



Meeting  
Place  
Date

**BOARD OF STUDIES FOR THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE**

Microsoft Teams  
Wednesday 13 January 2021 at 09:15

Present	Professor N Brook	Dean of Science (Chair)
	Dr R Bradford	Department of Computer Science
	Professor A Burrows	Head of Department of Chemistry
	Dr S Flower	Department of Chemistry
	Dr N Fotaki	Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology
	Professor M Fraser	Department of Computer Science
	Professor C Frost	Deputy Dean of Science
	Dr A Gorbach	Department of Physics
	Professor M Hejmadi	Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching)
	Dr R James	Head of Department of Physics
	Professor M Jones	Department of Chemistry
	Professor N McHugh	Head of Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology
	Professor P Milewski	Head of Department of Mathematical Sciences
	Dr A Preston	Department of Biology and Biochemistry
	Dr T Shardlow	Department of Mathematical Sciences
	Dr G Stothart	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
	Professor D Tosh	Department of Biology and Biochemistry
In attendance	Dr J White	Head of Natural Sciences
	Professor C Wilson	Associate Dean (Research)
	Dr M Wright	Department of Computer Science
	Mrs M Hallett	Faculty Assistant Registrar (Secretary)
Apologies	Dr F Bisset	Learning Partnerships Office
	Mr T Cheung	PGT student representative
	Ms A L Harper	Faculty of Science (Observer)
	Miss F Jackson	Students' Union Sabbatical Officer (Community)
	Professor T Mays	Faculty of Engineering and Design
	Dr F Qin	School of Management
	Professor J Sivaloganathan	Department of Mathematical Sciences
	Professor S Ward	Associate Dean (International)
	Mr J Withington	UG student representative

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**7081 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board held on 19 November 2020 (Paper 87).

**7082 MATTERS ARISING**

**M7059 2020/21 STAFF STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (SSLC) TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP  
Natural Sciences**

The Board noted that in response to its suggestion that elections for continuing students be held in Semester 2 of the preceding year, the SU recognised that the

Academic Rep election process had been slow and plans to hold elections for continuing student reps in the summer.

#### **7083 CHAIR'S BUSINESS**

The Chair reported the following matters:

- The Chair thanked staff for their versatility in responding to issues arising due to the current national lockdown.
- There is a continuing push with renewed emphasis regarding executive education and CPD courses. The University has appointed a consultancy to help move this forward. This aligns with the Faculty's plans and engagement around iSTART and discussion / experiences from the Institute of Coding. Meetings have been arranged for those engaged in this area with the consultants.
- Departure from the EU:
  - i) the UK will no longer participate in Erasmus+ which, from September, will be replaced with the Turing scheme designed to support students participating in exchanges both within and outside the EU.
  - ii) the UK has committed to remain in Horizon EU research funding, subject to financial contributions from the UK. The UK would be in the position of a third country similar to Switzerland and Israel.
- All research risk assessments will need to be reviewed in line with advice and guidance from the Government and the University safety office.
- The University has taken the decision to reimburse accommodation fees for University Halls initially up until 14 February, to be reviewed following Government decisions about students returning to campus.

#### **7084 STAFF STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (SSLC) MEETINGS**

The Board noted the minutes of the meetings held on:

**Department of Biology and Biochemistry** 29 October (UG) (Paper 95A), 1 December (UG) (Paper 95B) and 27 November (PGT) (Paper 95C) 2020.

**Department of Chemistry** 28 October (Paper 96A) and 25 November (Paper 96B) 2020.

**Department of Computer Science** 27 October (UG) (Paper 97A) and 30 November (PGT) (Paper 97B) 2020.

**Department of Mathematical Sciences** 21 October (Paper 98A) and 18 November (Paper 98B) 2020.

**Natural Sciences** 11 December 2020 (Paper 99).

**Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology** 28 October (UG) (Paper 100A), 25 November (UG) (Paper 100B) and 24 November (PGT) (Paper 100C) 2020.

**Department of Physics** 28 October 2020 (Paper 101).

#### **7085 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.



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**7087 REPORT ON RESEARCH GRANTS**

The Board received details of awards accepted by Research and Innovation Services from 12 November 2020 - 5 January 2021 (Paper 88).  
The Chair congratulated in particular:

- Professor Jody Mason, Department of Biology and Biochemistry, for his award of £441,995 from the Medical Research Council for research into Irreversibly Silencing Oncogenic Master-regulator cMyc Using Library-derived Electrophilic Helical Peptides.
- Dr Petra Cameron, Department of Chemistry, for her award of £480,087 from EU – Horizon 2020 for research into Stimuli Responsive Materials for the Rapid Detection and Treatment of Healthcare Associated Infections.
- Professor Ivan Graham, Department of Mathematical Sciences, for his award of £379,810 from the EPSRC for research into Fast Solvers for Frequency-Domain Wave-Scattering Problems and Applications.
- Dr Geoffrey Masuyer, Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology, for his award of £375,216 from Applied Molecular Transport (AMT) for research into AMT Amendment 6. The Chair reported that AMT is a start-up company in the US and is one of the University's largest industrial providers of research funding.

**7088 2019/20 REPORT TO ULTQC (recently renamed EQSC) ON THE OPERATION OF BOARDS OF EXAMINERS**

The Board approved the annual evaluation of the operation of Board of Examiners, based on the reports of Independent Observers (Paper 89). The Board noted that this year, in light of Covid, the Faculty decided to only independently observe an undergraduate finalist BEP in the Department of Computer Science given the new Chair (HoD) who was also new to the University. The Chair thanked the HoD for the positive Independent Observer's report which found the BEP's operations to be exemplary. It was agreed that the following Boards would be independently observed in 2020/21:

- Department of Biology and Biochemistry PGT progression BEP, given the new MSc Molecular Biosciences programmes that started in 2019/20.
- Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology PGT progression BEP, given the new Chair (HoD).

**7089 FACULTY LEARNING, TEACHING AND QUALITY COMMITTEE**

The Board noted the minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2020 (Paper 90).

**7090 UNIVERSITY BOARD OF STUDIES (DOCTORAL) (BoSD)**

The Board noted the minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2020 (Paper 91).

**7091 FACULTY DOCTORAL STUDIES COMMITTEE (FDSC)**

The Board noted the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2020 (Paper 92).

**7092 FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

The Board noted the minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2020 (Paper 93).

**7093 FACULTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Board noted the minutes of the meetings held on 10 November (Paper 94A) and 8 December (Paper 94B) 2020.

**7094 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.