

## UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

### Board of Graduate Studies

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Graduate Studies held on Tuesday 2 June 2015

Present: Professor J Palmowski (Chair), Mr A Brewerton, Ms R Davis, Dr K Denby, Professor A Dowd, Dr K Kirwan, Mr S Lamb, Dr P McTernan, Dr Z Newby, Dr J Pearson, Dr A Pinter, Professor G Riello, Professor P Roberts, Professor M Soteriou, Dr D Steeghs, Mr A Thompson.

Apologies: Mr R Batista, Ms J Cooper, Dr J Garde-Hansen, Dr O Goriunova, Mr L Green, Mr A Hammant, Professor J Hayton, Ms J Humphreys, Dr N Monk, Ms X Rasul, Professor M Saward, Professor P Scott, Professor D Steinberg, Professor M Wills.

In attendance: Ms L Larard, Mr D Pearson, Ms R Wooldridge Smith (for items 91-93/14-15).

#### 78/14-15 Minutes of the Last Meeting

CONSIDERED:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 30 April 2015.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 30 April 2015 be approved.

#### 79/14-15 Matters arising on the minutes

(a) Religious observance (minute BGS 67(d)/14-15 refers)

REPORTED:

That the Deputy Academic Registrar was investigating policy in relation to the timetabling and consideration of issues regarding religious observance.

(b) Auditing of modules

REPORTED:

That Teaching Quality would provide further guidance in relation to the auditing of modules, noting that institutional expectations were that module leaders should be approached in the first instance regarding the possibility of auditing a module.

(c) Distribution of Chancellor's International Awards (minute BGS 69(a)/14-15 refers)

REPORTED:

That the Graduate School had provided details on the distribution of Chancellor's International Awards as follows:

- (i) That the Faculty of Arts had received 7% of the overall overseas PGR applications for 2015/16 (as at 13 May 2015) and 16% of awards;
- (ii) That the Faculty of Medicine had received 4% of the overall overseas PGR applications for 2015/16 (as at 13 May 2015) and 4% of awards;
- (iii) That the Faculty of Science had received 49% of the overall overseas PGR applications for 2015/16 (as at 13 May 2015) and 52% of awards;
- (iv) That the Faculty of Social Sciences had received 40% of the overall overseas PGR applications for 2015/16 (as at 13 May 2015) and 28% of awards.

80/14-15 Chair's Business

RECEIVED:

An oral report from Chair.

REPORTED: (by the Chair)

- (a) That it had announced that Teach Higher would be disbanded, but that the University remains committed to the key goals of ensuring transparency, fairness and consistency in pay;
- (b) That the Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey was ongoing and Departments were requested to encourage students to participate;
- (c) That the response rate for the Postgraduate Research Experience Survey was 57%, which represented a 14% increase on the response rate in 2013 of 43%;
- (d) That the Graduate School would send detailed results to Departments once the benchmarking data from PRES had been received.

89/14-15 Postgraduate Forum and the Students' Union

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Postgraduate Officer.

REPORTED (by the Postgraduate Officer):

- (a) That the Students' Union welcomed the University's announcement that Teach Higher would be disbanded;
- (b) That the new Postgraduate Officer would take post on 1 September 2015;

(by the Chair):

- (c) That the Board expressed thanks to the Postgraduate Officer for his contribution during his time in post.

90/14-15 Reports from the Chairs of the Graduate Studies Committees

RECEIVED:

Oral reports from the Chairs of the Graduate Studies Committees.

REPORTED (by Professor P Roberts):

- (a) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Arts considered the Teach Higher proposal, and recognised the importance of consideration of any issues encountered within pilot departments in future developments concerning postgraduates who teach;
- (b) That the Committee had considered the future of postgraduate open days, noting the success of the Faculty Postgraduate Open Evening;
- (c) That the Arts Festival of Postgraduate Research, with a programme of student-led interdisciplinary events, had been considered a success.

(by Dr P McTernan):

- (d) That Warwick Medical School were considering holding a joint postgraduate open event with the School of Life Sciences;
- (e) That the recent Postgraduate Symposium had been considered a success;
- (f) That Warwick Medical School were considering a potential Global Research Priorities (GRP) Doctoral Training Centre.

