

FACULTY OF PHILOSOPHY

OPEN MEETING OF STAFF, GRADUATES AND UNDERGRADUATES

The Open Meeting of Philosophy Staff and Students was held on Thursday 21 October 2010 at 1.10 p.m. in the Philosophy Board Room, Faculty of Philosophy, Sidgwick Site.

Present: Margrit Edwards (Chief Secretary), Tim Crane (Chair of the Faculty Board, in the Chair), Heather Sanderson (Administrator), Matthew Simpson, Tabatha Leggett, Stephen Duxbury, Amanda Cawston, Alexis Artaud de la Ferrière, Nicolina Turcan, Sebastian Nye.

Professor Crane opened the meeting by asking everyone to introduce themselves.

- 1 Minutes of the Open Meeting of 22 October 2009 were approved.
- 2 Brief report by the Chair of the Faculty, Professor Tim Crane:
Professor Crane briefly reported on the business of the past academic year. He mentioned staff changes for 2010–11, and he also informed the meeting that Professor Blackburn and Dr Smith will retire at the end of this academic year. He talked about some changes made to the Tripos, such as the renaming of some papers and borrowing of others.

Professor Crane thanked students involved in the General Board Learning and Teaching Review. The report together with the Faculty's response will be made available for consultation in the Philosophy Library.

Professor Crane also reminded students that the unreserved minutes of the Faculty Board meetings are available for consultation in the Faculty Office, as are the minutes of the Staff-Student Committee meetings.

- 3 The Staff-Student Committee:
A short outline of the way the Staff-Student Committee functions was circulated.
- 4 Representatives on the Staff-Student Committee:
Student members were sought from all Parts of the Tripos and from amongst the graduates. It was hoped that at least two students from each Part of the Tripos would act as student representatives on this Committee for their year group. It was noted that the Chair and the Secretary of the Faculty Board are ex-officio members of the Committee.

The following students have agreed to represent their year groups from 21 October 2010 until the next Open Meeting in the Michaelmas Term 2011:

Representing IA: Stephen Duxbury (Emmanuel)
Nicolina Turcan (Newnham)

Representing Part IB: Matthew Simpson (Robinson)
Tabatha Leggett (Girton)

Representing Graduates:
Ph.D.: Amanda Cawston (Downing)
Alexis Artaud de la Ferrière (Darwin)

Unfortunately no Part II students attended the meeting. An e-mail will be sent encouraging two Part II students to volunteer to be representatives.

5 Date of the Staff-Student Committee Meeting

It was agreed to hold the first Staff-Student Committee meeting on Tuesday 2 November 2010 at 13.05h in the Philosophy Board Room.

6 The following announcements were noted:

Election of Chair of the Staff-Student Committee

It was noted that the Committee would be asked to elect a Chair at the next Staff-Student Committee meeting.

Student Election to the Faculty Board

It was noted that the elections for student representatives on the Philosophy Faculty Board will be held on **Tuesday 30 November 2010** with the closing of nominations a week earlier on **23 November 2010**.

Student Representatives on the Councils of the Schools

It was noted that student representatives will also have the chance to be elected to serve on Councils of the Schools. The election for Council Representatives will be held on **Thursday 27 January 2011** at a meeting of newly elected student representatives.

Faculty Reps – who are they and what do they do?

A document from CUSU was circulated.

Suggestion Box

Attention was drawn to the suggestion box in the Old Library where students are invited to post any comments they wish to make on any Faculty related matter. Students will be encouraged to fill in questionnaires at the end of each term, but anyone wishing to comment

on any lecture courses or seminars before the end of term should do so via the suggestion box.

The meeting ended at 13.40h.