Unreserved Business

minutes

Board Meeting on 3 July 2012

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

Apologies: Professor Ford, Dr Lasenby

3937 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2012 were approved.

3938 Matters Arising

3938.1 Minute 3929: Report of the Hardship Competition

Dr Hiley reported that the Graduate Tutors were content that students be funded to enable them to complete a course, which may not necessarily be the one for which the student was first registered.

3938.2 Minute 3930.1: Quality of supervision across the University

The Chairman reported that the questionnaire had been circulated to all students at the School of Technology; the deadline for their return being 15 July 2012.

The Chairman is currently in the process of setting up meetings with the other Schools.

3939 Declarations of Interest

There were none.
Matters for Discussion

3940 Special examination arrangements for research degrees examined by thesis and oral only

It was agreed that recommendations made by the Disability Resource Centre, in respect of a candidates, should be enacted; however, Degree Committees may refer concerns about recommendations to the Board.

To ensure consistency, all future recommendations will be monitored by the Board.

3941 Minutes of the Postgraduate Admissions Committee

The minutes were received.

It was agreed that there was not sufficient evidence to determine whether the admissions cap had caused a significant decline in the number of students continuing from the MPhil degree to the PhD degree.

3942 Request to introduce a time-limit for submission of the hard-bound dissertation

The Board agreed that a one-month time limit should be introduced for those students whose PhD degree is approved subject to the submission of the hard-bound copy of their dissertation.