

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Board of Graduate Studies

Minutes of the Board of Graduate Studies meeting held on Tuesday 17 November 2009.

Present: Professor L Bridges (Chair), Mr S Bangalore Nagaraj, Mr T Beetseh, Dr C Bilton, Dr A Dowd, Professor L Green, Ms S Khaku, Professor J Labbe, Dr D Leadley, Professor R Napier, Professor C Sparrow, Dr A Stokes, Professor P Stoneman, Dr J Vickery, Professor M Watson.

Apologies: Dr A Clark, Professor N Johnson, Professor A Neal, Mr R Metcalf.

In attendance: Ms A Brunt (for item 32/09-10), Dr J Gardner, Mr R McIntyre, Ms R Wooldridge Smith.

25/09-10 Minutes of the last meeting

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 15 October 2009 be approved.

26/09-10 Matters arising on the minutes

(a) Proposals from the Warwick Medical School regarding the MBChB degree (minute 15/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

(i) That, at its last meeting on 3 June 2009, the Board of Undergraduate Studies considered:

(A) A proposal from the Warwick Medical School to change University Regulation 8.10 'Regulations for the Degrees of Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) and for the Bachelor of Medical Sciences (BMedSci) (paper BUGS 26/08-09);

(B) A proposal to allow MBChB students to study for higher level qualifications (paper BUGS 21/08-09);

(C) A proposal to allow students from the International Medical University, Malaysia, direct entry into Phase II of the MBChB course (paper BUGS 22/08-09).

And recommended (*inter alia*) that the proposal to allow MBChB students to study for higher level qualifications as set out in paper BUGS 21/08-09 be approved subject to its consideration by the Board of Graduate Studies.

(ii) That, at its last meeting on 15 October 2009, the Board considered a proposal from Warwick Medical School to allow MBChB students to study for higher level qualifications (paper BUGS 21/08-09) and recommended (to the Academic Quality and Standards Committee) that the proposal be approved, subject to:

- (A) Amendments of the maximum duration for the PhD under proposal 2 to 3 years (exceptionally 4 years);
- (B) The “explicit criteria” used to determine entry to each route being specified;
- (C) An assurance from Warwick Medical School that the transfers would be carefully monitored and reviewed on an ongoing basis;
- (D) Consideration being given to the principle of students withdrawing from a graduate-entry undergraduate degree to pursue a PhD and then return to the undergraduate degree, with the associated issue relating to the currency of the first phase of undergraduate learning, it being noted that the University policy on the Accreditation of Prior Learning normally discounted credit accumulated more than 5 years prior to the proposed course entry point.

CONSIDERED:

A revised proposal from Warwick Medical School to allow MBChB students to study for higher level qualification (paper BUGS 21/08-09 (Revised)) to address the Board’s concerns.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, but that the timing of the proposed transfer of students to the PhD be investigated further in order to ensure that this would allow such students to be reported to HESA from the outset of the course and ensure the University obtained the maximum HEFCE QR funding to which it would be entitled.

RECOMMENDED (to the Academic Quality and Standards Committee):

That the principle of allowing students to take a break of up to 4 years from their undergraduate studies in order to undertake a postgraduate qualification be considered further.

- (b) Warwick Postgraduate Research Scholarships Selection Criteria (minutes 18/09-10, 97(i)/08-09 and 83(e)/08-09 referred)

REPORTED:

- (i) That, at its meeting on 30 April 2009, the Board considered a paper from the Chair setting out options for the future policy on the level of WPRS award to be made to overseas students (paper BGS 105/08-09) and resolved:
 - (A) That the Board was not supportive of a reduction in stipend for WPRS award holders, noting that any such reduction might impact on the recent decision to align the application process for WPRS and the recently-awarded scholarships under the AHRC block grant scheme, where the stipend for the latter is fixed by the Research Council;

