

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Board of Graduate Studies

Minutes of the Board of Graduate Studies meeting held on Thursday 3 May 2007.

Present: Professor L Bridges (Chair), Dr S Allan, Dr C Bilton, Dr A Clark, Professor J Davey, Dr A Dowd, Dr C Hughes, Dr D Kelly, Professor J Labbe, Dr D Leadley, Ms S Liggins, Ms C Longworth, Professor P Marshall, Professor R Napier, Professor J Neelands, Professor E Peile, Mr P Ptashko, Dr A Stokes, Dr N Webber.

Apologies: Professor B Brewer, Mr R Broomfield, Professor J Faundez, Professor S Ghosal, Dr N Stocks.

In attendance: Ms A Bell (for item 90/06-07), Dr Frances Griffiths (in place of Dr P O'Hare).

81/06-07 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 22 February 2007 be approved.

82/06-07 Matters arising on the minutes

(a) MPhil/PhD registration (minute 59/06-07 refers)

REPORTED:

That at its last meeting the Board received an oral report from the Chair on consultation on the MPhil/PhD registration, noting that:

- (i) There was no support for changing current practice;
- (ii) The Graduate School would write to departments shortly to confirm procedures for students who would not be able continue their studies for whatever reason;
- (iii) The Chair of the Board would shortly propose an amendment to Regulation 14(F) Governing Higher Degrees to reduce the period of time within which a student could appeal against his/her failure to upgrade from MPhil to PhD.

CONSIDERED:

Proposed amendments to Regulation 14(F) Governing Higher Degrees as set out in paper BGS 27/06-07.

RESOLVED:

That the Board broadly supported the proposed amendments to Regulation 14(F) Governing Higher Degrees, as set out in paper BGS

27/06-07, but that the Board reconsider a revised version of paper BGS 27/06-07 that reflects the comments made during the discussion.

- (b) EPSRC Review of EngD Programme (minute 61/06-07 refers)

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Chair on the detailed information requested by the EPSRC during the EngD review, noting that no further action would be taken pending the outcome of the review.

- (c) Award of Merit and Starred Distinction on taught Masters courses (minutes 34/06-07, 54/06-07 and 63/06-07 and AQSC 38/06-07 refer)

REPORTED:

That the Board would consider current departmental practices in relation to informal merit awards, including information on the criteria currently used by departments at its next meeting.

- (d) Dorothy Hodgkin Postgraduate Awards for 2007/2008 (minute 41(d)/06-07 refers)

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Chair noting:

- (i) That whilst these awards were previously all fully funded, this year the University had been allocated only one unpaired award and two paired awards;
- (ii) That unless departments were able to secure matching funding for the paired before 21 May 2007, the University would lose these two awards.

- (e) Postgraduate Taught Course Admissions Turnaround Times (minute 79/06-07 refers)

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Chair on his concern over the turnaround time for applications for taught postgraduate courses, noting that the Academic Registrar had written to all academic departments on this subject.

- (f) Credit Accumulation

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Chair on his discussions with the Secretary to the Academic Quality and Standards Committee on the University's policy on credit accumulation, noting that the policy would be considered by the Board at its next meeting.

83/06-07

Chair's Business

- (a) Postgraduate Study Space in the Faculty of Social Studies

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Chair on postgraduate study space in the Faculty of Social Studies, noting that:

- (i) CELTE and Philosophy have agreed to share S2.82;
- (ii) Law and PAIS are likely to share S1.46 and the adjoining common room;
- (iii) ITS will assemble both rooms over the summer vacation;
- (iv) Consideration was being given to several options for providing similar Faculty-based study space in Arts and Humanities.

(b) Strategic Departmental Review

REPORTED:

That the Chair, on behalf of the Board, had raised the following concerns about the Strategic Departmental Review procedures with the Chair of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee:

- (i) The advisability for large departments of combining course and strategic reviews;
- (ii) The progression of the strategic departmental review reports through the committee structure, noting that it would be highly time-consuming for each committee to consider the reports in turn.

