

**UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK**

**Board of Graduate Studies**

Minutes of the Board of Graduate Studies meeting held on Monday 9 February 2015.

Present: Prof J Palmowski, Mr A Brewerton, Ms J Cooper, Prof A Dowd, Dr J Garde-Hansen, Dr O Goriunova, Mr A Hammant, Dr K Kirwan, Mr S Lamb, Dr P McTernan, Dr N Monk, Dr Z Newby, Dr J Pearson, Dr A Pinter, Dr P Roberts, Dr D Steeghs, Prof M Wills.

Apologies: Mr R Batista, Ms R Davis, Dr K Denby, Mr L Green, Prof J Hayton, Ms J Humphreys, Prof D Leadley, Ms X Rasul, Prof G Riello Prof L Roberts, Prof M Saward, Prof P Scott, Prof M Soteriou, Prof D Steinberg, Mr A Thompson,

In attendance: Ms K Gray (for items 54/14-15 and 58/14-15), Dr E Hough (for items 55-56/14-15), Mrs L Larard, Mr D Pearson.

46/14-15 Minutes of the Last Meeting

CONSIDERED:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 13 January 2015.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 13 January 2015 be approved.

47/14-15 Matters Arising on the Minutes

(a) International Scholarships (minute 26/14-15 refers)

REPORTED:

That at its meeting of 20 November 2014, the Board endorsed the proposed policy to offer fee discounts to funding bodies in Latin America, noting that the International Office should not offer discounts in excess of 20% without prior approval of the Board and that the International Office should not limit this practice to Latin American countries;

CONSIDERED:

The appropriate approval mechanisms for future decisions in this regard;

RESOLVED:

That requests for discounts in excess of 20% would be considered by the Chair of the Board in consultation with the Chairs of Faculties.

(b) Postgraduate Student-Staff Liaison Committee Report (minute 37(d)(i)/14-15 refers)

RECEIVED:

An update from the Chair on the availability of Lecture Capture technology.

REPORTED:

- (i) That over 1,000 lectures were recorded in Term 1, with an estimated 1,300 to be recorded during Term 2;
  - (ii) That the new Teaching and Learning Building will have automated lecture capture in every teaching room;
  - (iii) That Personal Capture, using any laptop, PC or Mac, could be used by staff to record lectures and seminars in rooms that do not have automated lecture capture equipment.
- (c) Postgraduate Office Space Survey Report (minute 37(d)(ii)/14-15 refers)

RECEIVED:

- (i) An oral report from the Chair on the Board's response to the Students' Union concerns;
- (ii) An oral report from the Head of Academic Services, Library on concerns around space in the Library.

REPORTED:

(by the Chair)

- (iii) That space concerns were being discussed with CPARG and consultation with Chairs of Graduate Studies Committees would take place;

(by the Head of Academic Services, Library):

- (iv) That the Library was aware of the concerns raised by the Students' Union and had previously made additional space available for quiet study during particularly busy times;
- (v) That whilst the Library was supportive of extending hours in the Postgraduate Hub, it was not currently possible due to limited resources;

(by Dr P Roberts)

- (vi) That it would be beneficial for the Library to discuss space requirements with a group of postgraduate students to better understand their needs;

(by Dr J Garde-Hansen)

- (vii) That there is an issue of lack of quiet study space and other facilities for postgraduate students located in Millburn House;

RESOLVED:

- (viii) That the Head of Academic Services, Library and Postgraduate Officer would consult with students regarding space concerns in the Library, noting that one key area of consultation should be the communication of available study spaces within the Library and other areas;
  - (ix) That a separate discussion around the allocation of space in Millburn House was required.
- (d) Skills Working Group (minute 39/14-15 refers)

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Skills Working Group outlining recommendations for training requirements (paper BGS 30/14-15);

REPORTED:

(by Prof M Wills)

- (i) That in order to ensure engagement with skills provision, the University has to integrate skills provision with the doctoral qualification, noting that, for example, in the Science Faculty there are no sanctions applied for non-completion of the Postgraduate Certificate in Transferrable Skills;

(by Dr Z Newby)

- (ii) That it would be useful to provide feedback on the outcome of student focus group meetings to Graduate Studies Committees;
- (iii) That the six key skills areas may be interpreted differently in different faculties, noting the need to be flexible in provision in order to meet disciplinary needs;

(by the Chair of the Board)

- (iv) That those programmes with an integrated training element in the first year would satisfy the requirement of this programme, but that students would still be expected to meet the University's expectations in subsequent years.

