

University of Cambridge
Faculty of Computer Science and Technology

Chairman: Prof Ann Copestake

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

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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.