Unreserved Business

minutes

Board Meeting on 12 June 2012

Present: Professor Cardwell (Chairman), Dr Cook, Dr Dixon, Professor Ford, Professor Forsyth, Dr Hiley, Dr Lasenby, Dr McLarty, Dr Padman, with Dr Maxwell as Secretary and with Mr Bennett, Ms Gannon, Mr Hocknell and Ms Watts in attendance.

Apologies: There were none.

3927 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2012 were approved.

3928 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

Matters for Discussion


The Board noted that the Hardship Competition has limited funds and is oversubscribed. It discussed options for restricting payments and agreed that:

• students should be funded to complete a course, not necessarily the one they came to study;

• the Financial Tutor or Graduate Tutor at each student’s college should be responsible for advising the student on which funds to apply for, and should provide information about any College assistance given to the student, to those deciding on Hardship Competition awards;
• small sums, paid at short notice, can be very helpful to students;

• the Student Registry should look to historical application data for an appropriate earliest term during which applications for the Hardship Competition will be accepted;

• in cases where family illness cause hardship, medical evidence should be obtained;

• students should only be able to make one application to the Hardship Competition.

Action: Head of Graduate Funding and Fees

3930  Any Other Business

3930.1  Quality of supervision across the University

The Chairman reported that a questionnaire has been designed, trialled by students and is in the process of being rolled-out to research students in the School of Technology; a version of the questionnaire will be rolled-out across all Schools in the near future.