- (B) That any future revisions to the WPRS scheme might include a recommendation that departments receive the same level of income regardless of whether the award holder is a home/EU or overseas student, i.e. the equivalent of the home/EU fee plus the amount of QR funding a department receives for such a student, and that for WPRS overseas students departments are charged the same central service charge as for a home/EU PGR student.
- (ii) That, following the meeting in April, the Chair had consulted the Graduate Studies Committee of the four Faculties to seek views on the future administration of the award of Warwick Postgraduate Research Scholarships (paper BGS 107/08-09).
- (iii) That, at its last meeting on 4 June 2009, the Board considered a paper from the Assistant Registrar (Graduate School) summarising the feedback received from the Graduate Studies Committees in response to the consultation (paper BGS 108/08-09) and resolved:
 - (A) That WPRS awards continue to be allocated centrally, rather than at Faculty level;
 - (B) That the selection criteria for WPRS be carefully revised in order to make them as sensitive as possible to disciplinary differences, and that a proposal be brought to the next meeting of the Board for discussion;
 - (C) That the WPRS competition continue in two rounds;
 - (D) That members of the Board be asked to consider any proposed changes to the WPRS application form and to forward these to the Assistant Registrar (Graduate School) within the next 14 days.
- (iv) That, at its last meeting on 15 October 2009, the Board considered a paper from the Project Officer (Postgraduate Scholarships) outlining proposed new selection criteria for the WPRS competition (paper BGS 8/09-10) and resolved:
 - (A) That the selection criteria used to assess a student's academic record be revised and amended in line with the discussion at the meeting, to include:
 - (1) The removal of degree classification requirement from standalone Master's degrees;
 - (2) That supporting evidence might include a research proposal "and/or" references.
 - (B) That the Chair work on a formula to combine the individual scale scores into a single score taking into account their relative weighting.

CONSIDERED:

A paper from the Project Officer (Postgraduate Scholarships) outlining the proposed new selection criteria for the WPRS competition (paper BGS 8/09-10 (Revised)), revised in light of feedback from the Board.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed criteria be approved, subject to the minor amendments noted at the meeting.

27/09-10

Chair's Business

(a) Mathematics EPSRC Doctoral Training Centre

REPORTED:

That EPSRC funding had been secured to set up a new Doctoral Training Centre within the areas of Applied Mathematics and Statistics, worth in excess of £4m over 5 years and which will fund 40 studentships.

(b) Postgraduate Review

CONSIDERED:

A Universities UK information note setting out the schedule for a Department of Business, Innovation and Skills review of Postgraduate provision (paper SC 70/09-10, copy attached), noting that this was tabled at the meeting, and a consultation of members to inform the sector's response.

RESOLVED:

That a working group be set up by the Chair to consider the University's response to the Universities UK consultation, and that volunteers to join the group, or any other ideas to feed into the response, be notified to the Chair as soon as possible.

(c) Withdrawal of Recurrent Teaching Funding (minute 17/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

That the outcome of the HEFCE consultation, discussed at the last meeting of the Board on 15 October 2009, would be announced in the next week.

28/09-10

Chair's Action

RECEIVED:

A report on items approved by the Chair on behalf of the Board (paper BGS 17/09-10), as follows:

(a) Faculty of Social Sciences

(i) Institute of Education

- (A) “MA in Educational Leadership (Teach First)” (minutes BGS 106(b)(ii)(c)/08-09, 75(d)(i)/08-09 and GFSS 31(e)(i)/08-09 referred)

REPORTED:

- (1) That, at its meeting on 29 January 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Studies considered a proposal to introduce a new course entitled “MA in School Leadership (Teach First)”, as set out in papers GFSS 98-109/08-09, GFSS 111-112/08-09 and GFSS 114/08-09, and recommended that the proposal be approved, subject to receipt of signed copies of the part 2 document and the course proposal;
- (2) That, at its meeting on 19 February 2009, the Board considered the proposal to introduce a new course entitled “MA in School Leadership (Teach First)” and resolved that the proposal be approved, subject to:
- (a) Confirmation of a suitable blanket APL application process for applicants;
- (b) An appropriate answer to Q.3 on the form on the learning outcomes not applicable to the Diploma.
- (3) That clarification had subsequently been received from the Institute of Education on point (b) above, and a suitable blanket APL application process put in place, and that the Chair had taken action on behalf of the Board to approve the new course entitled “MA in School Leadership”, as set out in papers GFSS 98-109/08-09, GFSS 111-112/08-09 and GFSS 114/08-09, noting that the title of the course has since been revised to “MA in Educational Leadership (Teach First)”.

