CLISC 15/06/2022 Report to CSG

I did not attend the meeting (I was presenting at a conference at that time), but I can summarise below what was discussed:

1. College planning update: We were presented the College Strategic Plan 2022-20227 and its relation with the CLISC strategic plan. Key points relevant to CLISC: (a) digital learning and teaching and learning technology in view of the curriculum transformation, (b) developing digital infrastructure and estate, (c) regenerating the University's physical and digital environment, in particular developing resilience for system and process changes. Further questions discussed: a particular point was how to bridge the gap from the high level plan to its delivery in operational terms. Another point was that the delivery would happen through individual Schools. Progress will be tracked using some key performance indicators, while quarterly meetings with the Schools will be carried out.

   The plan and bridging the gap will be discussed in the next meeting too.

2. Digital strategy update: Digital Transformation Programme Manager presented the updated strategy. This is University led initiative. Some things discussed: open source software is incompatible with windows devices and there is no central support for Linux (response was that if open source is adapted by the University, suitable support will be provided). Strategy on APIs was discussed, and it is anticipated that Schools will be able to submit requests for future API development towards the end of the year.

3. Updates from College Head of IT: (a) The Digital Research Service programme and its budget and funding model was explained. (b) The "clean laptop service" was also explained (encryption is not allowed at some countries, laptop can be lost, export control forbids exporting some information even at private laptops) – can book online. (c) Updates on the move of EdWeb to the new cloud service. (d) Web accessibility audit happened and the actions for compliance were done. (e) Information Security: There was an attack compromising one of University central services for three hours (it was resolved) and happened via a student account. Information on self-managed computer scan has been included at the latest staff Bulletin (and we should raise awareness to staff, I will send an email https://bulletin.ed.ac.uk/2022/06/14/information-security-self-managed-computer-scan/).