



Meeting **BOARD OF STUDIES FOR THE FACULTY OF SCIENCE**  
Place Microsoft Teams  
Date Wednesday 6 July 2022 at 13:15

Present	Professor N Brook Dr R Bradford Dr Z Burke Professor A Burrows Dr N Fotaki Dr A Gorbach Professor M Hejmadi Dr R James Dr G Mathlin Professor N McHugh Dr F Nemetz Mr J Ogunyemi Dr F Qin Dr P Rogers Professor T Rogers Dr T Shardlow Dr G Shermer Dr C Todd Professor D Tosh Professor S Ward Dr M Wright	Dean of Science (Chair) Department of Computer Science Department of Biology and Biochemistry Head of Department of Chemistry Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology Department of Physics Associate Dean (Education) Head of Department of Physics Department of Physics Head of Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology Department of Computer Science Undergraduate student representative School of Management Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology Associate Dean (Research) Department of Mathematical Sciences Department of Chemistry Department of Biology and Biochemistry Head of Department of Biology and Biochemistry Associate Dean (International) Department of Computer Science
In attendance	Mrs M Hallett Ms A L Harper	Faculty Assistant Registrar (Secretary) Faculty of Science (Observer)
Apologies	Dr F Bisset Miss M Crossman Mr J Dean Professor M Jones Dr M Lennox Professor P Milewski Professor E O'Neill Professor J Sivaloganathan Dr G Stothart	Learning Partnerships Office Students' Union Sabbatical Officer (Community) Postgraduate Taught student representative Deputy Dean of Science Faculty of Engineering and Design Head of Department of Mathematical Sciences Head of Department of Computer Science Department of Mathematical Sciences Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

**Action**

**7295 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting of the Board held on 18 May 2022 (Paper 221).

**7296 MATTERS ARISING**

**M7272 MATTERS ARISING: UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CENTRES**

The Board noted that the Research Centre for Therapeutic Innovation (CTI) will update their metrics shortly, following ongoing discussion. The revised metrics will be approved under BoS

**CTI**

Chair's action (for noting at the next meeting).

### **M7278 UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CENTRES**

The Board noted that the Research Centre for REal and Virtual Environments Augmentation Labs (REVEAL) had provided more specific metrics and that these had been approved under BoS Chair's action (see Paper 254).

### **7297 CHAIR'S BUSINESS**

The Chair brought the following matters to the attention of the Board:

- Institutional NSS results were released today. The University remains number 1 in England for overall satisfaction. Institutional level analysis will be completed by the end of the day. P&P have completed their analysis and remain number 1 as a department.
- The Faculty Research Strategy has been approved by URKEC and will be finally approved in September alongside an implementation plan. The Research Strategy will be discussed at FRKEC and, once finalised, will be shared more widely.
- Maths and Physics HoD appointments are ongoing. Presentations were given by 4 candidates in Physics yesterday, with interviews to come. Maths are further ahead in their appointment process.
- A search has been launched with the search agency Minerva for a new HoD of Life Sciences. An interim Exec and HoD (Prof Adele Murrell) are in place for the new department due to be launched on 1 August 2022.

### **7298 REPORT ON RESEARCH GRANTS**

The Board received details of awards accepted by Research and Innovation Services from 11 May until 28 June 2022 (Paper 222). The Chair highlighted that there had been 22 grants awarded across the Faculty, totalling approx. £1.3 million, since the last meeting.

The Chair congratulated in particular:

- Dr Maciek Kopec, Department of Chemistry, for his New Investigator Award (NIA) of £312,036 from the EPSRC for research into Cross-Copolymer Networks: Towards Tunable, Multiresponsive Hydrogels.
- Dr Peter Mosley, Department of Physics, for his award of £317,491 from BT Plc for research for BT Project 1.

### **7299 UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CENTRES**

The Board approved, following review by the Faculty Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee on 16 May 2022:

- a) Continuation of the **Research Centre for Nonlinear Mechanics (CNM)**, from 1 June 2022 until 31 May 2025 (Paper 223A).

The Chair requested that the KPIs be made more specific, e.g. how PhD students will be increased in number, an industrial funding target, a new partnerships target, a metric defining the anticipated role of the new national Maths network and a metric on the outcome of the planned conference / seminar series (such as new partners, industrial funding, international / national collaborators). The Board agreed that the revised KPIs could be approved under BoS Chair's action (for noting at the next meeting).

- b) A change of directorship from Professor Chris Budd to Dr Philippe Trinh (Department of Mathematical Sciences) and Dr Anton Souslov (Department of Physics) as Co-Directors for a period of three years (Paper 223B).

**FRKEC/  
CNM**

### **7300 BOARD OF STUDIES APPEAL HEARING PANEL MEMBERS**

The Board approved the Board of Studies Appeal Hearing panel members, in line with Regulation 17 (Paper 224).

### **7301 FACULTY LEARNING, TEACHING AND QUALITY COMMITTEE**

The Board noted the minutes of the meetings held on 7 June (Paper 226A) and 8 June

(Paper 226B) 2022.

**7302 FACULTY RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE COMMITTEE**

The Board noted the minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2022 (Paper 227).

**7303 FACULTY DOCTORAL STUDIES COMMITTEE (FDSC)**

The Board noted the minutes of the meetings held on 5 May (Paper 228A) and 7 June (Paper 228B) 2022.

**7304 UNIVERSITY BOARD OF STUDIES (DOCTORAL) (BoSD)**

The Board noted the minutes of the meetings held on 27 April (Paper 229A) and 25 May (Paper 229B) 2022.

**7305 STAFF STUDENT LIAISON COMMITTEE (SSLC) MEETINGS**

The Board noted the minutes of the meetings held on

**Department of Biology and Biochemistry** 9 May 2022 (PGT) (Paper 230).

**Department of Computer Science** 26 April 2022 (Paper 231).

**Department of Mathematical Sciences** 4 May 2022 (Paper 232).

**Natural Sciences** 16 March (Paper 233A) and 4 May (Paper 233B) 2022.

**Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology** 12 May 2022 (PGT) (Paper 234).

**Department of Physics** 4 May 2022 (Paper 235).

**7306 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none.