School of Informatics

General Meeting

16th May 2016

Agenda

- Welcome

- Staff recruitment update

- Student Experience – Senior Vice-Principal, Prof. Charlie Jeffery

- Building works update

- Equality and Diversity committee update

Staff Recruitment update

New Academic and Administrative Staff in the Forum

Academic

- Alex (Zhibin) Li – Lecturer in Robotics

- Robin Hill – Lecturer in Cognitive Science

- Paolo Guagliardo – Lecturer in Databases

- Michael Gutmann – Senior Lecturer in Machine Learning (from Sept 2016)

- Andreas Pieris – Lecturer in Databases (from Sept 2016)

Administrative

- Seona Wharrie – Institute Administrative Secretary

- Heather Walker – Communications Officer (maternity cover)

- David Beamish – Information Officer

- Gareth Beedham – Senior Secretary

- Khush Joshi – Finance Administrator (secondment cover)

- Taryn Elms – Senior Secretary (Data Science) - temp

- Amanda MacKenzie – Graduate School Administrative Officer

- Nicki Reid – Administrative Assistant (HR)

Current recruitment

Academic posts

- Chair in Computer Science (Algorithms and Complexity) – **offer stage**

- Lecturer/Senior Lecturer/Reader in Image and Vision Computing – **offer stage**

- Lecturer/Reader in Machine Learning (2nd post) – **offer stage**

- Lecturer/Senior Lecturer/Reader in Multimedia Information Retrieval – **interviews completed**

- Lecturer/Senior Lecturer/Reader in Natural Language Processing – **offer stage**

- Lecturer in Robotics – **interviews 19/05**

- Lecturer/Senior Lecturer/Reader in Design Informatics and Visualisation – **interviews 23/05 and 24/05**

- Lecturer/Senior Lecturer/Reader in Computing Systems Architecture – **interviews 15/06**

- Chancellor's Fellow in Human-like Computing and/or Software Engineering – **interviews 16/06**

- Lecturer in Algorithms and Complexity – **to be recruited once Chair in post**

Student Experience update – Senior Vice-Principal, Prof. Charlie Jeffery

Building updates

Informatics Forum

- VAT exemption – status and implications
- DTI works – impacts
- Reconfigurations
  - Room 1.19 – split into two rooms – starts 13th June 2016
  - Rooms 3.11 and 3.12 – '3for2'
  - Rooms 4.30 and 4.32 – '3for2'
  - Potentially another six or so '3for2's this year
  - Wolfson Wing – heating upgrade and '3for2' conversions – Summer 2017
- Carpet tile replacement
  - Level 5 corridors and management suite
  - Level 4 corridors and MF2
  - Other levels as budget permits

Appleton Tower

- Outline business case accepted – March Estates Committee

- Detailed proposals and full business case – September Estates Committee

  – Increase space for teaching

    - Level 6 - 80 seat computer lab plus three teaching/tutorial rooms

    - Level 7 – two practical labs

    - Level 3 – enlarged space for PPLS lab

  – Improved student facilities (especially PGT students) – potential use of level 9

  – Planned completion August 2017

  – Potential phased return from Forrest Hill in Summer 2017

  – Commercialisation team relocate to DTI building

Equality and Diversity committee update

Athena SWAN Silver Renewal

- The Athena SWAN Charter was developed in 2005 and is open to any university or research institute which is committed to the advancement and promotion of the careers of women in science, engineering and technology mathematics and medicine in higher education and research. The charter now recognises work undertaken to address gender equality more broadly, and not just barriers to progression that affect women.

- School achieved its Silver Award in 2013

- Renewal submission made 30th April 2016 – outcome November 2016

- New action plan to be overseen by Athena SWAN Implementation Group – chaired by Head of School and comprising those with responsibilities for actions within the plan

Equality and Diversity Upcoming Events

- Jamboree (one day event) celebrating diversity in Informatics – Friday 27th May 2016

- Promotions workshops
  - Grades UE07 and UE08 – Wednesday 8th June
  - Grades UE09 and UE10 – Thursday 9th June

- Unconcious bias training sessions (face-to-face) for senior management 2016/17, then roll-out to other staff

- Inspire Summer School for S5 girls – Summer 2016

Lunch!