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Meeting	<b>BOARD OF STUDIES FOR THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE</b>	
Place	Council Chamber	
Date	Tuesday 18 September 2012 at 2.15pm	
Present	Professor D M Bird Dr J Doughty Dr M A Freitag Dr S Gheduzzi Professor I G Graham Mr A Hayes  Dr R Hooley Dr R S G Jones Dr G Mathlin Professor G J Price Professor P R Raithby Dr P J Rogers Dr S J Roser Professor R M Tyrrell Professor I H Williams Professor S Wonnacott	Dean of Science (Chair) Department of Biology & Biochemistry Department of Mathematical Sciences Faculty of Engineering & Design (representative) Head of Department of Mathematical Sciences Department of Computer Science (Alternate for Prof P J Willis) Head of Department of Biology & Biochemistry Department of Pharmacy & Pharmacology Department of Physics Associate Dean (Learning & Teaching) Head of Department of Chemistry Department of Pharmacy & Pharmacology Chair of the Natural Sciences Programmes Committee Head of Department of Pharmacy & Pharmacology Department of Chemistry Associate Dean (Graduate Studies)
In attendance	Mrs E F Bird Ms A L Harper Miss E Perry	Faculty of Science (Observer) Faculty of Science (Observer) Faculty of Science (Secretary)
Apologies	Mr D.J.Bence Professor M G Davidson Professor J C Knight Mr A Pool Dr A J Power Professor S M Skevington Dr D A Taylor Professor P J Willis Ms M Woodward	School of Management Associate Dean (Research) Head of Department of Physics Students' Union Sabbatical Officer Department of Computer Science Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences (representative) Department of Pharmacy & Pharmacology Head of Department of Computer Science Learning Partnerships Office

**5411 CHAIR'S BUSINESS**

Professor Bird welcomed members to the first meeting of the 2012-13 academic session, particularly Professor Ivan Graham as new Head of Department of Mathematical Sciences, Dr Roland Jones, Dr Melina Freitag, and Dr James Doughty as newly elected members, Dr Sabina Gheduzzi, the new representative from the Faculty of Engineering & Design and Mr Alex Pool in

his new capacity as the SU VP Education. As there were a number of new members, brief introductions were given.

On behalf of the Board, Professor Bird congratulated Professor Melanie Welham, Department of Pharmacy & Pharmacology, for her new appointment as Director of Science for the BBSRC (on secondment from the University from 1 October 2012). Professor Bird also praised Professor Jonathan Knight, Department of Physics, who has been awarded the *Institute of Physics Optics & Photonics Division Prize 2012*.

Professor Bird also noted that a student in the Department of Pharmacy & Pharmacology has been subject to the Fitness to Practise procedure. He received a sanction that has been reported to the General Pharmaceutical Council.

Professor Bird drew attention to the NSS scores for 2012. The University had retained the same level of overall satisfaction as last year meaning that it remains 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the rankings. He also noted that the results were excellent in the Faculty, particularly in the Department of Pharmacy & Pharmacology and the Department of Computer Science.

**5412 MINUTES**

The Board approved the minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2012 (Papers 1 and 2). There were no matters arising.

**5413 MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF STUDIES**

The Board noted details of the membership of the Board for 2012-13 (Paper 3).

**5414 CHANGES TO THE QA CODE OF PRACTICE**

The Board noted some recent changes to the QA Code of Practice. The Chair drew attention to the following changes:

- QA7 External Research degrees: the introduction of probationer status for PhD students
- QA12 External Examining (taught provision): the establishment of a central register of University of Bath staff external examining, to avoid any reciprocal agreements

The Chair asked Heads of Department to make staff aware of these changes, particularly QA7, at their next staff meeting.

**HoDs**

**DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS: 2012-13**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Room</b>
10 October 2012	Wednesday	2.15pm	3W 4.7
21 November 2012 (MSc & MRes results)	Wednesday	2.15pm	1WN 3.12
16 January 2013	Wednesday	2.15pm	3W 4.7
27 February 2013	Wednesday	2.15pm	8W 2.8 TBC
24 April 2013	Wednesday	2.15pm	8W 2.20 TBC
22 May 2013	Wednesday	2.15pm	Council Chamber
26 June 2013 (Final Year results)	Wednesday	9.30am	Council Chamber
5 July 2013 (Continuing students)	Friday	9.30am	3E 3.11
17 September 2013 (Supplementary results)	Tuesday	2.15pm	Council Chamber