(by Dr D Steeghs):

- (g) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science had recommended to the Graduate School that consideration is given to a policy regarding the use of temporary withdrawal for health reasons by Research Council funded students, taking into account the repayment of stipend payments;
- (h) That the Committee considered that departmental focussed open days were more successful than University-wide events.

91/14-15 Course Approval Process

CONSIDERED:

A paper from the Deputy Academic Registrar setting out recommendations regarding the University's course approval process as set out in paper AQSC.41/14-15.

REPORTED:

- (a) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences, at its meeting on 12 May 2015, recommended that the proposal to restructure the University course approval process, as set out in paper AQSC.41/14-15, be approved, noting the following:
- (i) That the Chair of the Review Panel should not be the only person approving courses, but that others be involved to spread the responsibility, build up experience and expertise, and make the system more resilient;
  - (ii) That the input from administrative sections, including Teaching Quality, in the process was vital;
  - (iii) That although greater flexibility of the course approval process was desirable, a timetable for consideration of course proposals be considered to allow members of the Review Panel to plan their workload and to give departments an idea of timescales for approval;
  - (iv) That the possibility of a face-to-face meeting of the Review Panel to discuss course proposals, including the option of a departmental representative being present, be retained, noting the benefits of a face-to-face interaction;
  - (v) That the development of guidance for academic departments would be a crucial part of the process;
  - (vi) That the role of the Review Panel members be reflected by a time allocation to guarantee members' ability to focus on the review of course proposals and to facilitate timely review;
  - (vii) That incentives, including time allocation, be put in place to make the Review Panel membership attractive to a high calibre of colleagues across the University.
- (b) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science, at its meeting on 12 May 2015, recommended that the proposal to restructure the University course approval process, as set out in paper AQSC.41/14-15, be approved, noting the following:
- (i) The Committee's support for a more flexible, electronic process which will involve trained individuals in the scrutiny of new and revised courses;
  - (ii) That careful consideration is given to the workload model used to compensate members of the review panels.

RECOMMENDED (to the Academic Quality and Standards Committee):

- (c) That the proposal be approved, noting the following:
- (i) That the Board recommended that the Chair of Review Panel

should be a member of AASC;

- (ii) That the Students' Union would welcome the opportunity to contribute to further developments.

92/14-15 Warwick International Higher Education Academy

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Deputy Academic Registrar on the launch of the Warwick International Higher Education Academy.

REPORTED (by the Deputy Academic Registrar):

- (a) That the Warwick International Higher Education Academy launched in May 2015;
- (b) That the recruitment process to appoint Director of the Academy is currently ongoing;
- (c) That the Academy is currently accepting nominations for Foundation Fellows via Faculty Boards, with a closing date of 19 June 2015.

93/14-15 Monitoring and Review Working Group Update

CONSIDERED:

Recommendations from the Monitoring and Review Working Group regarding the current Annual Course Review process, as set out in paper AQSC.40/14-15.

REPORTED:

- (a) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences, at its meeting on 12 May 2015, recommended that the proposed changes to the annual course review process, set out in paper AQSC.40/14-15, be approved, noting the following:
  - (i) The need for a broader student involvement in the Education Experience Monitoring Panels, noting different experiences and views of undergraduate, postgraduate taught and postgraduate research students;
  - (ii) That the communication of the new review process to academic departments needed to be positively framed and focused on the collegial and supportive nature of the process;
  - (iii) That care be taken to ensure that the final process remains flexible, collaborative and inclusive.
- (b) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science, at its meeting on 12 May 2015, recommended that the Education Experience Monitoring Panels take place initially every two years, but that this be reviewed early on with the view of extending this

to every three years.

RECOMMENDED (to the Academic Quality and Standards Committee):

- (c) That the proposal be approved, noting the following:
  - (i) That the remit of the Education Experience Monitoring and Annual Academic Monitoring Panels should not include the consideration of admissions data to avoid duplication of effort across existing monitoring mechanisms.

