

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE NATURAL SCIENCES TRIPOS

Minutes of a meeting of the Committee of Management for the Natural Sciences Tripos held at **2.15pm** on **Tuesday 8 June 2004** in the Meeting Room at the Centre for Research in Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH).

Present: Dr J Keeler (Chairman), Dr W Allison, Professor TW Clyne, Dr R Hardie, Dr S Holden, Dr N Holmes, Dr P Oliver, Mr S Parris, Mr R Williams, Dr I Wilson, Dr N Woodcock, Dr MG Worster, and Dr MG Russell (Secretary).

Apologies: Mr A Jefferies, Dr K Johnstone, Dr K Plaisted, and Dr S Schaffer.

199. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Susan Stobbs, representing the Admissions Forum to her first meeting and noted that this would be the last meeting for Mr Sean Parris; Mr Parris was thanked for his contributions to the work of the Committee.

200. MINUTES AND APPROVED BUSINESS

The Committee approved the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9 March 2004 and noted the business approved by circulation (**CM.234**).

201. MATTERS ARISING

Further to the business approved in paper **CM.234**, the Committee noted that:

- the proposed changes to regulations for Part III Biochemistry (minute 191ii) and Part II Experimental and Theoretical Physics (minute 194) had been approved by the General Board;
- the proposed changes to supplementary regulations for Part IA Materials and Mineral Sciences had since been approved by the Faculty Boards of Earth Sciences and Geography, and Physics and Chemistry and publication of a Notice had been arranged;
- meetings of the Committee in 2004-5 will be held in the Meeting Room at CRASSH.

202. REPORTED AND STRAIGHTFORWARD BUSINESS

a) Minutes of the Strategic Committee for the NST, 11 May 2004

The Committee received the minutes of the Strategic Committee (**CM.235**) and noted the progress of the proposals for revision of Part II (General) from October 2005. The Secretary reported that he had drafted a paper relating to the proposed Part II course in Physical Sciences, which was to be considered by the Faculty Board of Biology and its Biological Sciences Committee.

b) Programme Specification, 2004-5 revision

The Committee received the revised programme specification for 2004-5 (**CM.236**), having noted it had been approved by the Strategic Committee.

203. REVIEW OF THE REGULATIONS (minutes 193, 186)

The Committee received copies of the revised regulations for the Tripos and for the Preliminary Examination for Part II of the Tripos, to take effect from October 2005 (**CM.237**) and noted that further changes were anticipated before that date for Part II subjects Anatomy, Genetics, Pathology and Physiology. The Committee agreed to consider any further changes separately to the paper now received. **Subject to minor drafting points, the Committee approved the changes to regulations and their publication as an Annex to a Report in the Michaelmas Term by the Strategic Committee on revisions to the Tripos.**

204. ANNUAL REPORT 2003-4

The Committee noted that one of its duties was to submit an annual report to the Strategic Committee, the General Board and the Faculty Boards and other authorities concerned with the Natural Sciences Tripos. A draft report (**CM.238**) was received and members were asked to pass comments to the Secretary for revision of the report for approval at the next meeting on 19 October 2004.

205. GENERAL BOARD GUIDANCE ON EXTERNAL EXAMINERS

The Committee received the revised General Board guidance on the arrangements for External Examiners (**CM.239**). The Secretary reported that, as far as the NST was concerned, all External Examiners would in future be nominated as Moderating External Examiners. Summary reports of External Examiners would be compiled by Department for posting on the national and Cambridge websites.

206. PART IB PHYSIOLOGY TIMETABLING

The Committee received a letter, dated 28 May 2004, from the Secretary to the Faculty Board of Biology, proposing changes to regulations relating to the timetabling of lectures in Part IB Physiology. The Committee noted that further timetable clashes were generally undesirable, but **agreed to approve the changes to regulations.**

207. ITEMS OF RESERVED BUSINESS

There were no items of reserved business.

208. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting shall take place at **2:15 pm** on **19 October 2004** in the Meeting Room at CRASSH.