

## A Glossary for Students on Faculty Boards

It is hoped that the following will cover the majority of jargon used during faculty board meetings. If something is mentioned which is not on this list, then you should feel any embarrassment in asking what it means!

**BoGS** The *Board of Graduate Studies*.

**Chair** A professorship.

**CTO** A College Teaching Officer— a teaching officer employed wholly by a College (not simply a person who teaches for a College).

**Council (University)** The principal executive and policy-making body of the University. It has overall responsibility for the administration of the University, for defining its mission, for planning its work, and for the management of its resources.

**Degree Committee** The Faculty committee responsible for graduate studies.

**General Board** A central University committee which advises the University on educational policy and controls the resources necessary for the proper implementation of that policy.

**Grace** A proposal to be submitted to the Regent House usually by the University Council.

**HEFCE** The *Higher Education Funding Council for England* — the body which distributes government funding to universities.

**Old Schools** Often used to refer to the centralised University administration (the *UAS*).

**PVC** A *Pro-Vice-Chancellor*, essentially a deputy Vice-Chancellor with a specific area of responsibility (e.g. Education or Research).

**RAE** The *Research Assessment Exercise* which rates the quality of research in each department in every UK University on a scale of 1, 2, 3b, 3a, 4, 5 and 5\*. The RAE is criticised for being heavily reliant on quantity of research and the subjective judgement of "*subject panels*". Therefore the 2008 RAE (for which the University will submit information by November 2007) will be the last one before a new system, based on more objective *metrics* is introduced.

**RAM** The *Resource Allocation Model* which aims to show how much each faculty or department brings into the University and how much it costs to run, by taking into account factors such as student numbers, *HEFCE grants* and university resources used by the faculty or department.

**Regent House** The governing body of the University, composed of University officers, College Fellows, and certain other categories of members.

**Registry** The most senior university administrator.

**Reporter** The University's official newspaper.

**Russell Group** A pressure group composed of the twenty largest research-based universities in the UK.

**SRIF** Science Research Investment Fund— money given by HEFCE to support specific capital projects.

**UAS** The *Unified Administration Service*— administrators who support the academic work of the University, covering everything from human resources to research services.

**UTO** A University Teaching Officer— someone who is employed permanently by the University, including Lecturers, Readers and Professors.