29/09-10 Reports from the Chairs of the Graduate Studies Committees

RECEIVED:

Oral reports from the Chairs of the Graduate Studies Committees, noting that the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Arts outlined discussions within the Faculty on proposed integrated Undergraduate Masters programmes, a proposal for a shortened PhD programme, and an Arts Summer Programme

30/09-10 Postgraduate Committee and the Students’ Union

RECEIVED:

An oral report from the Education Officer, noting that:

- (a) Elections for Faculty postgraduate representatives had taken place, and that the one remaining position to be filled, in Social Sciences, would be elected in week 8;
- (b) That the annual SSLC report would be considered by the Academic Quality and Standards Committee at its meeting in January, and would be circulated to Board members when available.

31/09-10

Graduate Awards and Nominations Sub-Committee (minute 4/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

That the Graduate Studies Committees of the Faculties, at their last meetings, nominated the following to serve as Faculty selectors on the Graduate Awards & Nominations Sub-Committee:

- (a) Arts
Dr N Whybrow
Dr J Alexander
- (b) Medicine
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- (c) Science
Professor R Napier
Dr A Clark
- (d) Social Sciences
Dr R Carter
Dr S Neill

32/09-10

Review of Portfolio of Postgraduate Provision

CONSIDERED:

A paper and oral report from the PGR Recruitment Officer, Student Admissions and Recruitment Office, setting out the range of provision offered by the University at Postgraduate level (paper BGS 18/09-10), noting that the annex to the paper was not circulated in hard-copy but was available online on the BGS file-store.

RESOLVED:

That the data was useful and could, in the future, assist in targeting efforts to improve conversion rates from PGT to PGR students, noting that:

- (a) Any feedback on, or corrections to, the data could be communicated directly to the PGR Recruitment Officer;
- (b) That further analysis be completed, to show the proportions as well as the actual numbers of students in each postgraduate taught course who convert to postgraduate research study at Warwick, as well as the proportion of all research degree entrants that these students represent;
- (c) A further analysis be conducted of Warwick courses that are not on offer at

other Russell Group institutions, the better to understand the strengths within Warwick's portfolio, and the uniqueness of the University's offering.

33/09-10 Reports from External Examiners

CONSIDERED:

A report compiled by the Assistant Secretary to the Board on issues arising from External Examiners' reports on Postgraduate Programmes for 2007-08 (paper BGS 19/09-10).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Director of Graduate Studies in WMG produce a paper for the Board on the bespoke, in-sessional, English language tuition offered to students within the Group;
- (b) That the Board consider the marking descriptors for PGT courses at a future meeting, with a view to recommending means of ensuring the full range of marks may be used more effectively;
- (c) That the Board recommend to Departments that all general feedback on students' assignments should be typed, noting that it should still be acceptable to add handwritten annotations throughout specific pieces of work;
- (d) That the Board revisit its earlier decision to not recommend the introduction of a formal merit award, and that this be considered in conjunction with point (b) above;

34/09-10 Postgraduate Taught Experience Survey (PTES) 2009 National Results

RECEIVED:

A report from the Higher Education Academy summarising the development, operation and findings of the first national survey in the UK of taught postgraduate students, PTES 2009 (paper BGS 20/09-10), noting that the Board had previously considered a report on Warwick's participation in PTES at its last meeting, and that the Postgraduate Research Experience Survey (PRES) 2009 national report was still not yet available from the HEA.

35/09-10 Research Degree Qualification Rates

CONSIDERED:

A paper from the Assistant Registrar (Graduate School) on the University of Warwick's Research Degree Qualification Rates (paper BGS 21/09-10).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Research Degree Qualification Rates, whilst showing steady increases, could be further improved;
- (b) That representations be made to the Management Information and Planning team concerning the data on research degree submission rates included in the annual Academic Statistics, as the current completion rate data do not

accurately reflect the complexity of the current postgraduate research landscape, for example in terms of the greater variety of periods of registration.

