



Meeting **BOARD OF STUDIES FOR THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE**
Place Wessex House, Council Chamber
Date Wednesday 27 June 2018 at 14:15

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

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6586 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board held on 23 May 2018 (Paper 233).

6587 MATTERS ARISING

6568 CHAIR'S BUSINESS

The Board was informed that the Department of Computer Science had confirmed that its Staff Student Liaison Committee (SSLC) had discussed curriculum transformation; a possible new curriculum had been considered by the SSLC in depth at its last meeting of the year. The Department of Chemistry representatives confirmed that curriculum transformation had been discussed by the Chemistry SSLC and that student focus groups had been held.

Secretary's note: The Department of Mathematical Sciences SSLC had received all ULTQC / Senate papers on curriculum transformation and had been encouraged to discuss new programme learning outcomes at its April meeting. The SSLC helped to distribute a student survey which elicited 102 responses that focussed mostly on delivery and assessment mechanisms, and some on content.

Curriculum transformation was broadly addressed at two Natural Sciences Open SSLC Forums. Student focus groups will be held in October.

Curriculum transformation was discussed at the Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology SSLC in April, details of which were circulated to wider peer groups and feedback invited.

The Chair requested that representatives from Departments that had not yet responded ensure that curriculum discussions remain ongoing in SSLCs and report back on this to the Secretary by the end of next week, i.e. by 6 July.

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6588 CHAIR'S BUSINESS

The Chair reported the following:

- The Open Days on 22-23 June attracted more visitors than in previous years. The Chair thanked all staff involved for their efforts. 50% more visitors signed up to attend lectures on the Saturday than on the Friday, so moving the Open Day to a Saturday appears to have better met visitor demand as intended.
- Finances: The budget has still not been signed off by University Executive Committee. The University is £3 million away from its target. Discussions remain ongoing regarding balancing the budget.
- The Faculty plans to extend its computer refresh programme for undergraduate teaching labs. The Departments of Chemistry and Physics had the oldest machines so received the first set of computer replacements. Some additional funding had already been approved for upgrades. In addition, further machines in the Department of Physics and the Practice Suite in the Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology will be upgraded. A new computer-based pharmacy simulation (GIMMICS) suite was signed off at the last UPT, to be in place for the start of 2018/19.

6589 PRIZES

The Board approved the establishment of new The CompliMed Prize for best student in the MPharmacy Year 3 Practice Based Learning Placement (Paper 235) to be awarded from 2018/19.

The Board approved the proposed amendment to the existing Day Lewis clinical pharmacy prize (Paper 236) to be awarded from 2018/19.

6590 STAFF STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (SSLC) MEETINGS

The Board noted **Natural Sciences** SSLC meeting minutes of 14 February (Paper 245A) and 11 April (Paper 245B) 2018.

6591 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.