

## ***Open Business***

# *minutes*

Board Meeting on 10 June 2008 at Mill Lane



**UNIVERSITY OF  
CAMBRIDGE**

Board of Graduate Studies

Present: Prof WA Brown (Chair), Dr W Allison, Prof M Blamire, Dr GMW Cook, Dr LRR Gelsthorpe, Prof J Heal, Dr CR Hiley, Ms KA Linder, Mr LS Liu, Prof RG Osborne, Prof SK Rankin, Dr J Runde with Dr K Maxwell as Secretary and Mr P Carr, Dr LM Biggs and Ms SJ Pickard in attendance.

Apologies: Prof GAJ Amaratunga, Prof BJ Sahakian, Mr MR Younger

Professor PC Hewett is on sabbatical leave

### 3250 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 20 May 2008 were signed as a true record.

### 3251 **Expressions of interest**

There were no reported expressions of interest.

### **Matters requiring discussion**

#### 3252 **Request to re-title MPhil** (Paper 3275 refers)

The Board approved the request from the Degree Committee for the Faculties of Business and Management that the MPhil in Management Science be re-titled as the MPhil in Management Science and Operations with effect of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009.

**Action: Education Committee**

#### 3253 **Request to change title of MPhil option** (Paper 3287 refers)

The Board approved the request from the Degree Committee for the Faculty of Asian & Middle Eastern Studies that the South Asian option of the current MPhil in Oriental Studies be re-named as “Sanskrit & South Asian Studies” with effect of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2008.

**Action: Education Committee**

3254 Application for a new MPhil in Modern South Asian Studies  
(Paper 3289 refers)

The Board approved the application for the new MPhil subject to (i) confirmation that the significant teaching load could be accommodated without creating an undue burden on existing staff members; (ii) confirmation that the essay to be submitted at the beginning of the Lent Term would be assessed in sufficient time that students who did not continue with the course would be exempt from fees or that provision had been made for a marginal fail for this element of the course.

Such confirmations have now been received from the Secretary of the School of the Humanities & Social Sciences.

**Action: Education Committee**

3255 Insurance cover for graduate students  
(Paper 3291 refers)

The Board was surprised to learn that graduate students may not be covered by the University’s insurance policy and felt it was in no position to comment since the facts were unclear and that it was to be assumed that all graduate students were covered. Should this not be the case, then the University should rectify the situation as a matter of urgency.

**Action: Education Committee**