(c) Academic Satisfaction Review

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Chair on the 2005-06 Academic Satisfaction Reviews.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Chair, acting on behalf of the Board, raise the Board's concerns at the next meeting of the Academic Standards and Quality Committee over whether the Academic Satisfaction Review would be carried out again in the same format;
- (ii) That the Board consider the Academic Satisfaction Reviews at its next meeting.

(d) Marshall Partnership Scholarships

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Chair, noting that he had agreed on behalf of the Board that the Graduate School would partially fund two scholarships per year in partnership with the Marshall Foundation, with funding for each

scholarship tenable for up to three years.

(e) Malaysia Chevening Partnership Awards

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Chair, noting that it had been agreed that the University would partially fund one Malaysian Chevening Partnership Award a year over two years, with each scholarship tenable for one year, noting that the source of funding for this within the University was still to be determined.

(f) Erasmus-Mundus

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Chair on a meeting with all relevant Committee Chairs to consider proposals by the Department of Economics and the School of Theatre, Performance and Cultural Policy Studies for an Erasmus Mundus Masters course in each of these departments, noting that:

- (i) The Chair, acting on behalf of the Board, had approved the proposal from the Department of Economics, following its approval by the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Studies, as well as the Chair of the Academic Quality and Standards Committee, and that papers related to this would be circulated for the next meeting of the Board;
- (ii) The final proposal from the School of Theatre, Performance and Cultural Policy Studies had not yet been submitted but was likely to require similar approval by Chair's action, and that the papers relating to this would be circulated for the next meeting of the Board.

84/06-07

Chair's Action

(a) PhD in Systems Biology (minutes 73/06-07 (a)(i)(A) and (B) refer)

REPORTED:

- (i) That the Board of Graduate Studies at its last meeting considered the revised proposal for a PhD in Systems Biology (DTC) as set out in SGS 42/06-07 (revised) along with the revised proposal for a PhD in Integrative Systems Biology (WSB) as set out in SGS 43/06-07 (revised) and resolved:
 - (A) That neither proposal be approved;
 - (B) That following further discussion, the proposal for a PhD in Systems Biology (DTC) be combined with the PhD in Integrative Systems Biology (WSB);
- (ii) That following further discussion, the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Science, acting on its behalf, approved a combined proposal for a PhD in Systems Biology as

set out in paper BGS 28/06-07;

(iii) That the Chair of the Board of Graduate Studies, acting on its behalf, approved a combined proposal for a PhD in Systems Biology as set out in paper BGS28/06-07.

(b) PAIS (minutes 75/06-07(c)(vi) and 55/06-07 refer)

REPORTED:

(i) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Studies considered a proposal for a new MA entitled 'MA International Security' at its last meeting on 1 February 2007 and recommended that it be approved as set out in papers GFSS.172-174/06-07, subject to clarification of the status of the module 'Media and Security' as either a core or an option module, which will be considered by Chair's Action, and submission of a signed copy;

(ii) That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Studies, acting on its behalf, had approved the proposal for a new MA entitled 'MA International Security' as set out in papers GFSS.172-174/06-07 (revised), following clarification of the status of the module 'Media and Security' as either a core or an option module and submission of a signed copy;

(iii) That the Board of Graduate Studies at its last meeting resolved that the Chair of the Board of Graduate Studies consider the proposal for a new MA entitled 'MA International Security' as set out in papers GFSS.172-174/06-07 (revised), on submission of the signed course proposal;

(iv) That on submission of a signed copy, the Chair of the Board, acting on its behalf, had approved the proposal for a new MA entitled 'MA International Security' as set out in papers GFSS.172-174/06-07 (revised).

(c) MSc Process Technology and Business Management

REPORTED:

That the Chair, acting on behalf of the Board, had approved revisions to the existing course entitled MSc in Process Technology and Business Management as set out in paper SGS 6/06-07.

85/06-07 Reports from the Chairs of the Graduate Studies Committees of the Faculties

RECEIVED:

Oral reports from the Chairs of the Graduate Studies Committees of the Faculties, noting that the Committees had not met since the last meeting of the Board.

86/06-07 Postgraduate Committee and Students' Union

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Education Officer.

