

BoS 5 July 2023

Wednesday, 5th July 2023 1:15 pm

Teams | Faculty of Science Board of Studies

Attendees

Attended

Teresa Buckley

Zoe Burke

Duncan Craig (Chair)

Susan Crennell

Charlotte Dodson

Nikoletta Fotaki

Paula Gabriel

Marguerite Hallett (Secretary)

Amanda Harper

Philip Ingham

Matthew Jones

Frances Laughton

Eamonn O'Neill

Fei Qin

Philip Rogers

Tony Shardlow

Gan Shermer

Jeyabal Sivaloganathan

Gunnar Traustason

Michael Wright

Did Not Attend

Rachael Bedford

Florin Bisset

Andrew Burrows

Elizabete Francmane

Julia Kildyushova

Matthew Lennox

Tim Rogers

Dmitry Skryabin

Ventsislav Valev

Stephen Ward

Zidong Zhao

1.0 Welcome and Quorum (7422)

The Chair welcomed members, noted apologies and observed that the meeting was quorate.

2.0 Declarations of Interest (7423)

There were no declarations of any potential conflicts of interest.

3.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (7424)

The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 April 2023 (Paper 211).

4.0 Matters Arising (7425)

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

5.0 Chair's Business (7426)

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

The main purpose of the meeting was to ratify the results agreed by the BEPs, and to advise on particularly complex individual cases. HoDs, or alternates, were invited to also comment on the broad performance of the cohort (e.g. range of degree classifications), and to reflect on whether there had been any learning points.

The Marking and Assessment Boycott (MAB) affected approx. 60 finalist students. MAB mitigation proposals for UG and PGT finalist units had been circulated to BoS for comment, prior to approval under BoS Chair's action. This has helped to bring a consistent approach to MAB mitigation across the Faculty.

Guidance had been released on how to advise MAB affected students when they receive their results. HoDs were asked to ensure that relevant staff were up to speed on such advice. MAB affected students can only appeal final unit marks and classifications, i.e. not interim marks, awards or classifications. Registry will release guidance to students on this shortly. Dr Wright highlighted the need for information and support for finalists to include online PGT students and not just be tailored to UG finalists. The Board noted that this issue arose from the cycle of online PGT students, including Degree Apprenticeship students, being out of sync with the on-campus PGT students' semester structure. **Action:** BoS to flag the need for systematised central communications to online PGT students.

6.0 Report on Research Grants (7427)

The Board received details of awards accepted by Research and Innovation Services from 12 April until 27 June 2023 (Paper 212).

The Chair congratulated in particular:

- Dr Alex Cresswell, Department of Chemistry, for his award of £481,106 from the EPSRC for research into the New Photocatalytic C-C Bond-Forming Reactivity of Unprotected Primary Amines.
- Professor Michael Hill, Department of Chemistry, for his award of £1,124,631 from the EPSRC for research into Molecular S-block Assemblies for Redox-Active Bond Activation and Catalysis.
- Dr Andrew Johnson, Department of Chemistry, for his award of £907,390 from the EPSRC for research into Innovative Material, Processes and Devices for Low Power Flexible Electronics.
- Professor Barbara Kasprzyk-Hordern, Department of Chemistry, for her award of £488,646 from the NERC for research into PATHways of Chemicals Into Freshwaters and their ecological ImpaCts (PACIFIC).
- Dr Benjamin Morgan, Department of Chemistry, for his award of £442,110 from the EPSRC for research into CATMAT Phase 2.
- Dr Daniel Scott, Department of Chemistry, for his award of £701,300 from the EPSRC for research into Shining a New Light on Photoredox Catalysis and Small Molecule Activation.
- Professor Tiffany Taylor, Department of Life Sciences, for her award of £458,246 from the BBSRC for research into Diverse and Multi-layered Bacterial Genome Defences in Bacteria.
- Professor Manuel Del Pino, Department of Mathematical Sciences, for his award of £1,111,357 from The Royal Society for research into Singularity Formation in Nonlinear Partial Differential Equations.
- Dr Philippe Blondel, Department of Physics, for his award of £353,124 from Innovate UK for research into High Arctic Ocean Observing System (HiAOOS).

7.0 Report on the Use of Student Teaching Assistants 2022/23 (7428)

The Board monitored the involvement of, and arrangements for, students undertaking teaching activities, to report on this activity to EQSC:

Department of Chemistry (Paper 213).

Department of Computer Science (Paper 214).

Department of Life Sciences: Biology and Biochemistry (Paper 215).

Department of Life Sciences: Pharmacy and Pharmacology (Paper 216).

Department of Mathematical Sciences (Paper 217).

Department of Physics (Paper 218).

8.0 Board of Studies Appeal Hearing Panel Members 2023/24 (7429)

The Board approved the Board of Studies Appeal Hearing panel members for 2023/24, in line with Regulation 17 (Paper 219). The Chair suggested that an additional two members of staff from the Department of Life Sciences be nominated to form part of the panel.

9.0 Faculty Learning, Teaching and Quality Committee (7430)

The Board noted the minutes of the meetings held on 26 April (Paper 220A) and 7 June (Paper 220B).

10.0 Faculty Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee (7431)

The Board noted the minutes of the meetings held on 17 April (Paper 221A), 15 May (Paper 221B) and 12 June (221C) 2023.

11.0 Faculty Executive Committee (7432)

The Board noted the minutes of the meetings held on 18 April (Paper 222A) and 23 May (Paper 222B) 2023.

12.0 Faculty Doctoral Studies Committee (7433)

The Board noted the minutes of the meetings held on 23 March (Paper 223A) and 11 May (Paper 223B) 2023.

13.0 University Board of Studies (Doctoral) (7434)

The Board noted the minutes of the meetings held on 29 March (Paper 224A), 26 April (Paper 224B) and 24 May (Paper 224C) 2023.

14.0 Staff Student Liaison Committee meetings (7435)

The Board noted the minutes of the meetings held on:

Department of Life Sciences: Biology and Biochemistry 19 April (UG) (Paper 225A) and 10 May (PGT) (Paper 225B) 2023.

Department of Chemistry 26 April 2023 (Paper 226).

Department of Computer Science 6 February (PGT online) (Paper 227A), 25 April (UG) (Paper 227B), 25 April (PGT) (Paper 227C) and 16 May (DA) (Paper 227D) 2023.

Department of Mathematical Sciences 19 April 2023 (Paper 228).

Natural Sciences 29 March (Paper 229A) and 3 May (Paper 229B) 2023.

Department of Life Sciences: Pharmacy and Pharmacology 19 April (UG) (Paper 230A) and 20 April (PGT) (Paper 230B) 2023.
Department of Physics 19 April 2023 (Paper 231).

15.0 Any Other Business (7436)

There was none.