94/14-15 Mitigating Circumstances Review

CONSIDERED:

A paper from the Mitigating Circumstances Working Group providing an update on the progress of the review of University mitigating circumstances policies and guidance (paper AQSC.74/14-15).

REPORTED:

- (a) That the Board welcomed the draft guidance and declaration form and the clarity that these provided;
- (b) That although the general principles would apply to postgraduate research students, it may be necessary to consider a bespoke process to align with the requirements of the postgraduate research examinations process;

(by Mr S Lamb):

- (c) That it was important that the guidance provided details of sources of support which could be accessed by students;

RECOMMENDED (to the Academic Quality and Standards Committee):

- (d) That the proposal be approved, noting the following:
  - (i) That the reference to assault in Table 1 of the guidance be included under the 'bullying, harassment, victimisation or threatening behaviour' heading;
  - (ii) That with reference to minute 94/14-15 (b) above, postgraduate research students should be removed from the 'stage of study box' in appendix 1;

RESOLVED:

- (e) That the Graduate School review existing guidance in relation to postgraduate research students.

95/14-15 Review of University Wide Practice in Monitoring/Review of PGR students

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Academic Director, Graduate School on the review of University-wide practice in monitoring/review of postgraduate research students (paper BGS 53/14-15).

REPORTED:

- (a) That students would be expected to ensure that records of meetings were made, noting that in some cases it may be necessary for supervisors to take on this responsibility;
- (b) That the Graduate School would engage with Departments where concerns were highlighted in reports;
- (c) That there was an expectation that Departments would ensure the same level of monitoring for all PGR students, noting that there would be additional reporting required for students on Tier 4 visas;
- (d) That supervisors would receive copies of meeting summaries reported by students.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, subject to the insertion of the word 'normally' into recommendation (e).

96/14-15

Deregistration of PGR students outside of their registration period

CONSIDERED:

A report from the Senior Assistant Registrar (Graduate School) outlining a proposal to introduce a fee for the late submission of theses (paper BGS 60/14-15).

REPORTED:

(by the Postgraduate Officer):

- (a) That investigation into the reasons for late submission should be undertaken;
- (b) That there were concerns that some students would be unable to pay the fee for late submission, noting that it was unclear in the proposals what would happen in these cases;
- (c) That it was important to re-emphasise to supervisors the implication of late submission in order to attempt to change the culture in some parts of the University;

RESOLVED:

- (d) That whilst the Board recognised the need to introduce disincentives to students submitting their thesis past the end of their registration date, it was not felt that a financial deterrent was considered appropriate;

- (e) That the proposal to introduce a fee for late submission of theses not be approved, but instead that the Graduate School should investigate:
  - (i) That any students wishing to submit their thesis after the end of their registration period would be required to request leave to submit, with the support of their Department.
  - (ii) The potential to permanently withdraw students immediately after their end of registration, ending the current 5 week 'grace period'.

97/14-15 CDT Recruitment Practices Audit

RECEIVED:

A report from the Chair on an audit of the recruitment practices of CDTs (paper BGS 54/14-15).

98/14-15 Co-Tutelles

RECEIVED:

A report from the Senior Assistant Registrar (Graduate School) on the process for negotiating co-tutelle agreements (paper CFDLSC 130/14-15).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

99/14-15 Responses to External Examiners' Reports

RECEIVED:

A report on issues arising from External Examiners' reports on Postgraduate Programmes for 2013-14 (paper BGS 55/14-15).

REPORTED:

(by Professor A Dowd):

That lack of clarity around the new process had resulted in delays in Departments providing responses to the Examinations team while awaiting annotated versions of the reports;

RESOLVED:

That since annotated reports will no longer be provided to Departments, the Examinations team request immediate responses from Departments.

100/14-15 PGT Annual Course Review Reports

CONSIDERED:

The summary Annual Course Review Reports prepared by each of the Faculty Graduate Studies Committees, as follows:



- (a) Arts (paper AGSC 21/14-15);
- (b) Science (paper SGS 47/14-15);

REPORTED:

- (c) That the summary Annual Course Review reports prepared by the Faculties of Medicine and Social Sciences had not been provided;

(by the Secretary):

- (d) That the summary PGT and PGR Annual Course Review reports prepared by the Faculty of Arts appeared to have the same content;

(by Dr P Roberts):

- (e) That the PGT and PGR Annual Review Reports considered by the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Arts had both highlighted concerns in relation to lack of space.

