Present:  Professor Cardwell (Chairman), Dr Dixon, Professor Forsyth, Dr Hiley, Dr McLarty, Dr Padman, with Dr Maxwell as Secretary and with Ms Gannon, Ms Green, Ms Reed, Ms Watts and Ms Wilkinson in attendance.

Apologies:  Dr Cook, Dr Lasenby, Dr Quinn

4067 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2013 were approved.

4068 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4069 Chair's report from the CISS/CHESS Competition 2012-13 (Paper 4981)

The report was received and it was agreed to discuss the combined marking scheme in further detail at the next meeting.

4070 Board of Graduate Studies Hardship Competition Report 2012-13 (Paper 4982)

The Board considered the suggestions for reducing the Lundgren Research Awards Fund surplus; it agreed that:

• The cap should not be lifted but raised so that the surplus could be spent down over a period of 10 years;

• The terms of the endowment should not be amended;
• Colleges should be encouraged to refocus their funds, so that it is easier to disburse the Lundgren Research Awards Fund, and to relieve the financial burden on the Board’s General Fund.

4071 Request to put MPhil course into abeyance (Paper 4983)

The Board agreed that the MPhil in Environment, Society & Development and the MPhil in Environmental Science be suspended for a period of two years with effect from 1 October 2014.

4072 Application to amend Non-University Institute Status: British Antarctic Survey (Papers 4894 and 4895)

The Board agreed that the UPI status of the British Antarctic Survey be amended to allow them to accept students from the Faculties of Mathematics and of Physics & Chemistry with immediate effect.

4073 Graduate Admissions: Interviews for applicants (Paper 4896)

The Board clarified its directive that only those applicants who departments wish to consider for an offer of admission should be interviewed.

4074 Application to renew University Partner Institute (UPI) status: Laboratory of Molecular Biology (Paper 4897)

The Board agreed to renew the UPI status of the Laboratory of Molecular Biology for a further five years.