Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Teaching Strategy Committee held on
Wednesday 23 October 2013 at 10:30 in FW11

Chairman: Prof Ann Copestake                Secretary: Mrs Megan Sammons
Present
Prof Ann Copestake                        Mrs Megan Sammons
Ms Lise Gough                              Dr Graham Titmus
Dr Sean Holden                            Dr Chris Town
Ms Dinah Pounds                           Dr Robin Walker

1. **Apologies for absence.**
   Apologies were received from Dr Alastair Beresford, Dr John Fawcett, Dr David
   Greaves, Ms Dinah Pounds and Mrs Caroline Stewart.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

3. **Matters arising**
   Dr Chris Town was welcomed onto the Committee and thanks given to the outgoing
   member Professor Neil Dodgson.

4. **Reports from other Committees**
   i. Tripos Management
      Dr Walker expressed concern about the scheduling of the Part IA lectures.
   ii. Advanced Taught Courses
      Entry to Part III was re-confirmed that a first class degree is required. There was
      discussion of using the class list to aid selection and it was suggested that Part III
      students be interviewed as is the practice for ACS students. Currently, interviews for
      ACS candidates are held in January/February.

5. **Tripos Development**
   i. Revision of Part IB
      There was an element of confusion about the scheduling of maths for biology and
      course A and B, occurring on Saturday mornings. Professor Copestake said she
      would deal with the particular query. The committee agreed they were happy with
      the re-organisation of Part IA.

6. **Admissions**
   It was reported that there is a 12% increase in admissions year on year. At present
   there is no firm breakdown, but shortly details will be available of where the
   applicants are from.

7. **Supervisions**
   The point was raised at a previous meeting asking if it was possible for UTOs to
   assist with specialised supervisions, specifically for Part II students as it was thought
   a low proportion of UTOs were engaging in supervisions. It was suggested that PhD
   students would be more encouraged to take supervisions if there were more
   incentive, not necessarily money, in the way of formal recognition or certificates.
8. **Any other business**
   There was nothing to report.

9. **Date of next meeting**
   To be advised by Doodle poll.