101/14-15 PGR Annual Course Review Reports

CONSIDERED:

The summary PGR Annual Course Review Reports prepared by each of the Faculty Graduate Studies Committees, as follows:

- (a) Arts (papers AGSC 13/14-15);
- (b) Science (paper SGS 25/14-15);
- (c) Social Science (paper GFSS 99/14-15);
- (d) Medicine (paper GSCFM 15/14-15).

REPORTED (by Dr D Steeghs):

That several departments in the Faculty of Science reported decreases in applications and lower acceptance rates than in previous years.

102/14-15 PhD Thesis Submission Guidelines

REPORTED:

- (a) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science, at its meeting on 12 May 2015 had considered a proposal from the Head of the Department of Chemistry to change the PhD thesis submission guidelines as set out in paper SGS 45/14-15;
- (b) That the Committee resolved to support a move to 1.5 line spacing but that proposals for A5 copies and double sided copies for examiners could not be supported, although a double sided copy for the Library would be acceptable.

CONSIDERED:

The recommendation from the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science to update the University guidelines to include 1.5 line spacing as standard, and to allow double-sided printing for the final Library version.

RESOLVED:

- (c) That the proposal to allow 1.5 line spacing as standard be approved;
- (d) That the proposal to allow double-sided printing for the final Library copy only be approved as standard, noting that single-sided would also be acceptable.

103/14-15 Postgraduate Community Working Group

RECEIVED:

An update from the Postgraduate Community Working Group (paper BGS 56/14-15).

104/14-15 New Course Proposals

(a) Faculty of Social Sciences

Centre for Education Studies

(i) MA in International Education and Development

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 12 May 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences recommended that a proposal from the Centre for Education Studies to introduce three new courses under the umbrella 'International Education and Development', as set out in papers GFSS.208a-g/14-15, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce three new courses under the umbrella 'International Education and Development', as set out in papers GFSS.208a-g/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That this proposal be approved, subject to the following:

- (A) Receipt of CA1 form signed by the Heads of Departments collaborating on the proposed MA;
- (B) Confirmation that financial arrangements for cross-departmental attendance on modules has been agreed;

- (C) Receipt of satisfactory external assessor's report;
- (D) Clarification regarding the reasoning for the omission of the learning objective 'Develop advanced academic writing skills' from the course specification for the MA International Education and Development;
- (E) Clarification as to why no specific QAA subject benchmark is identified in either the CA1 or the Course Specification;
- (F) Further information regarding the number of credits required for a Postgraduate Diploma and Postgraduate Certificate, noting that no specific modules are specified for these awards to be made;
- (G) Justification being provided as to why a student cannot initially enrol on a Postgraduate Diploma.

(ii) MA in Psychology and Education

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 12 May 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences recommended that a proposal from the Centre for Education Studies to introduce a new MA in Psychology and Education, as set out in papers GFSS.209a-d/14-15, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new MA in Psychology and Education, as set out in papers GFSS.209a-d/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That this proposal be approved, subject to the following:

- (A) Clarification as to the rationale for the proposed course title in light of the external assessor's recommendation;
- (B) Receipt of CA1 form signed by the Heads of Departments collaborating on the proposed MA;
- (C) Clarification as to why no specific QAA subject benchmark is identified in either the CA1 or the Course Specification;
- (D) Justification being provided as to why a student cannot initially enrol on a Postgraduate Diploma.

(b) Faculty of Science

Warwick Manufacturing Group

MSc in Sustainable Automotive Engineering

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 12 May 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science recommended that a proposal from Warwick Manufacturing Group for a new MSc (and sub-qualifications) in Sustainable Automotive Engineering as set out in paper SGS.33/14-15, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new MSc (and sub-qualifications) in Sustainable Automotive Engineering as set out in paper SGS.33/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That this proposal be approved.