RESOLVED:

- (v) That the recommendations set out in the paper be approved;
- (vi) That the Chair would provide feedback to Graduate Studies Committees on the outcome of student focus groups;
- (vii) That the Board would consider further updates to the proposals at subsequent meetings.

48/14-15 Membership

REPORTED:

That the Vice-Chancellor and President, acting on behalf of the Senate, has approved the recommendation of the Chair of the Board that Dr N Monk, Director of IATL, replace Dr P Taylor who has left the University.

49/14-15 Chair's Business

(a) Professional development for postgraduate researchers

RECEIVED:

An update on the consultation regarding professional development for postgraduate researchers;

REPORTED:

That the paper considered at the last meeting of the Board is being considered by Faculties, student focus groups are taking place and further discussions will continue at the Director of Graduate Studies lunch on 12 February;

RESOLVED:

That a reformulated proposal will be presented to the next meeting of the Board.

(b) Research Council Funding

RECEIVED:

An update on funding available from research councils;

REPORTED:

That the University is in the process of preparing bids for research council funding for the latest calls from the Medical Research Council and Economics and Social Research Council.

50/14-15 Reports from the Chairs of the Graduate Studies Committees

RECEIVED:

Oral reports from the Chairs of the Graduate Studies Committees.

REPORTED:

(by Dr P Roberts)

- (a) That the Centre for Arts Doctoral Research Excellence (CADRE) had been established;

- (b) That the Faculty of Arts postgraduate open evening had been considered a success, with a further event planned for later this year;
- (c) That the proposal for validated Master's courses in collaboration with London Film School had been approved;
- (d) That the Committee was currently considering several strategic issues such as the proposed new humanities building, provision of postgraduate space and the future of open days;

(by Prof M Wills)

- (e) That the Committee had considered the proposals regarding professional development for postgraduate researchers;
- (f) That the Committee had considered the future of open days and recommended that it would be beneficial to allocate more resources to virtual events at departmental level;
- (g) That the Committee had resolved that Doctoral Training Centre administrators would be included in the circulation of relevant information in order to improve communication.

51/14-15 Postgraduate Forum and the Students' Union

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Postgraduate Officer.

REPORTED:

That the Postgraduate Officer, in absentia, had expressed concern at the increase in mental health issues amongst postgraduate students;

RESOLVED:

That the Senior Tutor and Secretary to the Board would discuss ways forward with the Students' Union Postgraduate Officer, with the view to more specific proposals being drawn together at a later date.

52/14-15 Warwick Collaborative Postgraduate Research Scholarships

RECEIVED:

An update on potential developments to the Warwick Collaborative Postgraduate Research Scholarships scheme (paper BGS 31/14-15).

REPORTED:

- (a) That it would be beneficial to receive information on the level of industry funding received as compared to university investment to measure the success of the scheme;
- (b) That it may be necessary to re-define 'industry' in order to attract more applications from home students.

RESOLVED:

- (c) That the Board was supportive of a proposed review of the Warwick Collaborative Postgraduate Research Scholarships scheme;
- (d) That following Research Committee's consideration of the paper, Faculty Graduate Studies Committees would discuss this issue at their next meetings to identify how the scheme might be adapted to best support their disciplines.

