

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Board of the Faculty of Social Studies

There will be a meeting of the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies at 10am on Wednesday 13th February 2008 in the Council Chamber, University House.

K M Sloan
Deputy Registrar

Note: Questions on agenda items or apologies for this meeting should be directed to the Secretary of the Board, Alison Backhouse: A.Backhouse@warwick.ac.uk.

AGENDA

1. Constitution, Membership and Terms of Reference

TO REPORT:

- (a) That Professor J McEldowney had replaced Ms D Stevens as a member of the Board representing the School of Law.
- (b) That Professor S Rai had been appointed as sole Director of the Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation, replacing Professor J Scholte, and would attend the Board in the capacity as Director.
- (c) That as Professor Rai was attending the Board in her capacity as Director of the Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation, there was now a vacancy on the Board for a representative from the Department of Politics and International Studies.
- (d) That Professor R Davies had replaced Professor T Ahrens as a member of the Board representing Warwick Business School.
- (e) That Mr Q Diep had been appointed as the Board's postgraduate representative.
- (f) That Mr C Jones had replaced Ms H Kinnear as Assistant Secretary to the Board.

2. Faculty Representation on the International Committee

TO REPORT:

That Ms A Stewart, School of Law, had been appointed as a second representative of the Faculty on the University's International Committee.

3. Minutes

TO CONSIDER:

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2007 (copy attached).

4. Matters Arising

- (a) ESRC Research Centres Competition (minute BFSS.3/07-08 (b) refers)

TO REPORT:

That following the submission of a proposal from Professor M Salmon (Warwick Business School) to the ESRC Research Centres Competition to establish an ESRC-funded research centre entitled 'Centre for Financial Innovation and Public Policy', the University had been informed that on this occasion the proposal had not been short-listed.

- (b) Faculty Research Forum (minute BFSS.4/07-08 refers)

TO REPORT:

- (i) That the Chair of the Faculty Research Forum was Professor S Rai (PAIS) and that administrative support would be provided by Ms F Brown (Economics);
- (ii) That the Forum was scheduled to meet for the first time on Wednesday 6th February 2008.

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from Professor Rai regarding the first meeting of the Faculty Research Forum, which took place on 6th February.

- (c) Strategic Departmental Review (minute BFSS.6/07-08 refers)

TO REPORT:

That the Senate, at its meeting on 5th December, had approved the revised guidelines for the Strategic Departmental Review process and that the guidelines and schedule are now available online (<http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/services/gov/sdr/>).

- (d) Faculty Forum on Teaching and Learning Issues (minute BFSS.07/07-08 (h) refers)

TO REPORT:

That following the agreement of Professor C Hughes (Sociology) at the last meeting to take forward discussions regarding the formation of a Faculty Forum on Teaching and Learning Issues, a Forum was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 5th March at 2-4 pm (venue to be confirmed).

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from Professor Hughes on preparations for the Faculty Forum on Teaching and Learning Issues.

- (e) Undergraduate and Graduate Committee Procedures (minute BFSS.10/07-08 refers)

TO REPORT:

That the paper prepared by the previous Assistant Secretary, to examine some of the procedural difficulties encountered in relation to the Undergraduate Studies Committee and the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies (paper BFSS.4/07-08), had been revised in the light of comments

made by the Board at the last meeting and in the context of comments made under agenda item 9/07-08 (November 2007 agenda), and would be considered by the Deputy Registrar's Office (which replaced the University Secretary's Office from 1st February 2008).

- (f) Election of Board Members to the Senate (minute BFSS.15/07-08 refers)

TO REPORT:

- (i) That a By-Election was conducted in accordance with University Regulation 2.2 (6)-(12), in order to fill two vacancies which existed on the Senate for the period to 31st July 2010;
- (ii) That Professor C Hughes (Sociology) and Professor R Burridge (Law) were elected by the Board to the Senate for the period to 31st July 2010.

5. Chair's Business

6. Items for Strategic Discussion

Research Excellence Framework

TO REPORT:

That the HEFCE consultation on the assessment and funding of higher education research post-2008 could be found at: http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/hefce/2007/07_34/, noting that the deadline for responding to the consultation was 14th February 2008.