(c) Faculty of Arts

School of Theatre, Performance and Cultural Policy Studies

MA in Theatre and Performance Research

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 12 May 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Arts recommended that a proposal from the School of Theatre, Performance and Cultural Policy Studies to introduce a new MA in Theatre and Performance Research, as set out in paper AGSC.23/14-15, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new MA in Theatre and Performance Research, as set out in paper AGSC.23/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That this proposal be approved, subject to the following:

- (i) Confirmation of the rationale for not offering the Postgraduate Certificate or Diploma;
- (ii) Receipt of a copy of the original version of the External Assessor's review i.e. original email or headed paper;
- (iii) Receipt of the Department's response to the External Assessor's identification of risks;
- (iv) Receipt of CA1 form signed by the Heads of the Department of Film and Television Studies and Centre for Education Studies.

(d) Faculty of Medicine

### MSc in Advanced Clinical Practice

#### REPORTED:

That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Medicine, acting on its behalf, had taken action to recommend that a proposal for a new MSc in Advanced Clinical Practice as set out in papers M&CPDSC 5-7/14-15, be approved.

#### CONSIDERED:

The proposal for a new MSc in Advanced Clinical Practice as set out in papers M&CPDSC 5-7/14-15.

#### RESOLVED:

That this proposal be approved, subject to the following:

- (i) The aims and learning objectives for the Postgraduate Diploma and the Postgraduate Certificate being revised to state those learning objectives that do not apply;
- (ii) The results of the student consultation survey noted on page 5 of the CA1 being made available to the Board;
- (iii) Receipt of CA1 form signed by the Heads of Department and Course Leader;
- (iv) Confirmation that the Department has appropriate procedures to ensure that a Course Leader is in place to lead on the introduction of the Programme.

### 105/14-15 Revised Course Proposals

#### (a) Faculty of Social Sciences

##### (i) Centre for Education Studies

##### (A) MA in Educational Studies

#### REPORTED:

That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences, acting on its behalf, had taken action to approve the proposal from the Centre for Education Studies to revise the MA in Educational Studies as set out in paper GFSS.156/14-15.

#### CONSIDERED:

The proposal to revise the MA in Educational Studies as set out in paper GFSS.156/14-15.

#### RESOLVED:

That this proposal be approved.

(B) Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching Advanced Mathematics

REPORTED:

That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences, acting on its behalf, had taken action to approve the proposal from the Centre for Education Studies to transfer the Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching Advanced Mathematics to the Centre for Professional Education as set out in paper GFSS.157a-b/14-15.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to transfer the Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching Advanced Mathematics to the Centre for Professional Education as set out in paper GFSS.157a-b/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That this proposal be approved.

(C) MA in Management of Student Work Experience

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 12 May 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences recommended that a proposal from the Centre for Lifelong Learning to discontinue the Master of Arts (L551), Postgraduate Diploma (L578) and Postgraduate Certificate (L579) in Management of Student Work Experience, as set out in paper GFSS.199/14-15, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to discontinue the Master of Arts (L551), Postgraduate Diploma (L578) and Postgraduate Certificate (L579) in Management of Student Work Experience, as set out in paper GFSS.199/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That this proposal be approved.

(ii) Centre for Professional Education

PGCE (Secondary)

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 12 May 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences recommended that a proposal from the Centre for Professional Education to revise the PGCE (Secondary) suite of courses, as set out in papers GFSS.198a-hh/14-15, be approved subject to the following conditions:

- (A) That a clarification be provided of the how the learning outcomes listed in the course specification would be measured;
- (B) That an illustrative bibliography be provided for subject studies template.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to revise the PGCE (Secondary) suite of courses, as set out in papers GFSS. 198a-e/14-15.

REPORTED:

That this proposal be approved subject to clarification of the credit weighting of the optional core modules.

(iii) Learning and Development Centre

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 12 May 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences recommended that a proposal from the Centre for Lifelong Learning to discontinue the following courses, as set out in paper GFSS.158/14-15, be approved:

- (A) Postgraduate Diploma/MA in Academic and Professional Practice (TAPA-X5P5);
- (B) Postgraduate Diploma/MA in Post-Compulsory Education (HE) (TCES-X5P1);
- (C) Postgraduate Award E-Learning in Academic and Professional Practice (TAPA-X5P7).