87/06-07 Guideline on the Use of Postgraduate Students for Teaching (minutes 48/06-07 and AQSC 60d/06-07 refer)

REPORTED:

That the Academic Quality and Standards Committee, at its meeting on 28 February 2007, considered a guideline on the use of postgraduate students for teaching (paper BGS6/06-07 {revised}), along with oral reports from Chairs of the Faculty Boards on the policy, and resolved that the guideline be approved as set out in paper BGS6/06-07 (revised), subject to the amendments and clarifications noted at the meeting.

RECEIVED:

The guideline on the use of postgraduate students for teaching, as approved by the Academic Quality and Standards Committee, at its meeting on 28 February 2007 (paper BGS6/06-07 (revised 2)).

88/06-07 Proposed Guidelines for the Supervision of Research Students Based Away from the University (minutes 52/06-07 and AQSC 60e/06-07 refer)

REPORTED:

That the Academic Quality and Standards Committee, at its meeting on 28 February 2007, considered the guidelines for the supervision of research students based away from the University and resolved that they be approved as set out in paper BGS7/06-7 (revised 4).

RECEIVED:

The guidelines for the supervision of research students based away from the University, as approved by the Academic Quality and Standards Committee at its meeting on 28 February 2007 (paper BGS7/06-07 (revised 4)).

89/06-07 Postgraduate English Language Requirements

CONSIDERED:

A paper from the Assistant Registrar (Postgraduate Admissions) on the University's postgraduate English language requirements (paper BGS 31/06-07).

RESOLVED:

That the paper from the Assistant Registrar (Postgraduate Admissions) on the University's postgraduate English language requirements, as set out in paper BGS 31/06-07, be approved noting that:

- (a) The Assistant Registrar (Postgraduate Admissions) investigate whether it would be possible to record information on applicants' language level on SITS;

- (b) The Board would further consider the University's postgraduate English language requirements again once it had more data on current admissions requirements and practice in different departments;
- (c) The Secretary would circulate a copy of the letter to be sent to applicants who achieve a score equivalent to 6.5 in IELTS when they are made an offer of admission.

90/06-07 Report from the Librarian (minute 72/06-07 refers)

RECEIVED:

- (a) An oral report from the Librarian on the following:
 - (i) The Library refurbishment over the summer and potential disruption to postgraduate students;
 - (ii) The shortage of core texts in the Library (as raised in the Postgraduate Annual Report from SSLC co-ordinators);
 - (iii) The proposals for a Research Exchange in the Main Library and the bid to the Wolfson Foundation for part funding for this.
- (b) A copy of the final bid that was submitted to the Wolfson Foundation (paper BGS 29/06-07).

RECOMMENDED:

- (c) That the Librarian seek to keep disruption to postgraduate students over the summer to a minimum by ensuring continued access to stock or, if necessary, putting in place alternative arrangements such as fetch and carry;
- (d) That the Librarian continue to investigate how best to ensure access to core texts for students and report back to the Board on the outcome of these investigations as soon as possible.

91/06-07 Strategy for Increasing Postgraduate Research Student Numbers (minute 65/06-07 refers)

REPORTED:

That the Graduate School would be subject to an external ASDAR in July 2007.

CONSIDERED:

A discussion paper for increasing postgraduate research student numbers (paper BGS 30/06-07).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the discussion paper for increasing postgraduate research student numbers (paper BGS 30/06-07) form a basis for discussion with departments on this subject, noting that the Chair would contact

departments to follow this up;

- (b) That the Board re-consider the discussion paper for increasing postgraduate research student numbers at its next meeting in light of the pending ASDAR and following departmental discussion;
- (c) That the Graduate School investigate how many of the University's current PhD students had previously completed a taught or research Masters degree at the University of Warwick.

92/06-07 Teaching and Research Training Fellowships (minute 45 (c)/06-07 refers)

REPORTED:

- (a) That the Academic Resourcing Committee had approved the proposal for the new Teaching and Research Training Fellowship Scheme, as set out in BGS19/06-07 (revised);
- (b) That departments had been consulted on the proposal for the new Teaching and Research Training Fellowship Scheme and that responses had been collated into a summary document (paper BGS 32/06-07).