36/09-10 PGR Funding Working Group

REPORTED:

That, at its last meeting on 15 October 2009, the Board considered a paper from the Chair setting out the main objectives of the Board over the coming year (paper BGS 16/09-10) and resolved (*inter alia*) that a working party be convened from within the existing membership of the Board to review and make recommendations on the current funding model for PGR students, it being noted that:

- (a) The Chair was concerned that the University might be reaching the limit of achievable expansion of PGR student numbers without a fundamental re-evaluation of funding;
- (b) That any Board member wishing to volunteer to join the working group should approach the Chair directly, and that the Chair would bring a paper to the next meeting of the Board setting out the key challenges faced;

CONSIDERED:

The convening of a working party to review the current funding model for PGR students, with a view to discussing potential membership and the remit of the group.

RESOLVED:

That a working group be set up with membership as follows:

Chair	Professor L Bridges
One member of academic staff from each of the four Faculties:	
	Arts: Professor J Labbe
	Medicine: Dr F Griffiths
	Science: Professor C Sparrow
	Social Science: Professor M Watson
Representative from the Graduate School	Ms R Wooldridge Smith
Head of Student Finance	Mrs J Bell
Representative from the Finance Office	Mr S Wilkes
Director of Management Information and Planning	Dr G Carden

37/09-10 Definition of a Thesis

RECEIVED:

A copy of the text of a memo from the Chair of the Board to Departments, setting out the new regulations pertaining to the definition of a thesis in the context of a submission for a research degree at the University (paper BGS 22/09-10).

RESOLVED:

That the memo be circulated to departments as is.

38/09-10 Nominations to the UK Council of Graduate Education (UKCGE) Executive Committee

RECEIVED:

A paper setting out the procedure for nominations to be made to three vacancies on the Executive Committee of the UKCGE (paper BGS 23/09-10), noting that:

- (a) Hard copy nomination forms were available from the Assistant Registrar (Graduate School);
- (b) Nomination paperwork should be returned to the Assistant Registrar (Graduate School) by Friday, 11 December 2009 in order that all Warwick's nominations could be returned to UKCGE by the deadline of 21 December 2009.

39/09-10 New course proposals

RECEIVED:

A paper setting out recommendations for the approval of new courses (paper BGS 25/09-10), as follows:

- (a) Faculty of Medicine
Warwick Medical School
Module and Postgraduate Award "Leadership in Child Health Services"
(minute GCFM 17(d)/07-08 referred)

REPORTED:

- (i) That, at its meeting on 29 January 2008, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine considered a proposal for a new module and postgraduate award entitled "Leadership in Child Health Services" (papers DMAP 89/07-08, DMAP 90/07-08 and DMAP 91/07-08) and recommended that the proposal be approved, subject to:
 - (A) That the learning outcomes should be revised to make them more specific to the module and to ensure that they appropriately reflect the level of the award;
 - (B) That the section detailing the proportion of the module taught by non-University staff should be reviewed and revised.
- (ii) That the requested revisions had been made and that the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Medicine, acting on its behalf, had subsequently taken action to recommend that the proposal be approved, as set out in papers DMAP 89/07-08 (Revised), DMAP 90/07-08 (Revised) and DMAP 91/07-08 (Revised).

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new module and postgraduate award entitled "Leadership in Child Health Services", as set out in papers DMAP 89/07-08

(revised), DMAP 90/07-08 (revised) and DMAP 91/07-08(revised).

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

(b) Faculty of Science

(i) Department of Chemistry

“MSc in Analytical Science: Methods and Instrumental Techniques”
(minute SGS 6/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

(A) That, at its last meeting on 15 October 2009, it was reported to the Board that the Chair had taken action, acting on behalf of the Board, to approve the proposal, in principle, for a new course entitled “MSc in Analytical Science”, to replace the existing MSc in Instrumental Analytical Methods in Biological and Environmental Chemistry (IAMBEC) as set out in paper BGS 123/08-09;

(B) That, at its meeting on 3 November 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Science considered the proposal to introduce a new course entitled “MSc in Analytical Science: Methods and Instrumental Techniques” (paper SGS 24/09-10) and resolved that the proposal be approved, subject to the following amendments:

- (1) Revision of Student Support information section 8, to include the implementation of a Student Staff Liaison Committee;
- (2) Clarification that all modules detailed in the Course Structure section are credited at M-Level;
- (3) Clarification that proposed module CH913: Team Research Project: Real Word Analysis is not a compulsory module for Postgraduate Diploma students;
- (4) Inclusion of Examination Conventions;
- (5) Clarification of the course start date;
- (6) The submission of an additional Module Proposal for the 24 CATS version of CH917:Research Project;

