

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Board of the Faculty of Science

There will be a meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Science on Wednesday 12 February 2014 at **9.30am** in **CMR1.0, University House**.

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Registrar & COO

Note: Questions on agendum items or apologies should be directed to the Secretary of the Committee, Ruth Cooper (ext. 50295 or ruth.cooper@warwick.ac.uk).

The agenda is split into two sections: items for consideration by the Committee and items for report without further discussion unless requested by a member of the Committee. All papers are available electronically from the Committee's file store:

https://files.warwick.ac.uk/sciencefacultyboard/browse/BFS+-+Board+of+the+Faculty+of+Science/BFS_12_Feb_2014

A G E N D A

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE

1. Minutes

TO CONSIDER:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Science held on 6 November 2013 (copy attached).

2. Matters arising on the Minutes

(a) Recommended Change to Statute 17(4) (minute BFS.1/13-14 refers)

TO REPORT:

- (i) That any changes to Statutes have to be approved by the Privy Council;
- (ii) That the Head of Institutional Governance would pick up the recommended change from "Sub-Faculties" to "Sub-Committees" in the review of governing instruments.

(b) Faculty of Science Webpages (minute 6(c)/13-14 refers)

TO REPORT:

- (i) That progress has been made to develop the Faculty webpages, and the final design has been agreed (paper BFS.15/13-14, copy attached).
- (ii) The ITS Webteam will now start work on the test pages.

(c) Faculty of Science Thesis Prizes (minute BFS.6(d)/13-14 refers)

TO REPORT:

- (i) That departments should notify the Chair of the Faculty with their judging panel membership by 28 February at the latest.
- (ii) That departments should advertise the prize to graduands/graduates and supervisors within the department.
- (iii) That the announcement about the prizes will appear on the Faculty of Science webpages and on Insite.
- (iv) That the closing date for nominations from supervisors to departmental judging panels will be 15 March 2014;

(e) Faculty Forums (minute BFS.8/13-14 refers)

TO REPORT

- (i) That the meeting of the Distinctiveness Forum will be rescheduled in term two;
- (ii) That the Science and Survival WP event organised by the WP Forum was held on 10 December and was well received by the pupils and teachers from the schools that attended;
- (iii) That the Employability Forum continues to hold termly meetings of Careers representatives from SCS and from departments to share good practice.

(f) Research Centre for Law, Governance and Regulation of the Global Economy (minute BFS.9/13-14 refers)

TO REPORT:

- (i) That the Research Committee reported that within the Law Department, the Legal Research Institute acts as an 'umbrella' for all Centres;
- (ii) That the Research Committee resolved that new Centre be approved.

(g) Research Centre Reviews (minute BFS.10/13-14 refers)

TO REPORT:

- (i) That the Research Committee resolved that Mathematics Research Institute provided added value, contributed to research strategy and was sustainable.
- (ii) That the Research Committee Centre reported that the Centre for Fusion, Space and Astrophysics added value but due to questions regarding financial sustainability, resolved that the Centre will be reviewed again during 2014/15.

(h) Assessment Strategies (minute BFS.11/13-14 refers)

TO REPORT:

- (i) That Senate approved the University Assessment Strategy at its meeting of 29 January 2014;

- (ii) That Departments will be contacted in early February about the next steps towards producing departmental assessment strategies.

(i) Bids for Matched Funding.(minute BFS.14/13-14 refers)

TO REPORT:

- (i) That the University is considering the requests from those with externally-funded CDTs;
- (ii) That the University is also considering strategic investment in studentships linked to CDTs without external funding;
- (iii) That guiding principles for considering requests are being devised;
- (iv) That there will be a central allocation of funding for strategic investment of studentships.

(j) Information Security Framework e-learning Module (minute BFS.16/13-14 refers)

TO REPORT:

- (i) That the Director of Campus Services has confirmed that IT Services is establishing a formal project to enhance system security;
- (ii) That the project board will have representatives from the whole user community to advise on potential impacts on working practice and to review test results;
- (iii) A project initiation document is being drafted for consideration by IPSC.

