



Meeting: FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
BOARD OF STUDIES

Date and Time: Wednesday 16th January 2013, 2.15pm

Venue: Council Chamber

Present: Prof R Eatwell, Dean (Chair)
Prof S Gough, Associate Dean (Graduate Studies)
Dr P Lambert, Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching)
Ms E Barratt Hacking, Department of Education
Dr J Bilzon, Head of Department for Health
Prof I Butler, Head of Department of Social and Policy Sciences
Dr A Dinerstein, Department of Social and Policy Sciences
Dr D Griffiths, Faculty of Engineering and Design
Dr M Hayden, Head of Department of Education
Ms K Jordan, Faculty Librarian
Prof C Lees, Head of Department of Politics, Languages and International Studies
Ms R Norfolk, Postgraduate Research Student
Dr K Rodham, Department of Psychology
Dr A Salo, Department for Health
Dr T Skinner, Department of Social and Policy Sciences
Dr D Thompson, Department for Health
Prof B Verplanken, Head of Department of Psychology
Dr L Watts, Faculty of Science
Ms H Wade, Students' Union

In Attendance: Mrs P Lowton (Secretary)
Dr Richard Joiner (Psychology item)

Apologies: Prof D Stanton Fraser, Associate Dean (Research)
Dr D Bence, School of Management
Dr J Francombe, Department of Education
Ms A Friend, Undergraduate student
Dr J Gavin, Department of Psychology
Prof C Ioannidis, Head of Department of Economics
Dr A White, Department of Politics, Languages and International Studies
Ms M Woodward, Head of Learning Partnerships

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2166. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on the 21st November 2012 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings (paper 171).

2167. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(1) Minute 2142 SSLC

It was noted that during the discussion of quorum issues within SSLCs student members had been correct in their interpretation of the guidelines.

2168. CHAIR'S BUSINESS

(1) UCAS Applications

The Chair reported that Faculty applications are up by 12.5%, and is strong against the sector trend. The sector as a whole is 7% down.

(2) Research Institutes

The University is moving toward the formation of research Institutes which will focus interest groups across Departments. The University of Bath Institute for Policy Research will be launching in May.

(3) AHRC DTC Bid

A collaborative bid to become an AHRC Doctoral Training Centre with Bristol, Cardiff and Exeter and four other south, west and Wales partners will be submitted before the end of January.

2169. BOARD OF STUDIES SUB-COMMITTEES

(1) Department of Politics, Languages and International Studies

The Board approved the proposed membership of the Foreign Language Centre Unit Boards of Examiners for 2012/13. (paper 172) It was noted that the paper had been through the DLTQC.

2170. NEW PROGRAMME PROPOSAL

Department of Psychology

The Board approved the Stage One proposal for:

- BSc (Hons) Psychology
- MSci (Hons) Psychology
- MSci (Hons) Psychology with Placement (paper 173)

The Board noted a summary of the proposals by Dr Joiner/the HoD. One key area of discussion occurred around placements. Firstly, there were concerns about resourcing these with the proposed increased student numbers. Second, there was discussion of the ability to 'transfer' between 3 and 4 yr. programmes: it was recommended that information to students around 'space limitations' must provide them with clarity on this issue.

It was suggested that in order to fully satisfy Stage Two approval further consideration of assessment and teaching methods across larger cohorts maybe useful.

It was further noted that in order to fully satisfy APC the market research and analysis must now be signed off by Tim Kaner, Director of Marketing and Communications, before paperwork is submitted to that committee.

The issue of the availability of units to other programme was raised in view

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of the considerable growth anticipated in Psychology students. The Head of Department assured the Board that a suitable set of units would be available (subject to pre-requisites in later years).

During a discussion of the possible awards it was noted that there should be a designated alternative programme (DAP) route if the MSci is failed. The Board recommended that the Department confirm that the programme routes are the same, thereby allowing students a fall-back position of achieving a BSc award if the MSci is failed.

The Board of Studies noted that the Director of Finance had indicated her approval of the resource implications element of the proposal but that the Academic Registrar had not yet given approval for the market information element of the proposal. This approval, in addition to the approval of the Director of Marketing and Communications, would be necessary before the proposal could be forwarded for consideration by the Academic Programmes Committee.

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The Board agreed that subject to these approvals and consideration of the points raised by the Board and noted above, the proposal should be forwarded for consideration at APC.

2171. FACULTY COMMITTEES

- (1) The Board received the minutes of the Faculty Executive Committee on the 3rd December 2012. (paper 174).
- (2) The Board received the minutes of the Faculty Research Committee on the 7th November 2012. (paper 175).
- (3) The Board received the minutes of the Faculty Learning, Teaching and Quality Committee on the 12th December 2012. (paper 176)
- (4) The Board received the minutes of the Faculty Graduate School Committee on the 28th November 2012. (paper 177)

2172. STAFF STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEES

The Board received the 2011/12 annual report of the Staff Student Liaison Committee for:

- MSC Healthcare Informatics, MSc Healthcare Information Governance, MSc Rheumatology
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