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to discontinue the above courses, as set out in paper GFSS.158/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That this proposal be approved.

(iv) Warwick Business School

Postgraduate Award in Strategic Leadership (Network Rail)

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 12 May 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Sciences recommended that a proposal from Warwick Business School to discontinue the Postgraduate Award in Strategic Leadership (Network Rail) (TIBS-N1Y8), as set out in paper PQC.58/14-15, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to discontinue the Postgraduate Award in Strategic Leadership (Network Rail) (TIBS-N1Y8), as set out in paper PQC.58/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That this proposal be approved.

(b) Faculty of Science

(i) Department of Chemistry

MSc in Polymer Chemistry

REPORTED:

That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee for the Board of the Faculty of Science, acting on its behalf, had taken action to recommend that a proposal from the Department of Chemistry to revise the MSc in Polymer Chemistry, as set out in paper SGS 60/14-15, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to revise the MSc in Polymer Chemistry, as set out in paper SGS 60/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That this proposal be approved, subject to receipt of the CA1 form with signatures of the Course Leader, Head of the Department of Chemistry and collaborating/consulted departments.

(ii) Department of Computer Science

(A) MSc Computer Science and Applications

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 12 May 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science recommended:



- (1) That a proposal from the Department of Computer Science to rename the MSc in Computer Science and Applications as set out in paper SGS.35/14-15, be approved;
- (2) That a proposal from the Department of Computer Science to revise the Course Regulations for the MSc in Computer Science and Applications, as set out in paper SGS.36/14-15, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

- (3) The proposal to rename the MSc in Computer Science and Applications to 'MSc in Computer Science' as set out in paper SGS.35/14-15;
- (4) The proposal to revise the Course Regulations for the MSc in Computer Science and Applications, as set out in paper SGS.36/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That these proposals be approved.

(B) MSc in Data Analytics

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 12 May 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science recommended that a proposal from the Department of Computer Science to revise the Course Regulations for the MSc in Data Analytics, as set out in paper SGS.37/14-15, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to revise the Course Regulations for the MSc in Data Analytics, as set out in paper SGS.37/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That this proposal be approved.

(iii) Warwick Manufacturing Group

MSc in International Trade, Strategy and Operations

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 12 May 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science recommended that a proposal from Warwick Manufacturing Group to revise the

Course Regulations for the MSc in International Trade, Strategy and Operations as set out in paper SGS.38/14-15, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to revise the Course Regulations for the MSc in International Trade, Strategy and Operations as set out in paper SGS.38/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That this proposal be approved.

(iv) School of Engineering

MSc in Tunnelling and Underground Space

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 12 May 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science recommended that a proposal from the School of Engineering to revise the Course Regulations for the MSc in Tunnelling and Underground Space as set out in paper SGS.39/14-15, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to revise the Course Regulations for the MSc in Tunnelling and Underground Space as set out in paper SGS.39/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That this proposal be approved.

(v) School of Life Sciences

(A) MSc in Biotechnology, Bioprocessing and Business Management

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 12 May 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science recommended that a proposal from the School of Life Sciences to revise the MSc in Biotechnology, Bioprocessing and Business Management, as set out in paper SGS.40/14-15, be approved, subject to receipt of signed CA1 form.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to revise the MSc in Biotechnology, Bioprocessing and Business Management, as set out in paper SGS.40/14-15.

RESOLVED:

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

- (1) Receipt of memo outlining the proposed amendments;
- (2) Receipt of signed CA1 form.

(B) MSc in Environmental Bioscience in a Changing Climate

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 12 May 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science recommended that a proposal from the School of Life Sciences to revise the MSc in Environmental Bioscience in a Changing Climate, as set out in paper SGS.41 (revised)/14-15, be approved, subject to receipt of signed CA1 form.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to revise the MSc in Environmental Bioscience in a Changing Climate, as set out in paper SGS.41 (revised)/14-15.

