
Meeting: SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT
BOARD OF STUDIES

Date and Time: Wednesday 17 January 2024, 2.15pm

Venue: Remote – via MS Office TEAMS

Present:

Prof S BRAMMER (Chair)
Prof G ERDOGAN, from item 229
Mr K EVJENTH (Student Rep UG)
Dr R KAMM
Prof M MACLEAN
Mrs D MAHIL
Mrs T NEATHWAY
Prof S PASCU
Dr T QIU
Dr S WHARTON
Dr B YALABIK
Dr Z YALABIK, from item 229

In Attendance:

Mr T WOODMAN, School of Management Subject Librarian
Ms K ELLIOTT (Secretary to meeting)

Apologies for absence were received from:

Dr D JANSON, Dr P NUTTALL, Dr J ELLIS-BRUSH, Dr F MUGHAL, Dr T WAKELEY, Prof A BROWN,
Prof R JACKSON

Part I Business

ACTION

225 Declarations of Interest

The Chair asked for any declarations of interest concerning the business to be discussed, none were indicated.

226 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 15 November 2023 (Paper SM23/24-091) were confirmed as an accurate record.

227 Matters Arising

Dr B YALABIK confirmed that he had spoken with colleagues regarding the deadlines for the setting of examinations. This query had arisen due to concerns that School colleagues were teaching new units (under Curriculum Transformation) but had been obliged to set examination papers prior to commencing teaching. Dr YALABIK noted that the School processes were very efficient. The main blockage was the time needed by central sections of the University to enable time to print and sort all papers for the whole of the University.

Board members noted the difficulties of processing such high volumes of scripts but remained concerned about being required to set papers before having an experience of teaching a unit. The Chair and Dr YALABIK will investigate further whether there were opportunities for process savings outside of the Board meeting.

228 Chair's Business

The Board noted that a new role-holder for Vice-Chancellor of the University, to commence from 1 August 2024, had been announced.

[G ERDOGAN and Z YALABIK joined the meeting.]

229 Annual report on appeal review requests relating to 2022/23

The Board considered a report on appeal review requests received within the School during 2022/23 session, with additional contextual information (Paper SM23/24-092).

The Board noted that the number of appeals received has increased again, following an increase in the previous session. The increase this session appears to be due to more students querying marks awarded and a doubling in postgraduate finalist appeal requests.

As dissatisfaction with marks is, on its own, not a grounds for appeal perhaps more could be done to make this clear in communications to students about the appeals process.

Part II Business

There were no times under this part of the agenda

Part III Business

230 School Committees

- a The Board received the minutes of the **School Executive Board** held on 23 November 2023 and 13 December 2023 (Papers SM23/24-093 and 094).

Board members congratulated the Chair on his appointment as Vice President

Strategy and Planning.

- b The Board received the minutes of the **School Learning, Teaching and Quality Committee** held on 13 December 2023 (Paper SM23/24-095).
- c The Board received the minutes of the **School Staff Student Liaison Committees:**
 - i. MSc courses held on 6 December 2023 (Paper SM23/24-096).
 - ii. Undergraduate courses held on 5 December 2023 (Paper SM23/24-097).

Part IV Business

231 Any Other Business

There was no other unreserved business.

The meeting then proceeded to reserved business.