



Meeting **BOARD OF STUDIES FOR THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE**  
Place Council Chamber  
Date Wednesday 10 January 2018 at 14:15

Present	Professor N Brook	Dean of Science (Chair)
	Ms M Aspbury	Undergraduate Representative (Natural Sciences)
	Dr R Bradford	Department of Computer Science
	Professor F Burstall	Department of Mathematical Sciences
	Dr J Doughty	Department of Biology and Biochemistry
	Dr N Fotaki	Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology
	Professor C Frost	Head of Department of Chemistry
	Dr S Gebhard	Department of Biology and Biochemistry
	Dr A Gorbach	Department of Physics
	Dr A Hayes	Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching)
	Professor P Milewski	Head of Department of Mathematical Sciences
	Professor C Mundell	Head of Department of Physics
Mr B Palmer	Students' Union (SU) Sabbatical Officer (Community)	
Dr P Snow	Head of Natural Sciences	
In attendance	Mrs M Hallett	Faculty Assistant Registrar (Secretary)
	Mrs A L Harper	Faculty of Science (Observer)
Apologies	Dr F Bisset	Learning Partnerships Office
	Professor C Bowen	Faculty of Engineering and Design
	Dr J Bultitude	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
	Professor A D Burrows	Department of Chemistry
	Professor R S G Jones	Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology
	Dr J Nordstrom	Department of Mathematical Sciences
	Professor E O'Neill	Head of Department of Computer Science
	Miss H Parker	Postgraduate Taught Representative (Biology and Biochemistry)
	Dr F Qin	School of Management
	Professor R J Scott	Head of Department of Biology and Biochemistry
Professor S G Ward	Head of Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology	
Professor C Wilson	Associate Dean (Research)	

**6494 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING ACTION**

The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board held on 23 November 2017 (Paper 114).

**6495 MATTERS ARISING  
M6470 2017/18 STAFF STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (SSLC) TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP**

**Department of Biology and Biochemistry**

The Board noted that the Department would review separating PGR from PGT SSLCs for next year.

**Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology**

The Board considered an update on SSLC equivalent arrangements for AP3T

distance-learning students (for 2017/18) (Paper 115). The Board supported the arrangements.

#### **6496 CHAIR'S BUSINESS**

The Chair reported the following:

- A competitive bid for £60k allocated by the Faculty for new and replacement teaching equipment is now complete and allocations have been made, including an allocation to the Department for Mathematical Sciences for equipment to support e-learning projects.
- Council has approved proposals for a new Institute for Advanced Automotive Propulsion Systems (IAAPS) building to be located at the Bristol and Bath Science Park and for a new School of Management building on campus. A motion of no confidence in the Chair of Council was defeated and an extraordinary meeting of Council will be held on 16 January.
- The Faculty will hold a biennial 'Women in Science' networking event this summer, organised by Dr S Bailey, Faculty Athena Swan Champion.
- A Faculty Curriculum Transformation Working Group (CTWG), chaired by the Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching), has been established and held its first meeting in December. The CTWG will provide oversight and direction for Departments in taking forward the curriculum transformation agenda. A meeting has also been arranged (on 23 January) between the Heads of Departments of Computer Science, Mathematical Sciences and Physics to discuss the implications of curriculum transformation for jointly taught degree programmes.
- A Faculty Strategy Research Group (FSRG) has been formed, with membership from across Departments. The FSRG will identify key research area priorities for the Faculty based on the anticipated future direction of the UK research agenda and trends, in readiness for responding to future research funding calls. The FSRG will also act as an advisory group in the expansion of doctoral provision. The Chair encouraged members to share strategic research ideas with their Department representatives on the FSRG in advance of its first meeting, scheduled to take place at the end of January.
- Chancellor's Prize 2018: £1,500 prize for a final year undergraduate student who has demonstrated academic excellence, together with a contribution to the life, academic reputation and general work of the University. Closing date for nominations is noon on Monday 16 April. The Chair encouraged members to ensure all teaching staff are aware of this prize and to consider submitting nominations.

#### **6497 STAFF STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (SSLC) MEETINGS**

The Board noted SSLC meeting minutes from the following Departments:

**Natural Sciences** 8 November 2017 (Paper 125).

**Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology** 15 November 2017 (Paper 126).

#### **6498 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.