CONSIDERED:

The proposal for the new Teaching and Research Training Fellowship Scheme (paper BGS19/06-07 (revised)), in light of:

- (c) The summary of departmental comments on the scheme (paper BGS 32/06-07);
- (d) The document entitled 'European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers: A UK Sector Gap Analysis' (paper BGS 22/06-07).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal for the new Teaching and Research Training Fellowship Scheme, as set out in BGS19/06-07 (revised), be approved subject to:

- (e) The clarification of fees for members of staff on research courses, noting that the current policy on fee exemptions for certain staff may need to be revised in light of new employment regulations, and that one alternative to consider would be to include such fee waivers in the Warwick Learning Account;
- (f) The Graduate School investigating current practice in departments on the payment of postgraduate research students for teaching;
- (g) The Chair investigating whether the University has adopted the University and College Union's recommendations on the payment of hourly-paid staff.

93/06-07 Postgraduate Student Registration (minutes 45c(iii)/06-07 and 66/06-07 refer)

REPORTED:

- (a) That at its last meeting the Board considered its policy on postgraduate student registration, including:
 - (i) Whether students should be able to register between 60 and 99% part-time, as long as the fees were paid on a pro-rata basis;
 - (ii) How frequently students should be able to change their mode of attendance.
- (b) That since the last meeting of the Board, the Chair had sought the advice of relevant administrative colleagues on potential changes to the policy on postgraduate student registration.

CONSIDERED:

A draft policy on postgraduate student registration, as set out in paper BGS 33/06-07.

RESOLVED:

That the draft policy on postgraduate student registration, as set out in paper BGS 33/06-07, be approved, subject to the necessary amendments to Regulation 14.

94/06-07 Extension Charges for Postgraduate Research Students (minute 66/06-07 refers)

REPORTED:

- (a) That since the last meeting of the Board, the Fees Working Group had considered the proposal to introduce extension charges for postgraduate research students, noting that the Fees Working Group had agreed in principle with this proposal but had resolved that the Chair consult again with departments on the proposed extension charges.
- (b) That following further departmental consultation over extension charges for postgraduate research students, an amended proposal would be considered at the June meeting of the Board.

RECEIVED:

A report compiled by the Association of University Administrators listing the charges for students in 'writing-up' student status at different UK universities (paper BGS 34/06-07).

95/06-07 Periodic Review of Postgraduate Courses in the Institute of Education (minute 70/06-07 refers)

CONSIDERED:

The report on the Periodic Review of Postgraduate Courses in the Institute of Education (paper BGS 26/06-07), together with the departmental response (paper BGS 35/06-07).

RESOLVED:

That the report on the Periodic Review of Postgraduate Courses in the Institute of Education (paper BGS 26/06-07), together with the departmental response (paper BGS 35/06-07) be approved.

96/06-07 Early Submission Form

CONSIDERED:

The proposed new form for completion when students wish to submit their research thesis early (paper BGS 36/06-07).

RESOLVED:

That the proposed new form for completion when students wish to submit their research thesis early (paper BGS 36/06-07) be approved, subject to inclusion of the following sentence:

“Students who submit within the final month prior to their expected end date do not need to complete this early submission form.”

97/06-07 Research Student Annual Report Form

CONSIDERED:

The 2006-07 Research Student Annual Report Form (paper BGS 37/06-07).

RESOLVED:

That the 2006-07 Research Student Annual Report Form (paper BGS 37/06-07) be approved, noting that it was compulsory for students to complete the form.

98/06-07 Annual Course Review Reports

REPORTED:

That the Annual Course Review Reports from the Faculties of Medicine and Social Studies would be considered at the next meeting of the Board.

