

BoS 15 November 2023

Wednesday, 15th November 2023 2:15pm

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Attendees

Attended

Zoe Burke

Andrew Burrows

Sarah Upendra Chandratreya

Duncan Craig (Chair)

Susan Crennell

Charlotte Dodson

Ffion Gould

Marguerite Hallett (Secretary)

Amanda Harper

Philip Ingham

Matthew Jones

Eamonn O'Neill

Fei Qin

Tony Shardlow

Gan Shermer

Jeyabal Sivaloganathan

Dmitry Skryabin

Gunnar Traustason

Ventsislav Valev

Stephen Ward

Michael Wilson

Rhod Woodhouse

Michael Wright

Miranda Yafi

Did Not Attend

Florin Bisset

Tim Rogers

David Tsang

1.0 Welcome and Quorum (7500)

The Chair welcomed members, noted apologies and observed that the meeting was quorate. The Chair welcomed new PGT student rep Ms Sarah Upendra Chandratreya, MSc Data Science, and new H&SS rep Dr Rhod Woodhouse (replacing Dr Rachael Bedford).

2.0 Declarations of Interest (7501)

There were no declarations of any potential conflicts of interest.

3.0 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (7502)

The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 October 2023 (Paper 74).

4.0 Matters Arising (7503)

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

5.0 Chair's Business (7504)

The Chair highlighted that the main focus of the meeting was the results of UG MAB affected continuing students and PGT finalists.

6.0 Report on Research Grants (7505)

The Board received details of awards accepted by Research and Innovation Services from 10 October until 7 November 2023 (Paper 75).

The Chair congratulated in particular:

- Professor Antoine Buchard, Department of Chemistry, for his award of £404,011 from the EPSRC for research into Catalytic Chemical Sorting of Intractably Mixed Plastics.
- Dr Susannah Coote, Department of Chemistry, for her award of £520,944 from the EPSRC for research into Cyclobutadiene Reloaded: A Generally Applicable Approach to Four-Membered Heterocycles.
- Dr Vicky Hunt, Department of Life Sciences, for her award of £648,785 from the BBSRC for research into Chromatin Organisation and Regulation of Parasitism-Associated Genomic Islands in Parasitic Nematode Genomes.

7.0 Rule 2 Conduct of Examinations update for 2023/24 (7506)

The Board considered and supported the proposed updates to Rule 2 for 2023/24 (Paper 76) which comprised mainly a simplification and clarification, and the separating out of procedural instructions for students and Chief Invigilators. The Board suggested that reference to 'teaching fellow' be removed since the job title no longer exists.

8.0 2022/23 Report to EQSC on the Operation of Boards of Examiners (7507)

The Board approved the annual evaluation of the operation of Board of Examiners, based on the reports of Independent Observers (Paper 77).

9.0 Membership of Boards of Examiners for Units (BEU) and Programmes (BEP) for 2023/24 (7508)

The Board approved the proposed BEU and BEP membership for the following Departments:
Department of Chemistry (Paper 79).

Learning Partnerships Office: Licensed provision: International Foundation Year, Bath College (Paper 81).

Department of Mathematical Sciences (Paper 82).

Department of Physics (Paper 83).

The Board noted that the BEU and BEP membership for the Department of Life Sciences and the Department of Computer Science would be approved under BoS Chair's action following further discussions after the meeting. The Chair highlighted that the default position is for the HoD to Chair the BEP, primarily to enable the HoD to have a firm grip on what is happening within the educational portfolios of the departments, e.g. regarding scaling, errors in examination papers, student complaints and appeals. However, it is necessary to agree appropriate contingencies for instances where it is not appropriate for the HoD to Chair the BEP (e.g. due to a department having a large number of BEPs) or is unable to present results at BoS.

10.0 Staff Student Liaison Committee (SSLC) Terms of Reference and Membership for 2023/24 (7509)

The Board approved the SSLC terms of reference and membership for the following Departments:

Department of Life Sciences:

Biology and Biochemistry Undergraduate programmes (Paper 84).

Pharmacy and Pharmacology Undergraduate programmes (Paper 85).

Biology and Biochemistry PGT programmes (Paper 86).

Pharmacy and Pharmacology PGT programmes (Paper 87).

Department of Chemistry:

Chemistry Undergraduate programmes (Paper 88).

Natural Sciences Undergraduate programmes (Paper 89).

Department of Computer Science:

Undergraduate programmes (Paper 90).

PGT programmes (Paper 91).

MSc degree apprenticeship (Paper 92).

MSc online programmes (Paper 93).

Learning Partnerships Office:

Licensed provision: International Foundation Year, Bath College (Paper 94).

Department of Mathematical Sciences:

Undergraduate and PGT programmes (Paper 95).

Department of Physics:

Undergraduate programmes (Paper 96).

11.0 Faculty Learning, Teaching and Quality Committee (7510)

The Board noted the minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2023 (Paper 97).

12.0 Faculty Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee (7511)

The Board noted the minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2023 (Paper 98).

13.0 Faculty Executive Committee (7512)

The Board noted the minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2023 (Paper 99).

14.0 Faculty Doctoral Studies Committee (7513)

The Board noted the minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2023 (Paper 100).

15.0 Any Other Business (7514)

There was none.