

Student-Staff Committee

All philosophy undergraduate and postgraduate students are automatically members of this Committee.

The Committee is a forum for discussion of matters that affect undergraduate and postgraduate students in this Faculty. There are three meetings of this Committee per year (normally one per term), and they tend to fall between Faculty Board meetings, so that any relevant matters from the Faculty Board can be discussed at the Student-Staff Committee and vice versa.

The Committee meetings are also a useful means of informing students of how the Faculty is run. Student involvement in decision-making is encouraged.

The Student-Staff Committee also acts as a link between students and the Faculty Board. The Faculty Board is the body that decides how the Faculty is run and how the syllabus is put together.

The dates of the Student-Staff Committee meetings for 2020-2021 can be found at:
<http://www.phil.cam.ac.uk/curr-students/important-dates-folder/ugrads-calendar>
or
<https://www.phil.cam.ac.uk/curr-students/Postgraduates/grad-calendar>

The date for the first Student-Staff Committee meeting of the year has been agreed as **Tuesday 3 November 2020** at 1.05pm in the Philosophy Board Room, or via Zoom, as appropriate. It is at this meeting that the Committee will elect its new Chair willing to act for the coming year. The meeting will also aim to compile a list of students willing to act as delegates for their year group. Volunteers are sought from all Parts of the Tripos and from amongst the postgraduates. In practice not all students wish to attend all meetings but it is hoped/expected that at least two delegates from each year will regularly attend.

Attention is also drawn to the date of the election of student representatives to the Faculty Board, which will take place on **Tuesday 17 November 2020**. Students willing to stand for election should ideally attend all the Student-Staff Committee meetings to provide a link between the Faculty Board and the Student-Staff Committee.

Agendas and Minutes

Ideally the Student-Staff Committee should also elect a student willing to act as secretary to put together agendas and keep minutes of all the meetings. This has proved difficult in the past and the staff in the Faculty Office have, therefore, agreed to act as secretaries. However, if a student is willing to take on this task, the Faculty Office staff would be only too pleased to hand it over!

A minute book is kept in the Faculty Office and is available for consultation.

Student representatives on the Faculty Board

The Faculty Administrator and/or the Principal Secretary will meet the new student representatives after the elections to explain how Faculty Board meetings are conducted.

Social events for Postgraduates

The Faculty has previously agreed to support the following social events for Postgraduates:

First event (Induction Day Party in the evening of the Induction Day in October)
Organised by the Director of Postgraduate Studies (Prof Richard Holton for 2020-21).

Second event (Lent Term Meal)

A subsidised meal out during Lent Term organised by the Postgraduate Representative on the Faculty Board.

Third event (Summer Garden Party)

After submission of the M.Phil. Dissertations (late June/early July), organised by the Director of Postgraduate Studies (Prof Richard Holton for 2020-21).

Social events for undergraduates

Various social events are organised throughout the year by individual colleges for their students.

The **Amoral Sciences Club** is run by undergraduates and organises informal talks and discussions to encourage social interaction between undergraduates from all the colleges.

It is up to the undergraduate representatives of the Student-Staff Committee to organise the setting up of a Social Committee consisting of two undergraduate students each year who would be willing to organize social events for undergraduates. The setting up of such a committee would depend entirely on students' enthusiasm and willingness to serve.

The Faculty has agreed to make a small yearly financial contribution to the Social Committee.

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