99/06-07 New Course Proposals

(a) School of Health and Social Studies

(i) Postgraduate Diploma entitled ‘Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Social Work (Adults)’

REPORTED:

- (A) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Studies considered a proposal for the introduction of a new Postgraduate Diploma entitled ‘Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Social Work (Adults)’ as outlined in

papers GFSS.163/06-07, GFSS.164/06-07 and GFSS.165/06-07 at its last meeting on 1 February 2007 and recommended that the proposal be approved subject to the following revisions, which would be considered by Chair's Action:

- (1) Clarification of the students' access to the School's postgraduate SSLC;
 - (2) Amendment of the module title listed on the 'Proposal Form for a New or Restructured Postgraduate Award' from 'Enabling Learning' to 'Specialist Social Work (Adults): Enabling Others', as cited on the module proposal form (paper GFSS.171/06-07).
- (B) That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Studies had approved by Chair's action the proposal for the introduction of a new Postgraduate Diploma entitled 'Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Social Work (Adults)' as set out in papers GFSS 163/06-07, GFSS 164/06-07 (revised) and GFSS 165/06-07.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal for the introduction of a new Postgraduate Diploma entitled 'Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Social Work (Adults)' as set out in papers GFSS 163/06-07, GFSS 164/06-07 (revised) and GFSS 165/06-07.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal for the introduction of a new Postgraduate Diploma entitled 'Postgraduate Diploma in Specialist Social Work (Adults)' as set out in papers GFSS 163/06-07, GFSS 164/06-07 (revised) and GFSS 165/06-07, not be approved as:

- (C) The proposal was submitted on the wrong form;
 - (D) Further clarification was required on the proportion of the course taught by non-University staff and whether the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Studies had seen the necessary CVs in Part I, Section 10;
 - (E) Further clarification was required on the staff requirements in light of (D) in Part II, section 1.
- (ii) 'MA in Applied Social Research with Specialism in Islam in Contemporary Societies'

REPORTED:

- (A) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Studies considered a proposal for the introduction of a new course entitled 'MA in Applied Social Research with specialism in Islam in Contemporary Societies' as set out in paper GFSS.147/06-07 at its last meeting on 1

February 2007 and recommended that it be approved subject to the following revisions, which would be considered by Chair's Action:

- (1) The revision of the option list;
 - (2) The amendment of section 6, Course Structure, from 'MRes in Applied Social Research with specialism in Islam in Contemporary Societies' to 'MA in Applied Social Research with specialism in Islam in Contemporary Societies'.
- (B) That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Studies had approved by Chair's action the proposal for the introduction of a new course entitled 'MA in Applied Social Research with specialism in Islam in Contemporary Societies' as set out in paper GFSS 147/06-07 (revised).

CONSIDERED:

The proposal for the introduction of a new course entitled 'MA in Applied Social Research with specialism in Islam in Contemporary Societies' as set out in paper GFSS 147/06-07 (revised).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal for the introduction of a new course entitled 'MA in Applied Social Research with specialism in Islam in Contemporary Societies', as set out in paper GFSS 147/06-07 (revised), be approved subject to submission of a course specification.

(b) School of Law

REPORTED:

- (i) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Studies considered a proposal for the introduction of a new course entitled 'LLM in International and Comparative Criminal Justice' at its last meeting on 1 February 2007 and recommended that it be approved as set out in papers in GFSS.120/06-07, GFSS.121/06-07, GFSS.122/06-07 and GFSS.123/06-07, subject to the following revisions, which would be considered by Chair's Action:
 - (A) Clarification of the methods of assessment;
 - (B) Submission of a signed copy of the proposal;
 - (C) Submission of a proposal form for the proposed new module 'Comparative Perspectives on Criminal Defence Role';
 - (D) Submission of a proposal form for the proposed new module 'Comparative Criminal Defence';

- (ii) That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Studies had approved by Chair's action the proposal for the introduction of a new course entitled 'LLM in International and Comparative Criminal Justice' as set out in papers GFSS 121-122/06-07 (revised).

CONSIDERED:

The proposal for the introduction of a new course entitled 'LLM in International and Comparative Criminal Justice' as set out in papers GFSS.120/06-07, GFSS.121/06-07 (revised), GFSS.122/06-07 and GFSS.123/06-07.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal for the introduction of a new course entitled 'LLM in International and Comparative Criminal Justice' as set out in papers GFSS.120/06-07, GFSS.121/06-07 (revised), GFSS.122/06-07 and GFSS.123/06-07, be approved, subject to the following:

- (iii) Correction of the module titles;
- (iv) Clarification of the methods of assessment.

