

## Strategy Committee Meeting Minutes Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018



**Attendees:** Jane Hillston (Chair), Stuart Anderson, Murray Cole, Kousha Etessami, Jacques Fleuriot, Vashti Galpin, John McAleese (for Jim Ashe), Nigel Topham, Martin Wright, Lorna Adams (secretary).

**Apologies:** Johanna D Moore, Nigel Goddard, Frank Keller, Jim Ashe, Barbara Webb

	Summary	ACTION
<b>1.</b>	<b>PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Approval of previous meeting minutes</b> Minutes from the previous meeting were approved with no changes.	
<b>1.2</b>	<p><b>Matters arising from previous meeting</b></p> <p><b>Allocation of Teaching Duties</b> – SOA is still to circulate the document on the proposed new model. LA to remind SOA to do this.</p> <p><b>Vacancy for Distance Education Co-ordinator</b> – We still need to fill this role and would be grateful for suggestions from the Committee for a suitable person to take on this role.</p> <p><b>International student recruitment priorities</b> – JM was to communicate this to Director of Internationalisation. LA will check with JM on her return to find out if that has been done.</p> <p><b>EPSRC Funded Equipment audit</b> – MW has briefly discussed this with Alastair Scobie and Julie Young, however this is a task that will be undertaken over the summer, when we can dedicate more time to it.</p> <p><b>Bayes Knowledge Exchange</b> – Meeting took place on 13<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p><b>GDPR online training</b> – Everyone has to complete this by end of this month! JH stressed that SC members should set an example for others.</p>	<p><b>SOA/LA</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>JM</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p>
<b>2.</b>	<b>HEAD OF SCHOOL'S BUSINESS</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Report from Head of School</b> In JM's absence, JH and MW provided an update as follows.	
<b>2.2</b>	<p><b>The City Deal</b></p> <p>JH gave a brief update on the City Deal, or as it should be now known The Edinburgh &amp; SE Scotland City Region Deal. The deal commits £1.1bn to drive investment and economic growth in the area. A substantial amount of money, i.e. £300m, will be coming to the University with the University also providing match funding. This funding will be utilised to fulfil the aim of making Edinburgh the Data Capital of Europe, by creating world leading data innovation centres. It is expected that this £300m budget will be going into the three buildings, i.e. Usher Institute; Edinburgh Futures Institute and Bayes. We are now trying to find out how we can access some of the funding for projects that will contribute to the achievement of City Deal KPIs.</p> <p>It is anticipated that approximately 100,000 people will be trained in Data Science – these will not all be University students, but which will also include CPD; courses in schools etc.</p>	
<b>2.3</b>	<p><b>Academic Recruitment Update</b></p> <p>MW briefly update the Committee on current academic recruitment as below:</p> <p>L in Robotics L in Security and IoT L in Security &amp; Privacy</p> <p>Mohsen Khadem - SD 1 Nov 2018 Tariq Elahi - SD 1 Aug 2018 Vesselin Velichkov - SD 1 Feb 2019</p>	

	<p>L in Machine Learning &amp; AI L in Database Systems L/SL/R in Computational Biology (recruitment run by SBS, will be based in Informatics) Chancellor’s Fellow – Digital Technologies Chancellor’s Fellow – Robotics University Teacher L/SL Business Application of Informatics Professor of Computer Science</p> <p>MW advised that we will review our recruitment plans at the Strategy Committee meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> August.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> MW will aim to get a paper out to DoI’s two or three weeks ahead of the meeting. If they are unable to attend, they are to ensure that they nominate a stand-in and ensure they are fully briefed for the meeting.</p> <p>JH stated that, as we have a few vacant Chair positions, we would like to set up search committees to assist with filling these posts. Given the level of these roles, we want to be strategic in our approach and it would helpful to have recommendations on who we would want to sound out.</p> <p><b>2.4 Service Excellence Programme</b> JH reported that the Heads of School within CSE will be meeting with the SEP Programme Director to relay their issues with SEP and the impact it will have on academic staff back to the University. There is a general feeling that the SEP is making judgements without any context or understanding of the impact it will have within Schools.</p>	<p>Offer out Milos Nikolic - SD 1 Sep 2018 Diego Oyarzun - SD 28 Jan 2019 Petros Papanagiotou - SD 1 Jan 2019 Yang Cao - SD 1 Sept 2018 Offer out Heather Yorston - SD 1 Aug 2018 Aurora Constantin - SD 1 July 2018 Interviews on 2 + 3 August Ursula Martin - SD 1 July</p> <p><b>MW / DoI’s</b></p>
<p><b>3.</b> <b>3.1</b> 3.1.1         3.1.2</p>	<p><b>RESEARCH BUSINESS</b> <b>Report from Director of Research</b></p> <p>The Mock REF exercise is now complete and JH extended her thanks to all who were on panel. We are still working on the Impact Case Studies. We were able to extend our submission deadline with College and these will be submitted by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. JH advised that she was very proud of the fact that this exercise has shown that there is a lot of great research taking place in the School.</p> <p>Steve Renals will provide individual feedback in due course.</p> <p>Future Leader Fellowships (FLS) – These are new research fellowships, which are provided on tapered funding over a period of seven years and are initially fully funded by UKRI. At the end of the fellowship, it is expected that those appointed will be eligible to apply for permanent positions.</p> <p>College were over ambitious with the number of applicants they submitted, with only a small amount being accepted - the initial round only awarded 50 fellowships. A further round in the autumn has been announced, so those who did not go in this time, could be submitted during this next round. However, there has been push back on this plan from all the Schools to College, as there are more people who are interested in applying. It has been suggested that a selection panel should be convened to identify suitable candidates to apply for the FLS.</p>	



<p><b>9.</b></p> <p><b>9.1</b></p> <p><b>9.2</b></p> <p><b>9.3</b></p>	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p><b>Proposal for the Annual Oberlander Memorial Lecture</b></p> <p>A written report from Robin Hill, who has convened a group to look into memorials to Jon Oberlander, was tabled at the meeting. The group supports hosting a one off commemorative lecture with SICSA, which they would like to coincide with the Bayes opening. JH was keen to stress that this is now quite urgent, particularly as the Bayes opening is imminent and if we are going to invite a speaker, we need to act fast.</p> <p>It was also proposed that there could be an annual, high-profile, public lecture, which could be held in tandem with the Festival or BBC. However, the Strategy Committee felt that this would be a lot to organise and probably not something that we would be able to sustain. However, the SC did feel that hosting a smaller annual lecture, which could be part of Sol’s schedule of Distinguished Lectures, would be more appropriate.</p> <p>The SC were in agreement that we need to organise a commemorative event soon, as time is marching on.</p> <p>A further suggestion was to commission a piece of commemorative artwork within the Bayes Centre, which could be paid for by subscription.</p> <p><b>Migration from Staffmail to Office365 (Paper 9.2)</b></p> <p>It was reported that the trial of Office365 by the pilot group of JH and SOA, was not a success. SOA has since met with the User Services team, who were responsible for the migration, to share his and JH’s feedback of the experience. A further trial, successful, will be required before the School has the confidence to commit to a full migration.</p> <p>Principal’s Visit – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 – JH expressed her thanks to everyone that was involved in the visit last week. The Principal seemed to enjoy his visit and was genuinely impressed with Sol, which he considers to be one of the biggest assets of the University of Edinburgh.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2018, 2pm, Turing Room</p>	