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new course entitled “MSc in Analytical Science: Methods and Instrumental Techniques”, as set out in paper SGS 24/09-10.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be not approved, and that a revised proposal be considered at a future meeting of the Board or via Chair's action, to address the points raised by the Science Graduate Studies Committee and:

- (D) Submission of a Part 2 form, Course Specification and Exam Conventions;
- (E) Further details as to how 120 credits will be achieved for the PG Diploma;
- (F) Clarification of the extra 24 credit modules requested by the Graduate Studies Committee.

(ii) Warwick HRI

- (A) MSc in Sustainable Crop Production: Agronomy for the 21st Century (minute SGS 10(a)/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 3 November 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Science considered the proposal to introduce a new course entitled "MSc in Sustainable Crop Production: Agronomy for the 21st Century" (paper SGS 17/09-10) and resolved that the proposal be approved, subject to the four outstanding module proposals being provided for consideration at the next SGS meeting, and the following amendments:

- (1) The correction of "DTG" to "MTG" in section 4(b);
- (2) The provision of a course specification;
- (3) The clarification that the modules are M-level;
- (4) That the core modules be identified;
- (5) The provision of an additional memo for the Graduate Studies Committee to better explain the rationale for the course proposal;

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new course entitled "MSc in Sustainable Crop Production: Agronomy for the 21st Century", as set out in paper SGS 17/09-10.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be given "in principle" approval only, and that a revised proposal be considered at a future meeting of the Board or via Chair's action, to address the points raised by the

Science Graduate Studies Committee and:

- (6) Submission of a part 2 form, course specification and exam conventions;
 - (7) Clarification of what is required for the PG Diploma and if it is necessary for students to complete all taught modules (130 credits);
 - (8) Clarification of requirements for award of the PG Certificate.
- (B) MSc in Food Security (minute SGS 10(b)/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 3 November 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Science considered the proposal, in principle, to introduce a new course entitled “MSc in Food Security” (paper SGS 18/09-10) and resolved that:

- (1) The proposal be approved, in principle, subject to the deletion of the incorrect information in section 4b;
- (2) Final course approval will require the following amendments:
 - (a) The reconsideration of the core and optional modules and their CATS weightings to avoid most students needing to take 5 CATS over the prescribed load;
 - (b) The submission of the course specification and outstanding module approval forms.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal, in principle, to introduce a new course entitled “MSc in Food Security”, as set out in paper SGS 18/09-10.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, in principle, and that the submission for final approval cover the following points:

- (3) Clarification of what will be required to complete the PG Diploma and whether this will involve extra credits?
- (4) Clarification of the requirements of obtaining a PG Diploma and how any necessary failures will be remedied for students who “fail some modules”;
- (5) Clarification of how students undertaking 5 credits modules will be able to complete 180 credits – or whether this will necessitate their completing 185

credits overall;

- (6) That consultation be held with the Head of the School of Life Sciences prior to students being recruited to the new degree.
- (C) “Life Sciences Professional Doctorate” (minutes SGS 10(h)/09-10, 105(c)(iii)/08-09 and SGS 41(a)/08-09 referred)

TO REPORT:

- (1) That, at its meeting on 13 May 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Science considered an outline proposal to introduce a new course entitled “Life Sciences Professional Doctorate”, as set out in paper SGS 41/08-09, and resolved the following, it being noted that a more detailed proposal would follow and that new PGAs would be proposed alongside the new course:
 - (a) That the proposal has the support of the Committee;
 - (b) That the course structure on page 3 should not include “a single thesis capturing significant research progress”;
 - (c) That the start date should be January 2010 rather than September 2009;
 - (d) That a modified version of the proposal be sent to BGS for outline proposal;
- (2) That, at its meeting on 4 June 2009, the Board considered the outline proposal to introduce a new course entitled “Life Sciences Professional Doctorate” (paper SGS 41/08-09) and resolved that the proposal be approved, in principle, and welcomed, but that further clarification should be sought on the following points:
 - (a) Correction of references to PGDip in Transferable Skills to refer to PGCert in Transferable Skills;
 - (b) Eliminate references to CATS weighting in respect of PhD on p. 3;
 - (c) Clarification of exit routes and what will be required, including whether the MPhil is to be available following two years or three years (1+2);
- (3) That, at its meeting on 3 November 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Science