TO RECEIVE:

- (a) A summary of the consultation on the assessment and funding of higher education research post-2008, paper BFSS.11/07-08 (copy attached).
- (b) The University's draft response to the consultation, paper BFSS.12/07-08 (to follow).

7. Credit and Module Framework

TO CONSIDER:

Proposed amendments to the University's Credit and Module Framework, paper AQSC 35/07-08 (revised) (copy attached).

8. Learning, Teaching and Assessment Enhancement Strategy

TO CONSIDER:

The University's Learning, Teaching and Assessment Enhancement Strategy, paper AQSC 6/07-08 (revised 3) (copy attached).

9. Report from the Faculty Undergraduate Studies Committee

TO RECEIVE:

The *unconfirmed* minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Undergraduate Studies Committee held on 30th January 2008, paper BFSS.13/07-08 (copy attached).

10. Report from the Faculty Graduate Studies Committee

TO RECEIVE:

The *unconfirmed* minutes of the meeting of the Faculty Graduate Studies Committee held on 31st January 2008, paper BFSS.14/07-08 (to follow).

TO CONSIDER:

A proposed revision to the terms of reference, as recommended by the Graduate Studies Committee at its meeting held on 31st January 2008, as follows (additions underlined):

- (i) To consider and approve, on behalf of the Board, new postgraduate modules and changes to postgraduate modules in the Faculty.
- (ii) To consider and recommend to the Board of Graduate Studies, on behalf of the Board, new postgraduate courses in the Faculty.
- (iii) To consider matters referred to it by the Board, including business referred to it by the Board of Graduate Studies and to respond to the Board of Graduate Studies on behalf of the Faculty Board.
- (iv) To advise and make recommendations to the Faculty Board on matters concerning postgraduate teaching and assessment in the Faculty.

11. Report from the Faculty IT Committee

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Chair of the Faculty IT Committee.

12. Faculty Advisory Board

TO REPORT:

- (a) That Professor M Harrison (Department of Economics) and Professor C Hughes (Department of Sociology) had been appointed as University members of the Social Studies Faculty Advisory Board for the period to 30th September 2010.
- (b) That the next meeting of the Faculty Advisory Board will be held on 24th April 2008.
- (c) That the period of office of a number of members of the Advisory Board will come to an end on 30th September, 2008. Members of the Faculty are therefore requested to consider appropriate individuals to approach for membership of the Advisory Board, noting that existing members may be approached to serve a second three-year term of office.
- (d) That the current membership of the Advisory Board is set out in paper BFSS.15/07-08 (copy attached).

13. Matters Relating to Faculty Research Centres

(a) Centre of Ethics, Law, and Public Affairs

TO CONSIDER:

- (i) A proposal for the establishment of a new research centre entitled the Centre of Ethics, Law, and Public Affairs (papers BFSS.16/07-08 and BFSS.17/07-08 (copies attached)).
- (ii) A proposal to appoint Dr M Clayton as sole Director of the Centre for the period to 31st July 2010.

(b) Centre for Criminal Justice (minute BFSS.14/07-08 (e) refers)

TO REPORT:

- (i) That at its last meeting the Board considered a proposal for establishing a Law School based Centre for Criminal Justice, papers BFSS.8/07-08 and BFSS.9/07-08, which had been approved by the Law School Research Committee, and resolved that the proposal for establishing a Law School based Centre for Criminal Justice be approved in principal, subject to Chair's action on approving the detailed constitutional information required for submission to Senate (should that be appropriate).
- (ii) That the Senate, at its meeting held on 5th December 2007, resolved that the proposal for establishing a Law School based Centre for Criminal Justice, together with the proposed constitution for the Centre, be approved.

TO CONSIDER:

A proposal from the Law School to appoint Professor J Hodgson as sole Director of the Centre for Criminal Justice for the period to 31st July 2010.

14. Any Other Business

15. Date of the Next Meeting

TO REPORT:

That the next meeting of the Board will take place on Wednesday 28th May at 10am in the Council Chamber, University House.