53/14-15 MRes Working Group

CONSIDERED:

A report from the MRes Working Group (paper BGS 32/14-15);

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the proposed principles of the Group be approved, enabling the Graduate School and Teaching Quality to redraft existing Regulations and University guidance to incorporate the MRes qualification;;
- (b) That further proposals would be considered at the next meeting of the Board.

54/14-15 QAA Characteristics Statement

CONSIDERED:

- (a) The QAA draft statement for consultation on Master's Degrees Characteristics (paper BGS 33/14-15);
- (b) A paper from the Senior Assistant Registrar (Teaching Quality) setting out the University's draft response (paper BGS 34/14-15);
- (c) The QAA draft statement for consultation on Doctoral Degrees Characteristics (paper BGS 35/14-15);
- (d) A paper from the Senior Assistant Registrar (Graduate School) setting out the University's draft response (paper BGS 36/14-15).

RECOMMENDED: (to Academic Quality and Standards Committee)

- (e) That the University's draft response to the consultation on Master's Degree Characteristics be approved subject to amendments in light of the outcomes of the MRes Working Group;
- (f) That the University's draft response to the consultation on Doctoral Degree Characteristics be approved.

55/14-15 Annual Report Forms

CONSIDERED:

A paper from the Postgraduate Student Development Officer (paper BGS 38/14-15);

REPORTED:

- (a) That there were concerns that some students had not completed the confidential section of the form, suggesting that students may not be assured that this information would remain confidential to the Graduate School;
- (b) That students who raise concerns may not wish for them to be taken further, but it is nevertheless important that the opportunity to do so is available;
- (c) That the number of supervisors completing the form was low, and that there is currently no mechanism for outstanding responses to be chased or for Directors of Graduate Studies to be informed of submission rates;
- (d) That the Graduate School was keen to ensure that the completion of the annual report form does not duplicate existing review mechanisms within departments.

(by Mr S Lamb)

- (e) That those who provided blank responses in the confidential comments section should be contacted by the Graduate School;

RESOLVED:

- (f) That the Graduate School would update the Board of developments regarding Annual Report Forms.

56/14-15

Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) and Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES) 2015

CONSIDERED:

A paper from the Postgraduate Student Development Officer (paper BGS 39/14-15);

REPORTED:

- (a) That it would be beneficial to include new questions which correspond with the outcomes of the Working Group on Part-Time Students;
- (b) That the majority of respondents to PTES in 2014 completed the survey after the end of April;

RESOLVED:

- (c) That PTES would be launched on 30 April 2015;
- (d) That any suggestions for questions specifically targeting part-time students should be sent to the Postgraduate Development Officer.

57/14-15 Leave to Submit

CONSIDERED:

A paper from the Academic Director, Graduate School (paper BGS 40/14-15);

REPORTED:

- (a) That it was important to ensure that students who had experienced exceptional circumstances during their period of registration should be allowed the opportunity to submit after the end of their registration period, where appropriate;
- (b) That the differences between extensions and leave to submit was unclear;
- (c) That the University should consider introducing disincentives to failing to submit within the four year registration period;
- (d) That it was possible that requests for leave to submit would increase with the four year registration period;
- (e) That criteria were required to set out the circumstances in which leave to submit would and would not be granted, allowing for exceptional circumstances to be taken into account.

RESOLVED:

- (f) That the Academic Director would undertake further consultation on the proposal to revise policy on Leave to Submit with a view to submitting a revised paper to the next meeting of the Board.

58/14-15 HEFCE Discussion Document on the Future of Quality Assessment in Higher Education

CONSIDERED:

A discussion document on the Future of Quality Assessment in Higher Education published by the HEFCE (paper AQSC 30/14-15);

RESOLVED:

That comments on the discussion document should be provided to the Chair in advance of further discussions at Steering on 16 February.

