

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Board of Graduate Studies

There will be a meeting of the Board of Graduate Studies at 2.00pm on Monday 4 November 2002 in the Council Chamber, Senate House.

Dr J W Nicholls
Registrar

A G E N D A

1. Minutes

TO CONSIDER:

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 7 October 2002 (copy attached).

2. Matters Arising on the Minutes

3. Chair's Business

4. Membership

TO REPORT:

(a) That Kate Woodthorpe (MA Sociological Research in Healthcare) has been elected as Chair of the Postgraduate Committee.

(b) That the following students have been elected as Postgraduate Faculty representatives:

Arts:	Gemma Goodman (MA English Literature)
Science:	TBC
Social Studies:	Adam Taylor (MA Politics)

5. New and Revised Courses of Study

(a) School of Health and Social Studies

TO REPORT:

That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies, at its meeting on 23 October 2002, considered a proposal from the School of Health and Social Studies to establish a new Postgraduate Certificate in Contemporary Mental Health Practice (paper GFSS 16/02-03) and recommended that the proposal be approved subject to (unconfirmed minute):

(i) Receipt of a full set of signed papers.

(ii) Amendment to reinforce the fact that overall control of the programme lies with the School of Health and Social Studies rather than the Sainsbury Centre for Mental Health.

TO CONSIDER:

A proposal from the School of Health and Social Studies to introduce a new Postgraduate Certificate in Contemporary Mental Health Practice, with effect from November 2002 (paper GFSS 16/02-03 {revised}, copy attached).

(b) Warwick Business School

TO REPORT:

That the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies, at its meeting on 23 October 2002, considered a proposal from the Warwick Business School for the introduction of a new Diploma in Local Government Management, with effect from February 2003 (paper GFSS 7/02-03) and recommended that the proposal be approved subject to the following amendments (unconfirmed minute):

- (i) Substitution of Institute of Governance and Public Management and/or the Local Government Centre as the Department responsible by 'Warwick Business School'.
- (ii) Consideration of Part 2 of the Course Proposal form by the Estimates and Grants Committee.
- (iii) Amendment to the Diploma selection procedure (section 7) so that it is clear that Warwick Business School has control over selecting applicants rather than the Employers' Organisation.
- (iv) Consideration of staff training needs.

TO CONSIDER:

A proposal from the Warwick Business School to introduce a new Diploma in Local Government Management, with effect from February 2003, including a background report (paper GFSS 7/02-03 copy attached).

(c) School of Postgraduate Medical Education

TO CONSIDER:

A proposal from the School of Postgraduate Medical Education for the introduction of a new Postgraduate Award entitled Ethical Scrutiny of Research: Theory and Practice (paper SGS 15/02-03, copy attached), noting that the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science, at its meeting held on 23 October 2002, recommended that the proposal be approved (unconfirmed minute).

(d) Department of French Studies

TO CONSIDER:

A proposal from the Department of French Studies for the introduction of a new taught MA in 'French Culture and Thought' with effect from October 2003 (Paper AGSC2/02-03 {revised}, copy attached), noting that the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Arts, at its meeting held on 16 October 2002 recommended that the proposal be approved subject to minor amendments and the completion of section 2 of the proposal form (unconfirmed minute).

(e) Institute of Education

TO CONSIDER:

A proposal from the Institute of Education to introduce a new Postgraduate Award entitled 'Leading Educational Change and Improvement', which modifies the existing Postgraduate Award 'Improving Pupil and Student Achievement' (paper GFSS 4/02-03 copy attached), noting that the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies had approved the proposal on behalf of the Committee.

(f) Warwick Manufacturing Group

TO CONSIDER:

A proposal from the Warwick Manufacturing Group for a change to the nature of the existing Eskom TLP Franchise Programme from a Post-Experience Diploma to a Postgraduate Certificate in Engineering Business Management noting that the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Science, at its meeting on 23 October 2002, recommended that the proposal be approved as set out in paper SGS8/02-03, subject to the correction of minor typing errors.

(g) Centre for Translation and Comparative Cultural Studies

TO CONSIDER:

A proposal for a change to the title of the MA in Comparative Literary Studies to the MA in Comparative Literary Theory (Paper AGSC1/02-03, attached), noting that the Graduate Studies Committee of the Board of the Faculty of Arts recommended that the proposal be approved.

6. Reports from the Faculty Graduate Studies Committees

TO RECEIVE:

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

7. Postgraduate Committee

TO RECEIVE:

An oral report from the Chair of the Postgraduate Committee on the Committee's recent activities.

8. Periodic Review

TO CONSIDER:

The report of the Periodic Review of postgraduate provision in the School of Law (BGS 12/02-03, copy attached), together with the School's response (BGS 11/02-03, copy attached), noting that the report would be considered by the Board of the Faculty of Social Studies at its meeting on 6 November.

9. HEFCE Report on Improving Standards in Postgraduate Research Degree Programmes

TO CONSIDER:

A copy of the Executive Summary and Framework of Standards for Postgraduate Research Degree Programmes from the HEFCE Report on Improving Standards in Postgraduate Research Degree Programmes, together with a request from the HEFCE for feedback on Phase 2 of the HEFCE Project on Postgraduate Research Degree Programmes (Paper BGS13/02-03, copy attached).

Note: The full HEFCE Report on Improving Standards in Postgraduate Research Degree Programmes is available at
<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/Pubs/RDreports/downloads/report13.htm>

10. ESRC Training Board visit (minute 10/02-02 refers)

TO REPORT:

- (a) That, at its meeting on 7 October 2002, the Board considered a copy of the Report on the ESRC Training Board visit, together with a copy of the University's response (paper BGS 8/02-03) and resolved that guidelines on the allocation of office space to PhD students be discussed at a future meeting of the Board.
- (b) That the guidelines on the allocation of office space to postgraduate research students are as follows:

"Although they have no automatic right to accommodation, full-time postgraduate research students will be allocated, wherever possible, a carrel place in the University Library or work space in a designated communal area, with preference being given to those in non-experimental subjects and to those who have no residential base on campus. Work space in academic offices will only be allocated to such students on a shared basis of four or more to a room when all carrel places are full and where offices are available for allocation in this way."

11. Campus Life Committee

TO CONSIDER:

The nomination of a representative of the Board to serve on the Campus Life Committee for the 2002/2003 academic year.