

**University of Cambridge  
Faculty of Computer Science & Technology**

**Minutes of the Joint Teaching Strategy Committee Meeting  
Tuesday 11 November 2014 10:00 in FW11**

**Chair: Prof Ann Copestake**

**Secretary: Mrs Megan Sammons**

**Present**

John Fawcett

Director of Studies

Ms Lise Gough

Graduate Education Administration

Dr Rob Harle

Chair of Director of Studies Forum

Prof Ian Leslie

Director of Studies

Ms Dinah Pounds

Teaching Administration Manager

Dr Bogdan Roman

Director of Studies

Mrs C Stewart

Departmental Secretary

Dr Graham Titmus

Director of Studies

Dr Chris Town

Director of Studies

1. **Apologies received**  
Dr Alastair Beresford

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting**  
Dr Bogdan Roman was welcomed onto the Committee

3. **Matters arising**  
There were no issues to discuss

4. **Reports from other committees**  
There were no matters arising.

5. **Tripas Development.**  
Current revisions to the Tripas are now complete and the framework is ready to be approved by the Central University. The overriding aim of the revisions is to increase quality and diversity. It is anticipated that the main route through Part IA will be Papers 1, 2 and 3 plus Maths for Natural Science but the option to take a natural science, social psychology or Computer Science with Maths is still available. These students will take paper 3 in the second year. It will also still be possible for Natural Science and PBS students to 'borrow' CS Paper 1. Faculty Board can revise and limit the options as deemed necessary. A new Paper 10 will be introduced which will contain 2 units of assessment from P III and assessed the same as P III. This is likely to come into effect in 2017-18

6. **Learning and Teaching Review**  
In 2015 the Department will have a learning and teaching review, which is conducted by the General Board every six years. The panel will meet in March and will mainly concentrate on the newly amended and revised P IA. The representatives on the review panel are; CU Student Union, Department of Engineering, (Cambridge), Maths Statistics and a representative from University of Oxford.

7. **Athena SWAN award**

The Faculty's recent application for the award was not successful. Future applications will concentrate on Post Doc development, the role of Women@CL and consider more positively the job applications at all levels from female candidates.

8. **Any other business**

Prof Ann Copestake has completed her term as Deputy Head of Teaching; consequently, a new member will be taking over as Chairman of this Committee.

- i. As the number of tripos applicants is increasing, the Committee recommended that the pool should be used effectively to select the best students. It is envisaged that the admissions process will change over the next two years when A level UMS module scores are no longer available.
- ii. A Department-wide structured Wednesday meeting will be held on 3 December to discuss the increase in applicants. AAC will email college directors of studies to ensure they are aware of the Department's stand on admissions.
- iii. PTES 2014 report on MPhil in Advanced Computer science. The report rated the ACS MPhil as one of the best MPhils in Cambridge and best Computer Science master's course among Russell Group Universities. Ms Lise Gough and her team were congratulated on the administration of the course.
- iv. Part II project supervision. It was agreed that methods of encouraging more people to supervise PII projects are needed. Suggestions for incentives include commendation, offering a prize and using mentors for first time supervisors. It was suggested that DoS help train supervisors in this area.

9. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be advised by doodle poll.