59/14-15 New Course Proposals

- (a) Faculty of Social Sciences
  - (i) Warwick Business School  
Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA)

REPORTED:



That at its meeting on 27 January 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Science recommended that a proposal from Warwick Business School to introduce a new Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA), as set out in papers GFSS.83 (a-c)/14-15 be approved subject to the following conditions:

- (A) That the proposal be revised to:
  - (1) Clarify requirements for the portfolio, including elements it would consist of and a word-count, if appropriate;
  - (2) Confirm that the course would meet the minimum frequency of one supervisory meeting a month;
  - (3) Clarify possible exit qualifications for the DBA, noting the specifics of the group of students likely to register on the course.
- (B) That the external assessor's report be produced;
- (C) That module proposal forms for any core modules be made available with the revised course proposal;
- (D) That the revised course proposal be circulated to the Committee reviewers for further consideration;
- (E) That, once the reviewers are satisfied with the revisions, the Chair be empowered to recommend the revised course proposal to the Board of Graduate Studies for approval.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA), as set out in papers GFSS.83 (a-c)/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, subject to the following conditions:

- (F) Clarification as to the role of Professors in Practice, in particular in relation to training, supervision and pastoral support;
- (G) Clarification as to credits to be awarded for research training;
- (H) Receipt of full list of staff contributing to teaching and examination;
- (I) Formal sign-off by the course leader and Head of Department;

- (J) Confirmation that the proposal has been considered by an existing SSLC;
- (K) Noting that the Graduate Studies Committee has requested an external assessor's report, it should be noted that this should not be provided by an existing external examiner.

(ii) Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies

MSc in Urban Science

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 27 January 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Science recommended that a proposal from the Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies to introduce a new MSc in Urban Science, as set out in papers GFSS.106 (a-e)/14-15 be approved subject to the following conditions:

- (A) That an external assessor's report be produced;
- (B) That a clarification of how this degree differed from existing PGT provision within the Centre for Interdisciplinary Methodologies be provided.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new MSc in Urban Science as set out in papers GFSS.103 (a-e)/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved subject to the following conditions:

- (C) Clarification as to the appointment timeline for the course leader and contingency arrangements if not appointed by October 2015;
- (D) Further details regarding the field of Urban Science; in particular, any competitor programmes, institutional profiles of competitors, further areas of specialisation within the field;
- (E) Clarification as to the reason for not considering Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma as entry points;
- (F) Confirmation that the proposal has been considered by an existing SSLC.

(b) Faculty of Science

(i) Chemistry

- (A) PhD in Chemistry with European Collaboration

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 26 January 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science recommended that a proposal from the department of Chemistry to introduce a new PhD in Chemistry with European Collaboration, as set out in papers SGS.12 (a-d)/14-15, be approved subject to confirmation of collaborative and examination arrangements.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new PhD in Chemistry with European Collaboration, as set out in papers SGS.12 (a-d)/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Confirmation of the process by which examination arrangements are to be made with partner institutions, noting that all awards made by the University of Warwick must meet the institutional requirements;
- (2) Clarification of the arrangements for monitoring those students with Warwick as a primary institution and who are studying at a secondary institution.

(B) MSc in Polymer Science

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 26 January 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science recommended that a proposal from the department of Chemistry to introduce a new MSc in Polymer Science, as set out in papers SGS.13 (a-e)/14-15, be approved subject to:

- (1) Clarification of the number of modules (page 6 of SGS.13(a)/14-15);
- (2) Inclusion of the 24 credit dissertation/project module;
- (3) Inclusion in the course specification of learning outcomes that link to the business options from WMG.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new MSc in Polymer Science as set out in papers SGS.13 (a-e)/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, subject to the following conditions:

Note: It is recommended that this proposal be approved, subject to the following:

- (4) Clarification of the learning objectives which would not apply to the Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma as set out in the course specification;
- (5) Justification of the length of the Master's for students on a part-time registration;
- (6) Confirmation that agreement has been secured from Warwick Manufacturing Group in relation to elective modules.

