

BOARD OF GRADUATE STUDIES

A meeting of the Board of Graduate Studies will be held on Tuesday 16 February 2016 from 14.00 to 17.00, in CMR 1.0, University House.

Ken Sloan
Registrar and Chief Operating Officer

A G E N D A

Notes: The following items and reports are for consideration at the meeting.

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, Laura Larard (bgs@warwick.ac.uk).

1. Minutes of the last meeting

TO CONSIDER:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 12 January 2016 as set out in paper BGS 37/15-16 (available online).

2. Matters Arising on the Minutes

(a) Membership of the Board (minute BGS 45(a)/15-16 refers)

TO REPORT:

- (i) That Dr L Gramaglia would replace Ms S Hattersley on the Board of Graduate Studies as the representative from the Learning and Development Centre;
- (ii) That Dr D Hartas, Centre for Education Studies, would serve on the Board of Graduate Studies as one of the two members of academic staff appointed by the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences.

(b) PhD Submission Rates (minute BGS 49(k)/15-16 refers)

TO RECEIVE:

A paper from the Secretary outlining reasons for late submission highlighted by former students surveyed by the Graduate School as set out in paper BGS 38/15-16 (available online).

(c) Compliance Working Group Update (minute BGS 50/15-16 refers)

TO CONSIDER:

A report from the Senior Compliance Officer (Student Immigration) as set out in paper BGS 31/15-16 (available online).

3. Students' Union Update

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Postgraduate Officer.

4. Reports from the Chairs of the Graduate Studies Committees

TO RECEIVE:

Oral reports from the Chairs of the Graduate Studies Committees.

5. Chair's Business

TO RECEIVE:

A report from the Chair on refugee scholarships.

6. Statement of Expected Student Behaviour

TO CONSIDER:

A consultation paper from the Director of Delivery Assurance and Resolution and Senior Assistant Registrar (Delivery Assurance) on the provisional Statement of Expected Student Behaviour (paper BGS 39/15-15, available online).

7. Progression Requirements

TO CONSIDER:

A paper from the Senior Assistant Registrar (Graduate School) on postgraduate research progression requirements (paper BGS 40/15-16, to follow).

8. New and revised courses

TO CONSIDER:

A paper setting out recommendations for the approval of new and revised courses (paper BGS 41/15-16, available online).

9. Any Other Business

10. Next meeting

TO REPORT:

That the next meeting of the Board is on 28 April 2016 at 9.30am in CMR 1.0.

MATTERS TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE WITHOUT FURTHER DISCUSSION

Note: The following papers are non-controversial 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 'Matters for Consideration' element of the Agenda by contacting the Assistant Secretary by telephoning 024 765 22755 (ext: 22755), or via e-mail to bgs@warwick.ac.uk prior to the meeting, or by raising the item at the commencement of the meeting.

11. QAA Degree Characteristics

TO REPORT:

- (a) That the QAA have published degree characteristics statements for Masters degrees, following a sector consultation in 2015;
- (b) That committees and departments should ensure that Masters degrees align to the Masters Degree Characteristics Statement as set out in paper QAWG.4/15-16 (copy attached).

12. Professional Doctorates

TO REPORT:

- (a) That a review of professional doctorates was commissioned by HEFCE and carried out by the Careers Research & Advisory Centre Ltd and the University of Brighton;
- (b) That the subsequent review report has been published and provides an overview of the current landscape of professional doctorates across Higher Education Institutions in England;
- (c) That the report recommends that sector bodies and institutions develop a more strategic basis for provision of professional doctorates and reaffirms equivalence between professional doctorate and PhD qualifications, highlighting the importance of both the research context and the impact requirements on professional practice.

TO RECEIVE:

- (d) The report on “Provision of professional doctorates in English HE institutions” (paper QAWG.19/15-16, copy attached).

13. Chair’s Action

TO RECEIVE:

A report on items approved by the Chair on behalf of the Board (paper BGS 42/15-16, copy attached).