(c) Warwick Manufacturing Group

CONSIDERED:

A proposal for a new Continuing Professional Development Course from Warwick Manufacturing Group entitled 'Contracts and Procurement', as set out in paper SGS 50/06-07, noting that the proposal had been approved by Deputy Chair's action on behalf of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Science.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal for a new Continuing Professional Development Course from Warwick Manufacturing Group entitled 'Contracts and Procurement', as set out in paper SGS 50/06-07, be approved.

100/06-07 Revised Course Proposals

Faculty of Social Studies

(a) Centre for Academic and Professional Development (minute 74/06-07 refers)

(i) Postgraduate Programmes in Academic and Professional Practice

REPORTED:

That, further to consideration at the last meeting of the Board of a proposal for restructuring postgraduate programmes in Academic

and Professional Practice, the Centre for Academic and Professional Development had made minor amendments to paper GFSS150/06-07 to clarify the issues raised at the last meeting of the Board.

RECEIVED:

A brief paper produced by the Centre for Academic and Professional Development detailing the amendments to the suite of programmes (paper BGS38 /06-07).

CONSIDERED:

The proposal for restructuring postgraduate programmes in Academic and Professional Practice, as set out in paper GFSS.150/06-07 (revised), noting that the Graduate Studies Committee for the Faculty of Social Studies had not yet approved the amended proposal.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal for restructuring postgraduate programmes in Academic and Professional Practice, as set out in paper GFSS.150/06-07 (revised) be considered by Chair's Action following approval by the Graduate Studies Committee for the Faculty of Social Studies.

(ii) MA in Academic and Professional Practice

REPORTED:

That, further to consideration at the last meeting of the Board of a proposal to replace the 'MA in Post- Compulsory Education' with an 'MA in Academic and Professional Practice', the Centre for Academic and Professional Development had made minor amendments to paper GFSS.151/06-07 to clarify the issues raised at the last meeting of the Board.

CONSIDERED:

The amended proposal to replace the 'MA in Post-Compulsory Education' with an 'MA in Academic and Professional Practice', as set out in papers GFSS.151/06-07 (revised) and GFSS.152/06-07, noting that the Graduate Studies Committee for the Faculty of Social Studies:

- (A) Had not yet approved the amendments to proposal GFSS.151/06-07;
- (B) Had approved paper GFSS 152/06-07 at its meeting on 1 February 2007.

RESOLVED:

That the amended proposal to replace the 'MA in Post-Compulsory Education' with an 'MA in Academic and Professional Practice', as set out in papers GFSS.151/06-07

(revised) and GFSS.152/06-07, be considered by Chair's Action, following:

- (C) Approval of the amendments to proposal GFSS.151/06-07 by the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Studies;
- (D) Clarification on the extent to which the Postgraduate Awards in 'Introduction to Academic and Professional Practice' and 'E-Learning in Academic and Professional Practice' overlap and whether students who do both gain double credit.

(iii) Postgraduate Certificate in Academic and Professional Practice

CONSIDERED:

A proposal from the Centre for Academic and Professional Development to replace the Warwick Teaching Certificate with a Postgraduate Certificate in Academic and Professional Practice, as set out in paper GFSS 188/06-07, noting that the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee for the Faculty of Social Studies, acting on behalf of the Committee, had approved the proposal.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal from the Centre for Academic and Professional Development to replace the Warwick Teaching Certificate with a Postgraduate Certificate in Academic and Professional Practice, as set out in paper GFSS 188/06-07, be approved, noting that the Board approved both the course as well as the module on the basis of the paper submitted.

(iv) Postgraduate Award entitled 'Introduction to Academic and Professional Practice'

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to replace the Postgraduate Award entitled 'Learning and Teaching in Higher Education' with a Postgraduate Award entitled 'Introduction to Academic and Professional Practice', as set out in paper GFSS.153/06-07, noting that the Graduate Studies Committee for the Faculty of Social Studies had approved the proposal at its meeting on 1 February 2007.

