B) Faculty of Medicine

Professor G Hartshorne.

(C) Faculty of Science

Professor M Wills.

(D) Faculty of Social Sciences

Professor D Singh.

(b) Graduate School Review (minutes 12(c)/13-14 and 26(c)/13-14 refer)

TO RECEIVE:

(a) A paper from the Chair of the Board entitled 'Response to the Report of the Review of the Warwick Graduate School', which was considered by the Steering Committee at its meeting on 2 December 2013 (paper SC 42/13-14, copy attached);

(b) An oral report from the Chair on the discussion arising from the paper at the meeting of the Steering Committee.

(c) Aligning policy on hard and electronic copies of theses (minutes 16/13-14 and 26(d)13/14 refer)

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Chair regarding progress made towards the aligning of policy on hard and electronic copies of theses.

(d) Late submission of research theses (minute 30/13-14 refers)

TO REPORT:

That this item will be considered as part of a wider project concerning PGR student progression.

(e) Postgraduate Recruitment (minute 31/13-14 refers)

TO CONSIDER:

A copy of the final postgraduate admissions data for the 2013-14 academic year provided by the Postgraduate Admissions Service Manager (paper BGS 34/13-14, previously circulated).

3. Board of Graduate Studies Working Groups

TO RECEIVE:

Oral reports from the Chairs of the Working Groups regarding progress made since the last meeting of the Board:

(a) Best Practice for PGR Training as related to teaching/selecting PGR tutors

Chair: Professor D Steinberg and Dr A Cristea

Remit: to enhance the selection, training and working conditions of PhD students as teachers.

(b) Best Practice for postgraduate student admissions

Chair: Dr C Bilton

Remit: to address disparity in admissions across departments, focussing on effective admissions processes and marketing.

(c) Identifying improvements for part-time students

Chair: Dr J Kidd

Remit: to consider how the postgraduate student experience can be improved for part-time students.

(d) The Postgraduate Community

Secretary: Ms F Colligan

Remit: to enhance the provision and visibility of central services for postgraduate students.

4. Chair's Action

TO RECEIVE:

A report on items approved by the Chair on behalf of the Board (paper BGS 39/13-14, copy attached).

5. Any Other Business

6. Next meeting

TO REPORT:

That the next meeting of the Board is on Tuesday 18 February, 9.30am, in CMR 1.0.