

# MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINY

## MINUTES

Wednesday, 7 May 2014 at 12.00pm  
Lucia Windsor Room, Newnham College

**Present:** Dr Ruth Charles (Chair); Miss Emma Easterbrook (Support Officer); Professor Ross Anderson; Dr Mike Franklin; The Revd Dr Jonathan Holmes; Dr Samantha Lucy; and Dr Brian Sloan.

1. **Apologies**

Mr Dick Taplin (Secretary); Mr Bruce Beckles; Dr Martin Dixon; The Revd Canon Hugh Shilson-Thomas; and Dr David Woodman.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

All.

3. **Minutes of 23 April 2014**

Approved.

4. **Guests: Professor John Rallison, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Education and Dr Kate Maxwell, Secretary to the Board of Graduate Studies**

The Board welcome Professor John Rallison and Dr Kate Maxwell and the following issues were discussed:

- (i) **Cost of an undergraduate education;**
- (ii) **Overseas interviewing programme:** including English language requirement, consistency of process, and reputational risks;
- (iii) **MPhil students:** including purpose and aims of annual 2% increase, research mission, and finances;
- (iv) **Quality of students on post-graduate courses:** including increase in fees, number of applications, fully funded packages and timetable, management of expectations, and reporting mechanisms;
- (v) **Gender difference in Tripos performance:** including Equality and Diversity Committee; and
- (vi) **Institute of Continuing Education (ICE):** including role in education strategy.

5. **Any Other Business**

- (i) **Meeting with Mr Andrew Reid, Director of Finance:** PW and SL; and
- (ii) **Drafting of Nineteenth Report:** All.

6. **Date of Next Meeting:**

No Guest.

12.00pm on Wednesday, 21 May 2014

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**Emma Easterbrook**

**Support Officer**

**21 May 2014**