

# Mathematics Undergraduate Representative Committee

## **Minutes for Meeting, 19th October 2012, Mathematical Institute L3**

In attendance: Young Choi (STH), Chan-young Song (Balliol), Karyn Cooke (Keble), David Abed (New), Ben Spells (Lincoln), Edward Grant (St. Peter's), Teodor von Burg (Exeter), Florence Driscoll (Lincoln), Desy Kristianti (Oriental), Niloy Biswas (STJ), William Juan (Somerville)

Apologies: Samiha

1. Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2012:

- a) Minutes of previous meeting – Attached below.
- b) Matters arising not covered below.

2. MMathsPhysics

A. Xenia attended MURC meeting to explain and answer any questions about MMathsPhysics course.

B. Xenia made remarks on the followings:

- i. The assessment consisted of examinations at the end of the year and coursework including mini-projects and take-home tests (courses will run in Trinity Term as well) [www.thphys.physics.ox.ac.uk/MathsPhys](http://www.thphys.physics.ox.ac.uk/MathsPhys) (case studies for those considering this course and how their paths would look)
- ii. It was a more intensive course requiring 5 units as opposed to 3 units of Maths (which will change to 4 units)
- iii. The course is targeted at about 20 students from maths and physics backgrounds at Oxford and the rest from other universities with Bachelor's degrees.
- iv. The course grade specification will be Distinction, Pass and Fail, to reflect the opinion of Maths Department, something which is not yet implemented in other courses.
- v. Students will have to apply to this programme following an official procedure even for Oxford MMath students.
- vi. The students will not be disadvantaged by the more workload and possibly lower grade that they receive given the reputation for the course.
  1. Xenia mentioned that for DPhil candidates, this course not only prepares them well but also might give some advantages to them.
  2. Xenia mentioned the possibility of highlighting the prestige of taking this course in the advertising process.
  3. The moderation for grades will be considered but it was noted that the classification is different anyways.
- vii. Having the classifications as undergraduate course might make this course redundant with a Maths course taking Physics options, and therefore the Committee favoured the aforementioned classification system.
- viii. The projects are abundant in number, just not compulsory.
- ix. There will be some moderation courses for physicists and mathematicians, with the efforts both by Physics and Maths Departments.
- x. Xenia will bring this meeting's minutes to the discussion.

3. 1st & 4<sup>th</sup> year Reps
  - A. Flo is duly elected as 4<sup>th</sup> year Rep
  - B. There were 2 candidates interested in the 1<sup>st</sup> Year Rep
    - i. Teodor is duly elected as 1<sup>st</sup> year Rep
4. College Reps
  - A. Niloy is duly elected as St John's College Rep
  - B. Desy is duly elected as Oriel College Rep
  - C. Teodor is duly elected as Exeter College Rep
5. MURC Tea
  - A. We will plan to hold it in Week 3 around 4-5pm
6. A.O.B.
  - A. We will try to hold meetings around 1 with earlier notices to attract more people for General Election meeting in Week 7