Research Committee Minutes

Wednesday 7th November 2018, 12pm, Room 5.42 (Turing Room)


Apologies: Nigel Goddard

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<td>Chris welcomed and introduced Cian Eastwood (PhD students rep)</td>
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1. PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as a true representation of the meeting.

2. Items for information

- Success Stories
- Open Statistics
- Research KPIs

Research KPIs – CW noted that the tables’ set-up are unclear.

**Action:** CW/JB to discuss a new Research KPIs set-up.

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CW/JB

3. Input to revision of School Plan (Research Section) by Dols

Deadline to present draft update of School Strategy and Plan (research section) is 19th November. CW asked to hear about particular issues, opportunities and actions that people would like to highlight.

**Action:** All to highlight issues that should be added in the next revision plan. CW to receive emails from Dols by 12th November and select for inclusion.

During the discussion it was noted:

- The issue of algorithmic fairness (in AI and beyond) is important
- Need to review the level of research support
- Need to look at computing strategy to support research
- Articulate opportunities created by the opening of the Bayes centre

Dols/ CW
**Action:** CW/IS to consider whether Informatics needs further strengthening of its Ethics procedures, in consultation with the Coordinator of School Ethics Panel.  

**CW/IS**

**Action:** LW is happy to make any contribution or help from previous experience for the meeting, reviewing the Ethics strategy/process in Informatics.  

**LW**

### 4. AOB

JH has recently attended EPSRC meeting. She reported that the EPSRC representative was interested in collaborative work with the Industry. CW recently received an email from CPHC with details of the Budget, where it was stated that an additional £1.1 billion will be allocated to the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund.

CW mentioned the possible involvement of the SoI with Hong Kong University, however expectations need to be clarified.

CW also mentioned that there are two European-level initiatives about Machine Learning and/or AI:

- ELLIS (European Lab for Learning & Intelligent Systems)
- CLAIRE (Confederation of Laboratories for Artificial Intelligence Research in Europe)

**Action:** CW to explore possible involvement in the above initiatives and follow up.  

**CW**

CW informed the committee that in December he will be attending a conference in Montreal. As the next Research Committee meeting will take place during this time, next meeting will be chaired by Ian Simpson (DDoR).

### 5. Date of next meeting:

**Wednesday 5th December room 5.42 (Turning room)**