(C) MSc in Analytical and Polymer Science

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 26 January 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science recommended that a proposal from the department of Chemistry to introduce a new MSc in Analytical and Polymer Science, as set out in papers SGS.14 (a-d)/14-15, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new MSc in Analytical and Polymer Science as set out in papers SGS.14 (a-d)/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Clarification of the learning objectives which would not apply to the Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma as set out in the course specification;
- (2) Justification of the length of the Master's for students on a part-time registration.

(ii) Warwick Manufacturing Group

(A) MSc/PGDip/PGCert/PGA in Systems Engineering Technical Leadership

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 26 January 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science recommended that a proposal from Warwick Manufacturing Group to introduce a new MSc/PGDip/PGCert/PGA in Systems Engineering Technical Leadership, as set out in papers SGS.15 (a-c)/14-15, be approved subject to receipt of comments from the external reviewer.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new MSc/PGDip/PGCert/PGA in Systems Engineering Technical Leadership, as set out in papers SGS.15 (a-c)/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Clarification of the learning objectives which would not apply to the Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma as set out in the course specification;
- (2) Formal sign-off by the course leader and Head of Department.

(iii) Warwick Mathematics Institute

PhD in Mathematics of Systems

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 26 January 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science recommended that a proposal from Warwick Mathematics Institute to introduce a new integrated PhD in Mathematics of Systems, as set out in papers SGS.26/14-15, be approved subject to:

- (A) Confirmation on whether the Department would consider the addition of an MPhil on registration with upgrade to PhD confirmed at a later point;
- (B) Modules codes being added to the relevant section of the CA1;
- (C) Further clarification about the 60% proportion offered for the part-time variant.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new integrated PhD in Mathematics of Systems, as set out in papers SGS.26/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved subject to the following conditions:

- (D) Receipt of a suitable and satisfactory external assessors report;
- (E) Clarification as to the length of the course, noting that the usual period of registration for a full time PhD programme is four years.

(c) Faculty of Arts

History

MA in History

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 27 January 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Arts recommended that a proposal from the Department of History to introduce a new MA in History, as set out in papers AGSC 14/14-15, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new MA in History as set out in papers AGSC 14/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Clarification that no staff on fixed term contracts will teach on the programme and receipt of a list of staff who will provide teaching;
- (ii) Clarification as to why the proposal is for a single programme rather than three separate courses;
- (iii) Receipt of a satisfactory external assessor's report;
- (iv) Clarification as to why no Postgraduate Diploma or Postgraduate Certificate would be offered;
- (v) Provision of details of the outcome of the SSLC meeting held on 18 November 2014;
- (vi) Confirmation that the key skills learning outcomes listed in the course specification are complete.

60/14-15 Revised Course Proposals

(a) Faculty of Science

(i) Warwick Mathematics Institute

MSc in Mathematics and MSc in Interdisciplinary Mathematics

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 26 January 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science recommended that a proposal to revise the MSc in Mathematics and the MSc in Interdisciplinary Mathematics, as set out in paper SGS.18/14-15, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

A proposal to revise the MSc in Mathematics and the MSc in Interdisciplinary Mathematics, as set out in paper SGS.18/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved subject to the following conditions:

- (A) Receipt of a formal memo from the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Warwick Mathematics Institute including appropriate signatures;
- (B) Confirmation that the proposed revisions would have no effect on learning outcomes.

(ii) Warwick Manufacturing Group

EngD (International)

REPORTED:

That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science, acting on its behalf, has recommended that a proposal to revise the EngD (International), as set out in paper SGS.28/14-15, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

A proposal to revise the EngD (International), as set out in paper SGS.28/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

(iii) Computer Science

(A) MSc in Data Analytics

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 26 January 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science

recommended that a proposal to revise the MSc in Data Analytics, as set out in paper SGS.19/14-15, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

A proposal to revise the MSc in Data Analytics, as set out in paper SGS.19/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, subject to the confirmation that concerns raised by the external examiner regarding other Computer Science Master's programmes are adequately addressed.

