

Minutes of ICCS/HCRC Staff Meeting

Thursday 11 February 2010 at 12.30pm

Attendance

Present: Mark Steedman (Chair), Claire Grover, Miles Osborne, Ewan Klein, Bonnie Webber, Johanna Moore, Alex Lascarides, Victor Lavrenko, Hiroshi Shimodaira, BA, Henry Thompson, Frederick Max-Lino, Philipp Koehn, Steve Renals, Jon Oberlander, Frank Keller, Chris Geib, Sharon Goldwater, Jenny Burness

Apologies: John Lee, Simon King, Jean Carletta

1. Matters arising from previous minutes

Jenny to further implement new staff announcements.

The Directorship was discussed at PRC and there was no decision but they are examining the options. Mark stated that he is willing to continue in the meantime.

2. Authorisation to hire a senior position

A case needs to be put forward by 10th March. People should email Johanna and she will lead a working party (consisting of Alex Lascarides, Miles Osborne, Steve Renals, Helen Pain, Victor Lavrenko)

ACTION J MOORE TO ARRANGE MEETING

3. Funding Opportunities

Max gave a summary of the Institute's position on income and expenditure for the current year. The forecast is a £45k overspend. This overspend will need to be covered by our reserves. The institute cannot sustain this kind of overspend on a long term basis so there is a need to maximise income from future grants

Brain storming session to be arranged with Keith Edwards to let him know the strategy –

ACTION M STEEDMAN TO CONTACT KEITH

4. HCRC & CogSci 21st Anniversary Reunion

Johanna briefed group with developments for the Reunion. An update will be sent out.

5. Student Recruitment

There was much discussion on how we can recruit more students for MSc. Sharon Goldwater to lead a group and Jon Oberlander will contribute.

6. New Staff
As agenda.

7. Any Other Business

FET Flagship: Steve briefed meeting on current situation and the unsuccessful consultation. There will be a Call for Pilot Flagship later this year.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 21st April at 12:30pm in G.07A

Submissions since Dec 2009

Name of Grant Giving Body: Title of Proposal	PI & CO-I	Submitted	Awarded
1 EPSRC - Word segmentation from noisy data with minimal supervision	Goldwater	Dec-09	
2 CSO - Can computer-generated voices be used to deliver telecare services to people with hearing problems?	Wolters	Dec-09	
3 CISCO - Robust Acoustic Segmentation and Conversational Speech Recognition	Renals, Lincoln	Dec-09	
4 GOOGLE - Cross-language genre classification	Webber	Dec-09	
5 EPSRC - Programme Grant (Resubmission) Natural Speech Technology	Renals, King	Jan-10	
6 EU : FET Using Lessons Learn across AI Research Domains	Geib, Petrick	Jan-10	
7 EU : ITN Speech Communication in Multimodal Context + Applications	Wolters, Bard	Dec-09	
8 WWTF : Machine Learning Techniques	Koehn	Feb-10	

Awards since Dec 2009

1 ONR - ETuDE-HCS: Effectiveness of Tutorial Dialogue in Electricity - Human, Computers, and Speech	Moore, Dzikovska	Aug-09	£601,117
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