considered a revised proposal to introduce a new course entitled “Life Sciences Professional Doctorate” (paper SGS 23/09-10) and resolved that the proposal be approved, noting that an alternative course name may be required, and that the proposal should be amended to include an explanation of what the minimum requirements would be for the award of the PGCert and PGDip.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new course entitled “Life Sciences Professional Doctorate”, as set out in paper SGS 23/09-10.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, subject to the points raised by the Science Graduate Studies Committee being adequately addressed, including an agreement on a suitable title for the course.

(iv) Mathematics Institute

PhD in Mathematical Sciences

CONSIDERED:

A proposal, in principle, to introduce a new 4 year PhD in Mathematical Sciences as part of the new EPSRC Doctoral Training Centre in the Mathematical Sciences, as set out in paper BGS 27/09-10, noting that this was tabled at the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, in principle.

(d) Faculty of Social Sciences

(i) Centre for Applied Linguistics

“EdD Applied Linguistics and English Language Teaching” (minute GFSS 7(b)/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 27 October 2009, it was reported to the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences that the Centre for Applied Linguistics had indicated that it would stop recruiting students to its EdD programme, with a view to phasing out the programme over the next 3 years (paper GFSS 4/09-10).

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to cease recruitment to the EdD programme in Applied Linguistics and English Language Teaching, as set out in paper GFSS

4/09-10.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

(ii) Politics and International Studies

“MA in Public Policy” (minute GFSS 12(b)(ii)/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 27 October 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences considered a proposal to introduce a new course entitled “MA in Public Policy” (papers GFSS 6/09-10, GFSS 73/09-10 and GFSS 74/09-10) and recommended that the proposal be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new course entitled “MA in Public Policy”, as set out in papers GFSS 6/09-10, GFSS 73/09-10 and GFSS 74/09-10.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, subject to:

- (A) Completion of examination conventions;
- (B) Specification of pathways to the various “with specialism” routes;
- (C) Clarification of any limits on the number of non-PAIS modules available to a student.

(iii) School of Health and Social Studies

“MPhil/PhD in the Built Environment, Health and Wellbeing” (minute GFSS 12(c)(i)/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 27 October 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences considered a proposal to introduce a new course entitled “MPhil/PhD in the Built Environment, Health and Wellbeing” (papers GFSS 7/09-10 and GFSS 84/09-10) and recommended that the proposal be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new course entitled “MPhil/PhD in the Built Environment, Health and Wellbeing”, as set out in papers GFSS 7/09-10 and GFSS 84/09-10.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, subject to clarification on whether students “expected” to take research training modules will be assessed and, if so, whether they will be required to pass these modules at a certain level.

(iv) Institute of Education

(A) “Postgraduate Award in Foundation Research Methods in Education” (minute GFSS 12(e)(i)/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

- (1) That, at its meeting on 27 October 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences considered a proposal to introduce a new Postgraduate Award entitled “Foundation Research Methods” (papers GFSS 44/09-10 and GFSS 45/09-10) and recommended that the proposal be approved, subject to a change of title to indicate that the award focuses on research methods in education;
- (2) That the Institute of Education had subsequently indicated that the proposed title of the Postgraduate Award is “Foundation Research Methods in Education”.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new Postgraduate Award entitled “Foundation Research Methods in Education”, as set out in papers GFSS 44/09-10 and GFSS 45/09-10.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, subject to receipt of a revised proposal form with the correct course title on.

(B) “Masters in Teaching and Learning” (minute GFSS 12(e)(ii)/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 27 October 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences considered a proposal, in principle, to introduce a new course entitled “Masters in Teaching and Learning” (paper GFSS 48/09-10) and recommended that the proposal be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal, in principle, to introduce a new course entitled “Masters in Teaching and Learning”, as set out in papers GFSS 48/09-10.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be not approved, in principle, but be referred to AQSC and CFDLSC to consider the issues of principle in the proposal.

