Unreserved Business

minutes

Board Meeting on 5 February 2013

Present: Professor Cardwell (Chairman), Dr Cook, Dr Dixon, Professor Ford, Professor Forsyth, Dr Lasenby, Dr Padman, with Dr Maxwell as Secretary and with Ms Crook, Ms Reed, Ms Wilkinson and Ms Watts in attendance.

Apologies: Dr Hiley, Dr McLarty

4005 Minutes

In the minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2013, the last sentence of item 3990 was amended: the word defer was replaced with deter. Following this correction, the minutes were approved.

4006 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

4007 Approval of the CPGS, Graduate Diplomas and MSc, MLitt, EngD, MD EdD and PhD degrees

The Board recalled that authority for approval of the MPhil and other Masters degrees had been devolved to Degree Committees in October 2010. However, with the Board continuing to both approve other research degrees and investigate complaints pertaining to those decisions, there remains the potential for a conflict of interest.

The Board agreed:

• that authority for the approval of CPGS and the Diploma in Economics and the Postgraduate Diplomas in Legal Studies and
International Law, should be devolved, with their consent, to Degree Committees as soon as possible;

- to begin the consultation process with the Degree Committees with a view to their approving those research degrees which are currently approved by the Board.

4008 **Application for renewal of University Partner Institute status: Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre**
(Papers 4871-4877)

The Board agreed to renew the UPI status of the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre for a further five years.

4009 **College Membership**

The Board noted the actions approved by the Graduate Tutors’ Committee to clarify the Cambridge collegiate system for new students.

4010 **Lent and Easter term PhD starters**
(Paper 4878)

The Board noted that the majority of students who commenced their studies in Lent or Easter Term were in the department of Engineering and agreed to refer this item to that organisation for further consideration.

4011 **Graduate Admissions: admissions conditions for the MD applicants**
(Paper 4879)

The Board noted that applicants for the MD will have already been assessed by the Degree Committee as having met the University’s minimum entrance requirements and agreed that these candidates should not be required to supply additional evidence to the Graduate Admissions Office.

4012 **Dates of meetings for 2013-14**

The Board agreed to meet as follows:

- 8 October 2013
- 12 November 2013
- 7 January 2014
4 February 2014
4 March 2014
8 April 2014
29 April 2014
10 June 2014
1 July 2014