(B) MSc in Computer Science and Applications

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 26 January 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science recommended that a proposal to revise the MSc in Computer Science and Applications, as set out in paper SGS.20/14-15, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

A proposal to revise the MSc in Computer Science and Applications, as set out in paper SGS.20/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, subject to the confirmation that concerns raised by the external examiner regarding other Computer Science Master's programmes are adequately addressed.

(iv) School of Life Sciences

MSc Integrative Bioscience and MSc Integrative Bioscience with Business

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 26 January 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science recommended that a proposal to discontinue the MSc in Integrative Bioscience and suspend the MSc in Integrative Bioscience and Business for the academic year 2015/16, as set out in paper SGS.21/14-15, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

A proposal to discontinue the MSc in Integrative Bioscience and suspend the MSc in Integrative Bioscience and Business for the



academic year 2015/16, as set out in paper SGS.21/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposals be approved.

(b) Faculty of Social Sciences

(i) Centre for Education Studies

Postgraduate Certificate in Innovation in Education

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 27 January 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences recommended that a proposal to revise the Postgraduate Certificate in Innovation in Education, as set out in papers GFSS.102(a-l)/14-15, be approved subject to the following conditions:

- (A) That a clarification be provided of how “online engagement” would be monitored;
- (B) That a clarification be provided of how the collaborative element would operate;
- (C) That a clarification be provided of the distinction between the course being not distance learning but distance delivery;
- (D) That the documentation be reviewed for consistency of course length;
- (E) That a clarification be provided of contact hours for the course.

CONSIDERED:

A proposal to revise the Postgraduate Certificate in Innovation in Education, as set out in papers GFSS.102(a-l)/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved subject to the following conditions:

- (F) Clarification as to whether “classroom observation” in the course specification relates to a specific activity or learning outcome;
- (G) Justification as to why the learning objectives noted in the module and course are not more closely aligned;
- (H) Clarification as to why SSAT students would require

additional time to that allowed for in the original course, noting that this is a revised course proposal;

- (l) Receipt of additional statement from external assessor, clearly demonstrating support for the proposal.

(c) Faculty of Medicine

Warwick Medical School

MSc in Health Sciences (Plastic Surgery)

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 26 January 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine recommended that a proposal to discontinue the MSc in Health Sciences (Plastic Surgery), as set out in paper GSCFM 13/14-15 be approved.

CONSIDERED:

A proposal to discontinue the MSc in Health Sciences (Plastic Surgery), as set out in paper GSCFM 13/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

61/14-15

Chair's Action

(a) Faculty of Social Sciences

(i) Politics and International Studies

(A) MA in Politics and International Studies: Big Data and Quantitative Methods

REPORTED:

- (1) That at its meeting on 20 November 2014 the Board resolved that a proposal to introduce a new MA in Politics and International Studies: Big Data and Quantitative Methods, as set out in papers GSSS .3a-f/14-15, be approved, subject to the following:

- (a) The Department undertaking further consultation with the Warwick Institute for the Science of Cities;
- (b) Clarification as to the Department's response to the External Assessor's statement that it may be desirable to introduce an examination to assess students' quantitative knowledge;
- (c) Confirmation of which aspects of the course

specification do not apply to the PG Certificate and PG Diploma, noting that this is currently framed in terms of credit.

- (2) That the conditions have been satisfied and the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, has subsequently taken action to approve the proposal to introduce a new MA in Politics and International Studies: Big Data and Quantitative Methods.

(B) Double MA in Politics and International Service at American University, Washington DC and the University of Warwick

REPORTED:

- (1) That at its meeting on 5 June 2014 the Board resolved that a proposal to introduce a new Double MA in Politics and International Service at American University, Washington DC based at the School of International Service and the University of Warwick, Department of Politics and International Studies, as set out in papers GFSS.84a-b/13-14, be approved, subject to the following, noting that a number of the conditions have already been satisfied but that the remainder would need to be met in order for the proposal to be fully approved:
  - (a) Confirmation that existing students will transfer onto the course;
  - (b) Receipt of the external examiner's report;
  - (c) Clarification of the entry requirements for the course, in particular whether all students would need to satisfy the GMAT requirements;
  - (d) Clarification regarding which institution's regulations would apply where a student fails the dissertation element;
  - (e) Confirmation that the dissertation length will be increased to a minimum of 18,000 words;
  - (f) Clarification as to whether the proposed modules will be introduced as new modules, or align with existing PAIS modules, noting the similarity with the latter.
- (2) That the conditions have been satisfied and the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, has subsequently taken action to approve the proposal to introduce a new Double MA in Politics and International Service at American University, Washington DC and the University of Warwick.