(v) Warwick Business School

Public Sector Postgraduate Diploma Programmes (minute GFSS 12(f)(iii)/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 27 October 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences considered a proposal to formalise the maximum registration period for WBS' Public Sector Postgraduate Diploma Programmes (paper GFSS 53/09-10) and recommended that the proposal be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to formalise the maximum registration period for WBS' Public Sector Postgraduate Diploma Programmes, as set out in paper GFSS 53/09-10.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

(vi) Economics

"MSc in Economics and Psychological Science"

REPORTED:

(A) That, at its meeting on 27 October 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences considered a proposal to introduce a new course entitled "MSc in Economic and Psychological Science" (papers GFSS 75/09-10, GFSS 76/09-10 and GFSS 77/09-10), noting that the proposal was also being considered by the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Science, and recommended that the proposal be approved, subject to provision of the name of the lead department for administrative and registration purposes;

(B) That, at its meeting on 3 November 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Science considered the proposal to introduce a new course entitled "MSc in Economic and Psychological Science" and resolved that the proposal be approved, subject to:

- (1) The clarification of the timing and duration of the Research Project and Research Proposal;
- (2) The addition of entry points at PGD and/or PGC to

section 3;

- (3) The clarification of whether PGD students will start the Research Project;
- (4) The clarification of the timing of assessment and determination of progression for PGD and PGC students;
- (5) The rephrasing of section 8 to read 'Most issues arising during the course of a student's work should be raised initially with the course lecturer, the project supervisor or the personal tutor...';
- (6) The revision to Student Support noting that the SSLC should contain at least 1 student from each department;
- (7) The information on proposed teaching timetable in Part 2, Section 5 should be included in Part 1, Section 6.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to introduce a new course entitled "MSc in Economic and Psychological Science", as set out in papers GFSS 75/09-10, GFSS 76/09-10 and GFSS 77/09-10.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, but that AASC should be asked to consider whether the standard course fee is sufficient.

40/09-10 Revised course proposals

A paper setting out recommendations for the approval of revisions to existing courses (paper BGS 26/09-10), as follows:

- (a) Faculty of Social Sciences
 - (i) School of Health and Social Studies
 - (A) "MA in Applied Social Research with a specialism in Health Studies" (minute GFSS 13(c)(i)/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 27 October 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences considered a proposal to revise the ESRC-recognised course entitled "MA in Applied Social Research with a specialism in Health Studies" (paper GFSS 8/09-10) and recommended that the proposal be approved;

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to revise the ESRC-recognised course entitled

“MA in Applied Social Research with a specialism in Health Studies”, as set out in paper GFSS 8/09-10;

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

- (B) “MA in Applied Social Research with a specialism in Social Work” (minute GFSS 13(c)(ii)/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 27 October 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences considered a proposal to revise the course entitled “MA in Applied Social Research with a specialism in Social Work” (paper GFSS 10/09-10) and recommended that the proposal be approved;

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to revise the course entitled “MA in Applied Social Research with a specialism in Social Work”, as set out in paper GFSS 10/09-10;

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved, subject to the deletion of the reference to the MRes on p.7 of the form.

(ii) Centre for Applied Linguistics

- (A) “MA in English Language Teaching (with a Specialism in English for Specific Purposes)” (minute GFSS 13(d)(i)/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 27 October 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences considered a proposal to revise the course entitled “MA in English Language Teaching (with a Specialism in English for Specific Purposes)” (papers GFSS 15/09-10, GFSS 16/09-10 and GFSS 17/09-10) and recommended that the proposal be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to revise the course entitled “MA in English Language Teaching (with a Specialism in English for Specific Purposes)”, as set out in papers GFSS 15/09-10, GFSS 16/09-10 and GFSS 17/09-10.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

- (B) “MA in English Language Teaching (with a Specialism in English for Young Learners)” (minute GFSS 13(d)(i)/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 27 October 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences considered a proposal to revise the course entitled “MA in English Language Teaching (with a Specialism in English for Young Learners)” (papers GFSS 18/09-10, GFSS 19/09-10 and GFSS 20/09-10) and recommended that the proposal be approved, subject to the provision of an updated website address and transfer of the formative assessments in the formative assessment column of the course specifications.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to revise the course entitled “MA in English Language Teaching (with a Specialism in English for Young Learners)”, as set out in papers GFSS 18/09-10, GFSS 19/09-10 and GFSS 20/09-10.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

