DoLT Brief Report June 2019

1. **University Teachers**: we will shortlist tomorrow. We did not publicise widely (a fault that will be rectified when we next advertise such posts). We have 12 applicants most of whom have some previous relevant experience. The applicants also have expertise in areas of high teaching demand in the School.

2. **Examination Boards**: These have not gone entirely smoothly:
   a. Information Systems Group chose to upgrade critical infrastructure that cause failures of around one day in applications critical to board preparations.
   b. The BI suite used to prepare Board Reports have been unstable throughout the Exam Board Period this has led to delays and failures in the preparation of reports.
   c. The board reports created by BI are not fit for purpose for our stage 2 boards. The EUCLID Assessment and Progression Tool has worked well in terms of supporting the mark preparation, but the reporting makes it almost impossible to run a Stage 2 board where the members can participate effectively.
   d. There have been issues with the recording of the interaction between late penalties and Special Circumstances/Reasonable Adjustments for project reports.
   
   **Action**:
   i. We have taken up the instability of BI and issues around upgrading at critical points through College channels. All Schools in College have experienced difficulties and we will approach Information Services collectively arguing for a freeze on core systems and urgent action to fix BI.
   ii. Over the summer we will consider how best to improve supporting documentation for Boards and considering how to avoid any further issues with Late Penalties and SC/Ras.

3. **Online and Distance Education**: We are developing a strategy to use online resources more effectively to support learning. This will have an impact on our contribution to the DSTI Distance learning programmes. We are in discussion with DSTI over the shape of our contribution to the programmes at the moment.

4. **Admissions 2019/20**
   a. UG: We do not have a firm forecast but numbers look similar or higher than last year. See the headcount graphic from College. This is somewhat unreliable but it is the best we can do at the moment. Some of the headcount growth is accounted for by the larger intakes of the last couple of years feeding through into later years. I will update Strategy Committee as soon as I get firmer forecasts (this is important for planning).
   b. PGT: See the headcount graphic from College. This is predicting a drop in numbers. We believe the numbers here are a optimistic and we will be in the range 320-340 with the following distribution across programmes. Our planning predicts growth in numbers but that growth will come in new programmes such as the Security, Privacy, Trust MSc.
      i. 300-340 (400 in 2018) total, of which
ii. 100-120 (195 in 2018) AI
iii. 40-50 (75 in 2018) Data Science
iv. 72 (65 in 2018) CS
v. Less than 30 in other degrees (similar in 2018)