(C) Double MA in Global Governance at the University of Waterloo, Canada and the University of Warwick

REPORTED:

- (1) That at its meeting on 5 June 2014 the Board resolved that a proposal to introduce a new Double MA in Global Governance at the University of Waterloo, Canada, based at the Balsillie School of International Affairs and the University of Warwick, Department of Politics and International Relations, as set out in papers GFSS.85a-b/13-14, be approved, subject to the following, noting that a number of the conditions have already been satisfied but that the remainder would need to be met in order for the proposal to be fully approved:
  - (a) Confirmation that existing students will transfer onto the course;
  - (b) Receipt of the external examiner's report;
  - (c) Clarification of the entry requirements for the course, in particular whether all students would need to satisfy the GMAT requirements;
  - (d) Clarification regarding which institution's regulations would apply where a student fails the dissertation element;
  - (e) Confirmation that the dissertation length will be increased to a minimum of 18,000 words;
  - (f) Clarification as to whether the proposed modules will be introduced as new modules, or align with existing PAIS modules, noting the similarity with the latter.
- (2) That the conditions have been satisfied and the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, has subsequently taken action to approve the proposal to introduce a new Double MA in Global Governance at the University of Waterloo, Canada and the University of Warwick.

(ii) Centre for Education Studies

REPORTED:

- (A) That at its meeting on 5 June 2014 the Board considered a proposal that the following courses be discontinued with effect from 1 September 2014, as set out in paper GFSS.86/13-14:
  - (1) MA in Educational Research Methods (TIEA-X30E);

- (2) MA in Educational Leadership and Innovation (TIES-X31G);
- (3) MA in Educational Leadership (Future Leaders) (TIES-X3BB);
- (4) PG Certificate in Leading Professional Enquiry (CPD) (TIES-X30K);
- (5) PG Certificate in The Teaching of Shakespeare (TIES-X30S);
- (6) PG Certificate in Mathematics Subject Leadership (TIES-X31C);
- (7) PG Certificate in Teaching Further Mathematics (MEI) (TIES-X32E);
- (8) PG Certificate in Learning and Teaching (International) (TIES-X333);
- (9) PG Award in Multi-Agency Leadership (TIEA-X339);
- (10) PG Award in Exploring Leadership (TIEA-X340).

- (B) That the Board resolved that the proposal be approved, subject to clarification as to whether there are any students registered on the existing courses, and if so, what provision will be in place to ensure that they will be effectively supported to completion;
- (C) That the conditions have been satisfied and the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, has subsequently taken action to approve the proposal to discontinue the named courses.

(iii) Warwick Business School

Distance Learning MBA

REPORTED:

That the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, had taken action to approve exceptional arrangements for the marking of a small number of examination scripts for the module IB8200 Modelling and Analysis for Management.

(b) Faculty of Medicine

(i) Postgraduate Certificate in Reproductive Health

REPORTED:

That the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, has taken action

to approve the proposal to introduce a new Postgraduate Certificate in Reproductive Health as set out in GSCFM 8(revised)/14-15.

(ii) MSc in Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research

REPORTED:

That the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, has taken action to approve the proposal to revise the MSc in Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research as set out in GSCFM 10/14-15.

62/14-15 Any Other Business

63/14-15 Next meeting

REPORTED:

That the next meeting of the Board is on 30 April 2015 at 9.30am in CMR 1.0, University House.