- (C) “MA in English Language Teaching (Studies and Methods)” (minute GFSS 13(d)(i)/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 27 October 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences considered a proposal to revise the course entitled “MA in English Language Teaching (Studies and Methods)” (papers GFSS 21/09-10, GFSS 22/09-10 and GFSS 23/09-10) and recommended that the proposal be approved, subject to the provision of an updated website address and transfer of the formative assessments in the formative assessment column of the course specifications.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to revise the course entitled “MA in English Language Teaching (Studies and Methods)”, as set out in papers GFSS 21/09-10, GFSS 22/09-10 and GFSS 23/09-10.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

- (D) “MA in English Language Teaching (with a Specialism in ICT and Multimedia)” (minute GFSS 13(d)(i)/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 27 October 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences considered a proposal to revise the course entitled “MA in English Language Teaching (with a Specialism in ICT and Multimedia)” (papers GFSS 24/09-10, GFSS 25/09-10, GFSS 26/09-10 and GFSS 27/09-10) and recommended that the proposal be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to revise the course entitled “MA in English Language Teaching (with a Specialism in ICT and Multimedia)”, as set out in papers GFSS 24/09-10, GFSS 25/09-10, GFSS 26/09-10 and GFSS 27/09-10.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

- (E) “MA in English Language Teaching” (minute GFSS 13(d)(i)/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 27 October 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences considered a proposal to revise the course entitled “MA in English Language Teaching” (papers GFSS 28/09-10, GFSS 29/09-10 and GFSS 30/09-10) and recommended that the proposal be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to revise the course entitled “MA in English Language Teaching”, as set out in papers GFSS 28/09-10, GFSS 29/09-10 and GFSS 30/09-10.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

- (F) “MA in English Language Teaching (with a Specialism in Language, Testing and Assessment)” (minute GFSS 13(d)(i)/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 27 October 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences considered a proposal to revise the course entitled “MA in English Language Teaching (with a Specialism in Language, Testing and Assessment)” (papers GFSS 31/09-10, GFSS 32/09-10 and

GFSS 33/09-10) and recommended that the proposal be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to revise the course entitled “MA in English Language Teaching (with a Specialism in Language, Testing and Assessment)”, as set out in papers GFSS 31/09-10, GFSS 32/09-10 and GFSS 33/09-10.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

(iii) Learning and Development Centre

Increase in maximum registration period (minute GFSS 13(e)/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 27 October 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences considered a proposal from the Learning and Development Centre to increase the maximum registration period for three accredited courses (paper GFSS 43/09-10) and recommended that the proposal be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal from the Learning and Development Centre to increase the maximum registration period for three accredited courses, as set out in paper GFSS 43/09-10.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

(iv) Institute of Education

(A) “MA in the Teaching of Shakespeare” (minute GFSS 13(f)(iii)/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 27 October 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences considered a proposal to revise the course entitled “MA in the Teaching of Shakespeare” (paper GFSS 50/09-10) and recommended that the proposal be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal to revise the course entitled “MA in the Teaching of Shakespeare”, as set out in paper GFSS 50/09-10.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

(v) Warwick Business School

“Warwick Postgraduate Diploma for Leaders in Public Finance”
(minute GFSS 13(g)(ii)/09-10 referred)

REPORTED:

That, at its meeting on 27 October 2009, the Graduate Studies Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences considered a proposal from Warwick Business School to change the name of the course entitled “Postgraduate Diploma in Public Finance and Leadership” to “Warwick Postgraduate Diploma for Leaders in Public Finance” (paper GFSS 66/09-10), and recommended that the proposal be approved.

CONSIDERED:

The proposal from Warwick Business School to change the name of the course entitled “Postgraduate Diploma in Public Finance and Leadership” to “Warwick Postgraduate Diploma for Leaders in Public Finance”, as set out in paper GFSS 66/09-10.

RESOLVED:

That the proposal be approved.

41/09-10 Next meeting

REPORTED:

That the next meeting of the Board was on Tuesday, 19 January 2010 in the Council Chamber.

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