RESOLVED:

The proposal to replace the Postgraduate Award entitled 'Learning and Teaching in Higher Education' with a Postgraduate Award entitled 'Introduction to Academic and Professional Practice', as set out in paper GFSS.153/06-07, be considered by Chair's Action, following clarification on the extent to which the Postgraduate Awards in 'Introduction to Academic and Professional Practice' and 'E-Learning in Academic and Professional Practice' overlap and whether students who do both gain double credit.

- (v) Postgraduate Award entitled 'E-Learning in Academic and Professional Practice'

CONSIDERED:

A proposal from the Centre for Academic and Professional Development to replace the Postgraduate Award entitled 'E-Learning' with a Postgraduate Award entitled 'E-Learning in Academic and Professional Practice', as set out in paper GFSS 187/06-07, noting that the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee for the Faculty of Social Studies, acting on behalf of Committee, had approved the amended proposal.

RESOLVED:

The proposal from the Centre for Academic and Professional Development to replace the Postgraduate Award entitled 'E-Learning' with a Postgraduate Award entitled 'E-Learning in Academic and Professional Practice', as set out in paper GFSS 187/06-07, be considered by Chair's Action, following clarification on the extent to which the Postgraduate Awards in 'Introduction to Academic and Professional Practice' and 'E-Learning in Academic and Professional Practice' overlap and whether students who do both gain double credit.

- (b) School of Health and Social Studies

- (i) MA in Applied Social Research with Specialism in Health Studies

REPORTED:

- (A) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Studies considered a proposal for the revision of the course 'MA in Applied Social Research with specialism in Health Studies' at its last meeting on 1 February 2007 and recommended that it be approved as set out in papers GFSS.144/06-07 and GFSS.145/06-07, subject to the revision of the teaching staff, the revised proposal would be considered by Chair's Action;
- (B) That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Studies had approved by Chair's action the proposal for the revision of the course entitled 'MA in Applied Social Research with specialism in Health Studies' as set out in papers GFSS.144/06-07 and GFSS.145/06-07 (revised).

CONSIDERED:

The proposal for the revision of the course entitled 'MA in Applied Social Research with specialism in Health Studies' as set out in papers GFSS.144/06-07 and GFSS.145/06-07 (revised).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal for the revision of the course entitled 'MA in Applied Social Research with specialism in Health Studies' as set

out in papers GFSS.144/06-07 and GFSS.145/06-07 (revised) be approved subject to the submission of a course specification.

(ii) MA in Applied Social Research with specialism in Social Work

REPORTED:

(A) That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Studies considered a proposal for the revision of the course 'MA in Applied Social Research with Specialism in Social Work' at its last meeting on 1 February 2007 and recommended that it be approved as set out in papers GFSS.144/06-07 and GFSS.146/06-07, subject to the revision of the teaching staff, the revised proposal would be considered Chair's Action;

(B) That the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Studies had approved by Chair's action the proposal for the revision of the course entitled 'MA in Applied Social Research with Specialism in Social Work' as set out in papers GFSS.144/06-07 and GFSS.146/06-07 (revised).

CONSIDERED:

The proposal for the revision of the course entitled 'MA in Applied Social Research with Specialism in Social Work' as set out in papers GFSS.144/06-07 and GFSS.146/06-07 (revised).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal for the revision of the course entitled 'MA in Applied Social Research with Specialism in Social Work' as set out in papers GFSS.144/06-07 and GFSS.146/06-07 (revised) be approved, subject to submission of a course specification.

(c) Department of Economics

CONSIDERED:

An 'in principle' proposal from the Department of Economics requesting approval for a restructure of the PhD in Economics, including:

(i) A proposal form for a restructured degree course (paper BGS 39/06-07);

(ii) A revised set of PhD course regulations (paper BGS 40/06-07);

(iii) A memo from Professor Harrison outlining the rationale for the proposal and issues concerning the retrospective nature of the change in registration (paper BGS 41/06-07).

RESOLVED:

That the 'in principle' proposal from the Department of Economics requesting approval for a restructure of the PhD in Economics, as set out in papers BGS 39-41/06-07, be considered by Chair's Action following

clarification of the exit qualification at the end of the first year.

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