

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

Board of Graduate Studies

Graduate Awards and Nominations Sub-Committee

Minutes of the Graduate Awards and Nominations Sub-Committee held at 09:00hrs on Thursday 24 May 2012 in Council Chamber, University House.

Present: Professor J Labbe (in the Chair), Dr C Bilton, Dr J Kidd, Ms A Stewart, Professor D Leadley, Dr A Dowd ,

Apologies: Professor F Griffiths, Dr B Clift , Professor R Earle

In attendance: Mr D Pearson, Mrs N Ellis-Thomas

16/11-12 Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the minutes from the last meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 01 May 2012 be approved.

17/11-12 Matters Arising

REPORTED:

That the Board of Graduate Studies recommended a minor amendment to the PGR Scoring Criteria.

18/11-12 PGR Competition Overview

a) Chancellor's Scholarships, Wolfson Foundation, Chancellor's International Scholarships, Arts and Humanities Research Council and DAROM/CRPS Doctoral Awards Scoring

REPORTED:

(i) That the current allocations for the awards above were set out in a separate paper (GANC 06/11-12)

19/11-12 PGT Combined Competition

a) Arts and Humanities Research Council Masters, Santander, International Office Masters, International Office- ANFCT

REPORTED:

(i) That the current allocations for the awards above were set out in a separate paper (GANC 07/11-12)

CONSIDERED:

- (ii) GANC recommendations for AHRC allocations following a number of changes to the allocations agreed by GANC on 1 May 2012.

RESOLVED:

- (iii) That the declined AHRC award be allocated to the highest ranked eligible candidate.
- (iv) That the remaining AHRC award be 50% AHRC funded and 50% Warwick funded.
- (v) That the reallocated Santander award be awarded to the highest ranked eligible candidate.
- (vi) That the Project Officer (Graduate School) notify the Philosophy Department of the decisions by GANC relating to AHRC allocations for 2011-12.

20/11-12 Li Xiaoming

REPORTED:

- a) That the overall scores allocated to each applicant were set out in a separate paper (GANC 10/11-12) noting that the average score is presented in a column labeled 'Average'
- b) That the Li Xiaoming Scholarship be awarded to Ye Qin, from the Department of Politics and International Studies.
- c) That the International Office noted that the scholarship had been well received in China.
- d) That for the 2012-13 competition the Li Xiaoming Scholarship would be included in the PGT Combined Competition

21/11-12 Warwick/ Open Society Foundation (OSF)

REPORTED:

- a) That final allocations for the Warwick/ OSF scholarships were to take place in June due to the requirements for applicants to undertake English language testing prior to offers being made.

22/11-12 EPSRC Interdisciplinary Competition

REPORTED:

- a) That the deadline for the EPSRC Interdisciplinary Competition was 25 April 2012.
- b) That 24 nominations were received.

- c) That applications were nominated for consideration by departments and each subsequently reviewed by three scorers.
- d) That the EPSRC Interdisciplinary Competition consisted of:
 - (i) Six awards to strengthen research within the Global Priority Programme areas of Innovative Manufacturing; Science and Technology for Health; and Energy, and three further awards for other interdisciplinary science projects.
- e) That the scores allocated to each applicant by scorers were set out in a separate paper (GANC 08/11-12), noting that the average score is presented in the column labelled "Average Score".

CONSIDERED:

The list of candidates who were nominated by their departments and scored as outlined above, to determine:

- a) Which candidates should be made the EPSRC Interdisciplinary Competition awards;
- b) Which candidates should be put on a reserve list.
 - (i) (By the Chair)
That the Chair will contact Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Knowledge Transfer, Business Engagement and Research (Science and Medicine) to discuss the allocation of awards for Innovative Manufacturing.

RECOMMENDED:

- (ii) That the Project Officer (Graduate School) contact departments with the highest ranked EU students to clarify whether departments were able to support the stipend.

RESOLVED:

- (iii) That the 10% allowance for overseas students would not, in the first instance, be allocated via the Interdisciplinary Competition.

23/11-12 Feedback from competition in 2012

TO REPORT:

- a) That departments were invited to provide feedback on the 2011-12 PGR Competition by 21 May 2012.
- b) That a summary of the responses received was set out in a separate paper (GANC 09/11-12)

TO CONSIDER:

- a) GANC's recommendations for any amendments to the PGR Competition for the 2012-13 academic year.

RECOMMENDED:

- (iv) That the Project Officer (Graduate School) follow up improvements recommended to the BPM system with IT Services.

RESOLVED:

- (v) That an option to 'opt in' to fee only awards would not be introduced.
- (vi) With the exception of the revision requested via BGS (17/11-12) that there should be no changes to the PGR scoring criteria.
- (vii) That once a student declines their scholarship offer priority would continue to be 'topping up' fees only awards, rather than allocating to lower ranked students.

24/11-12 Any other business

- (i) No further items were raised.