RESOLVED:

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

- (1) Receipt of memo outlining the proposed amendments;
- (2) Receipt of signed CA1 form.

(C) MSc in Medical Biotechnology and Business Management

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 12 May 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science recommended that a proposal from the School of Life Sciences to revise the MSc in Medical Biotechnology and Business Management, as set out in paper SGS.42/14-15, be approved, subject to:

- (1) Receipt of a revised CA1 form to update the reference to the external review being sought (section 11);
- (2) Receipt of signed CA1 form.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to revise the MSc in Medical Biotechnology and

Business Management, as set out in paper SGS.42/14-15.

RESOLVED:

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

- (3) Receipt of memo outlining the proposed amendments;
- (4) Receipt of signed CA1 form.

(D) MSc in Food Security

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 12 May 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science recommended that a proposal from the School of Life Sciences to revise the MSc in Food Security, as set out in paper SGS.43/14-15, be approved, subject to receipt of signed CA1 form.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to revise the MSc in Food Security, as set out in paper SGS.43/14-15.

RESOLVED:

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

- (1) Receipt of memo outlining the proposed amendments;
- (2) Receipt of signed CA1 form.

(E) MSc in Sustainable Crop Production

REPORTED:

That at its meeting on 12 May 2015, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science recommended that a proposal from the School of Life Sciences to revise the MSc in Sustainable Crop Production, as set out in paper SGS.44/14-15, be approved, subject to:

- (1) Receipt of a revised CA1 form to confirm that the Department of Politics and International Studies had been consulted;
- (2) Receipt of signed CA1 form.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to revise the MSc in Sustainable Crop

Production as set out in paper SGS.44.14-15.

RESOLVED:

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

- (3) Receipt of memo outlining the proposed amendments;
- (4) Receipt of signed CA1 form.

(c) Faculty of Arts

Department of English and Comparative Literary Studies

MA in Fine Arts

REPORTED:

That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Arts, acting on its behalf, recommended that a proposal from the Department of English and Comparative Literary Studies to disestablish the MA in Fine Arts from September 2016, as set out in paper AGSC.25/14-15, be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to disestablish the MA in Fine Arts from September 2016, as set out in paper AGSC.25/14-15.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal not be approved, but that the Chair would discuss further with the Department.

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Chair's Action

(a) Faculty of Science

(i) Chemistry

(A) MSc in Polymer Science

REPORTED:

- (1) That at its meeting on 9 February 2015 the Board resolved that a proposal to introduce a new MSc in Polymer Science, as set out in papers SGS.13(a-e)/14-15 be approved, subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) Clarification of the learning objectives which would not apply to the Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma as set out in the course specification;

- (b) Justification of the length of the Master's for students on a part-time registration;
  - (c) Confirmation that agreement has been secured from Warwick Manufacturing Group in relation to elective modules.
- (2) That the conditions have been satisfied and the Deputy Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, has subsequently taken action to approve the proposal to introduce a new MSc in Polymer Science.

(B) MSc in Analytical and Polymer Science

REPORTED:

- (1) That at its meeting on 9 February 2015 the Board resolved that a proposal to introduce a new MSc in Analytical and Polymer Science, as set out in papers SGS.14(a-d)/14-15 be approved, subject to the following conditions:
- (a) Clarification of the learning objectives which would not apply to the Postgraduate Certificate and Postgraduate Diploma as set out in the course specification;
  - (b) Justification of the length of the Master's for students on a part-time registration.
- (2) That the conditions have been satisfied and the Deputy Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, has subsequently taken action to approve the proposal to introduce a new MSc in Analytical and Polymer Science.

(ii) Warwick Mathematics Institute

REPORTED:

- (A) That at its meeting on 9 February 2015 the Board resolved 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, subject to the following conditions:
- (1) Receipt of a formal memo from the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Warwick Mathematics Institute including appropriate signatures;
  - (2) Confirmation that the proposed revisions would have no effect on learning outcomes.
- (B) That the conditions have been satisfied and the Deputy Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, has subsequently taken

action to approve the proposal to revise the MSc in Mathematics and the MSc in Interdisciplinary Mathematics.

107/14-15 Any Other Business