3. Chair's Business

(a) Faculty of Science Advisory Board

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Chair of Faculty.

(b) Faculty Budgets/Special Projects

TO REPORT:

- (i) That approximately £10,000 of the 2013/14 Faculty of Science special projects budget remains to be committed.
- (ii) That 1000 Faculty of Science cotton bags and 10000 plastic carrier bags have been ordered with a total cost of £2,000.
- (iii) That 100 of the cotton shoppers are available to each department if required.

(c) Big Bang Exhibition

TO REPORT:

- (i) That this national UK exhibition for young scientists and engineers will take place 13-16 March 2014 (<http://www.thebigbangfair.co.uk/>);
- (ii) That the Faculty of Science has funded a stand at the exhibition, and has provided additional funding for Faculty of Science bags and a leaflet to be handed out at the event;
- (iii) That £10,000 has also been allocated from the Impact Fund to put towards this event;
- (iv) That representatives from Physics and Computer Science will be attending the Faculty Lunch on 12 February to make a brief presentation to provide further details about the event.

(d) Awards

TO REPORT

That Professor Perrier (Chemistry) has been awarded a Royal Society Wolfson Research Merit Award.

4. Timeliness Report for Term 1 2013/14

TO RECEIVE:

A composite report on timeliness of feedback on assessments submitted during the Autumn term 2013/14 across the Faculty of Science, paper BFS.14(revised)/13-14 (copy attached).

5. University Timetable

TO CONSIDER:

A paper from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Planning and Resources) on progress made remodelling the University timetable (paper SC.65/13-14).

6. University Research Centres

TO CONSIDER:

(a) A proposal from the Research Committee to establish two new University Research Centres in the Faculty of Social Sciences, as set out in paper BFS.16/13-14 (copy attached):

- (i) Centre for Connecting Research on Employment and Work (CREW)
- (ii) Centre for Operational Policing Research

(b) A proposal from the Departments of Computer Science, Mathematics and Statistics to establish a new University Research Centre: the Warwick Data Science Institute (WDSI), as set out in paper BFS.17/13-14 (copy attached).

7. Global Sustainability

TO CONSIDER:

A paper from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Postgraduate and Transnational Education) about the proposed Global Sustainability Degree (paper BUGS.15/13-14, copy attached).

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Chair of the Faculty of Science Undergraduate Studies Committee (SUGS) about the discussion held at SUGS on 20 January 2014 about this degree.

8. Items to be brought to the Senate

TO CONSIDER:

Whether there are any specific issues which the Board of the Faculty wishes to refer to the Senate for consideration.

9. Any Other Business

ITEMS TO REPORT AND APPROVE WITHOUT FURTHER DISCUSSION

The Chair and Secretary consider that the following items are non-controversial and/or can be accepted with a minimum of explanation. Members of the Committee may, however, ask for any of the following items to be transferred to the agenda for discussion, by contacting the Secretary in advance of the meeting, or by raising the item at the commencement of the meeting.

10. Report from the Faculty of Science IT Committee

TO RECEIVE:

The minutes of the meetings of the Faculty of Science IT Committee held on 22 January 2014 (copy on filestore).

11. Report from the Undergraduate Studies Committee

TO RECEIVE:

The minutes of the meeting of the Undergraduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science held on 20 January 2014 (copy on filestore).

12. Report from the Graduate Studies Committee

TO RECEIVE:

The minutes of the meeting of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science held on 27 January 2014 (copy to follow on filestore).

13. Report from the Faculty of Science Research and Innovation Committee

TO RECEIVE:

- (a) The minutes of the meeting of the Faculty of Science Research and Innovation Committee held on 31 October 2013 (copy on filestore);
- (b) The minutes of the meeting of the Faculty of Science Research and Innovation Committee held on 16 December 2013 (copy on filestore).

14. Dates of Future Meetings

TO REPORT:

That the Summer term meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Science in the academic year 2013/14 would be held on:

Wednesday 21 May 2014, 09.30 – 11.30am, CMR1.0, University House