

**Meeting:** BOARD OF STUDIES (DOCTORAL)  
**Date and Time:** Wednesday 14 February 2018, 2.15pm  
**Venue:** Wessex House Council Chamber

	Prof Jonathan Knight (Chair)	Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research)	
	Prof Jeremy Bradshaw	Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International & Doctoral)	
<b>Present:</b>	Prof Cathryn Mitchell	Academic Director of Doctoral College	ADDC
	Prof Andrew Brown	Associate Dean for Research (SoM)	ADR(SoM)
	Dr Ian Walker	Associate Dean for Research (HSS)	ADR(HSS)
	Prof Bas Verplanken	Faculty Director of Doctoral Studies (HSS)	FDDS(HSS)
	Dr Ian Eggleston	Faculty Director of Doctoral Studies (SCI)	FDDS(SCI)
	Mr Liam Emery	SU Postgraduate Officer	SUPO
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Mr Simon Gane	Head of Doctoral Recruitment & Programmes	HDRP
	Dr Caroline McMurray (Secretary)	Quality Enhancement Officer for Doctoral Studies	QEODS
	Miss Ceri Dibble (Secretary)	Doctoral Programmes Officer	DPO

**Apologies:** Prof Davide Mattia, Dr Iain Davies, Prof Chick Wilson, Dr Sally Cliff

<b>Minute</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>93. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>            The Board considered and approved the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2018 (BDS_1718_PAPER_91).</p>	
<p><b>94. MATTERS ARISING</b>  <u>Minute 76.8 Confirmation of PhD registration</u>            Ongoing. HDRP will bring a report on the impact of the confirmation process on student outcomes to a future meeting.  <u>Minute 80 Any other business</u>            The Board noted the QA7 guidelines on the appointment of a supervisory team. There was then a full discussion about whether it was appropriate to appoint a teaching fellow to a supervisory team (not as lead). Points considered included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether it was appropriate to appoint a role which was</li> </ul>	

- outside of the teaching fellow's job specification.
- The lack of fairness of opportunity to gain supervisory experience in this manner.
- The promotion criteria for teaching fellows.
- The potential risk to the student experience in having a supervisor who was not research active.
- That this decision would set a precedent.

HDRP provided background on this particular case, and whilst the Board agreed that the teaching fellow should be recognised for their contribution to the research project, that this could be more appropriately done in another manner, such as inclusion as a co-author.

The Board eventually agreed that teaching fellows should not be appointed as supervisors. **Appointment REFUSED**

**ACTION** - The board requested that QA7 be amended to clarify the ambiguity identified in section 8.3 by specifying that it refers to research fellows.

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**95. CHAIRS BUSINESS**

The Chair introduced Professor Jeremy Bradshaw Pro-Vice-Chancellor (International & Doctoral) who will take on the role as Chair from this date.

**96. FACULTY DOCTORAL STUDIES COMMITTEE**

The Board noted receipt of the minutes of the meetings of the following Faculty Doctoral Students' Committees:

1. Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences FDSC held on 14 December 2017 (BDS\_1718\_Paper\_93)
2. Faculty of Science FDSC held on 14 December 2017 (BDS\_1718\_Paper\_94)

**97. STAFF STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE**

The Board noted receipt of the minutes of the meetings of the following Staff Student Liaison Committees

1. The Department of Psychology SSLC for research programmes held 15 January 2018 (BDS\_1718\_Paper\_95)
2. the Department of Physics Postgraduate Research SSLC held on 7 December 2017 (BDS\_1718\_Paper\_96)

**98. FUTURE MEETING DATES**

The Board duly noted the dates of future meetings.  
The next being Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 in the Council Chamber at 2.15pm

**99. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

With the resignation of the programme director for the DClinPsy,

there will be a lack of suitable candidates for the role of internal examiner for the viva examinations to be held in the Summer of 2018. Professor Paul Salkovskis will at that time be employed at another institution, however is anticipated to retain an honorary professorship here at the University.

HDRP requested the Board to consider whether it would be possible to approve the appointment of an honorary professor as internal examiner in this instance.

ADR(HSS) confirmed that HSS Faculty considered this to be the most appropriate way to manage the transition from one programme director to another.

The Board agreed in principle to the appointment, provided that the Honorary Professorship is actually in place by that time, and that this bridging arrangement is for a defined period only.

The Examiner's nomination form will be brought to the Board for approval at the appropriate time.

**After consideration of the Reserved Area business the meeting concluded at 2:40pm**

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