

# UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

## Board of Graduate Studies

There will be a meeting of the Board of Graduate Studies at 2 pm on Thursday 27 April 2006 in the Council Chamber, University House.

C E Charlton  
University Secretary

**Note: Questions on agendum items or apologies for this meeting should be directed to the Assistant Secretary of the Committee, Samuel Cole on extension 22755.**

### A G E N D A

1. Minutes

TO CONSIDER:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 16 February 2006 (copy attached).

2. Matters Arising on the Minutes

TO CONSIDER:

- a) CELTE: MA in Research Methods in Applied Linguistics and English Teaching (minute 50/b/i, ii & iii/05-06 refers)

Clarifications of the course proposal for an MA in Research Methods in Applied Linguistics and English Teaching (paper BGS 25/05-06, copy attached)

- b) Chemistry: MSc in Synthetic Chemistry with Industrial Collaboration (minute 50/c/05-06 refers)

Clarifications of the course proposal for an MSc in Synthetic Chemistry with Industrial Collaboration (paper BGS 26/05-06, copy attached)

3. Chair's Business

Extenuating Circumstances in research degree examinations

TO CONSIDER:

An oral report from the Chair.

4. Reports from the Faculty Graduate Studies Committees

TO RECEIVE:

Oral reports from the Chairs of the Graduate Studies Committees of the Faculties.

5. Postgraduate Committee

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Chair of the Postgraduate Committee.

6. Outline proposals for new courses of Study

MOAC

TO CONSIDER:

Proposals from MOAC and the Department of Chemistry for approval in principle for the introduction of two new courses:

- (a) MSc in Communicating Multidisciplinary Science (paper BGS 27/05-06, copy attached).
- (b) MSc in Chemistry with Scientific Writing (paper BGS 28/05-06, copy attached).

7. Postgraduate Scholarships

TO CONSIDER:

A paper prepared by the Chair on proposed amendments to postgraduate scholarship funding (paper BGS 35/05-06, copy attached).

8. Admissions (minute 25/05-06 refers)

TO REPORT:

That the Board, at its meeting in November 2005, established a working group to consider postgraduate admissions criteria and processes.

TO CONSIDER:

A report from the meeting of the Admissions Working Group (paper BGS 33/05-06, copy attached).

9. Postgraduate Induction

TO REPORT:

That, at a meeting of members of the Board and Directors of Graduate Studies held to discuss induction for postgraduate students, support had been expressed for a longer University level induction for research students than that currently offered by the Graduate School.

TO CONSIDER:

A draft proposal for a two-day induction, noting that it was proposed to run this as a pilot in 2006 (paper BGS 29/05-06, copy attached).

10. Training Needs Analysis for Research Students (minute 44/05-06 refers)

TO REPORT:

- (a) That Precept 19 of the QAA's Code of Practice for Research Students states that "Each student's development needs will be identified and agreed jointly by the student and appropriate academic staff, initially during the student's induction period; they will be regularly reviewed during the research programme and amended as appropriate."
- (b) That, at its meeting in January 2006, the Board resolved:
  - (i) That the Board supported a form of self-assessment conducted on entry with a review at the end of each year.
  - (ii) That the secretary bring forward more detailed proposals for consideration at a future meeting.

TO CONSIDER:

Outline proposals, noting that it is intended to implement these during the 2006/2007 academic year (paper BGS 34/05-06, copy attached).

11. Submission Rates (minute 47/05-06 refers)

TO CONSIDER:

Results of a survey of institutions with regard to policy on fees and registration for the writing up period and further extensions (paper BGS 30/05-06, copy attached).

12. Integrated (Undergraduate) Masters Courses (minute 43/05-06 refers)

TO REPORT:

That the Board, at its meeting in January 2006, considered a briefing note from the Europe Unit on the implications of the Bologna agreement for undergraduate Masters Degrees (paper BGS 20/05-06) and the principle of awarding both a Masters qualification and a Bachelors qualification for integrated programmes, noting that students would be required to complete 120 credits at M level and resolved:

- (a) That, as the proposed award of an Master's degree on the basis of completing only 120 CATS at M level was not consistent with Masters Degrees presently offered by the University, the Board did not wish to endorse this proposal on the basis of the information available, noting that the Board would appreciate input from the departments concerned before considering the matter further.
- (b) That there were no objections to the award of a Postgraduate Diploma for 120 CATS at M level or the award of a Masters degree if students were to complete an additional 60 CAT dissertation at M level.

TO CONSIDER:

A paper prepared by a working group established by the Faculty of Science to consider the issue (paper BGS 31/05-06, copy attached).

13. Use of Postgraduates in Teaching and Examining

TO CONSIDER:

A paper prepared by the Chair on the use of postgraduate students in teaching and examining (paper BGS 32/05-06, copy attached).

14. Any Other Business