
Meeting
IPAB Staff Meeting

Date
Thursday, 24th June 2021

Attendees

Ram Ramamoorthy (RR)
Stefano Albrecht (SA)
Jodie Cameron (JC)
Bob Fisher (BF)
Sharon Goldwater (SG)
Michael Herrmann (MH)
Vlad Ivan (VI)
Anna Lantouri (AL)
Zhibin Li (ZL)
Chris Lu (CL)
Michael Mistry (MM)
Cristian Novotny (CN)
Steph Smith (SS)
Kartic Subr (KS)
Steve Tonneau (ST)
Barbara Webb (BW)

Place
MS Teams

Time
2pm

1. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes from the last meeting were agreed as accurate.

2. Matters arising

Budget allocation update from Joanne.

3. Curriculum review

Sharon Goldwater attended the meeting as Teaching Organisation representative.

Sharon has produced a document based around course design which Ram will circulate to the group along with a summary of the points raised and discussed.

Ram

4. Arrangements during co-vid

No changes to the current restrictions. Updates will issue from School level.

5. Arrivals and departures

Post Doc arrival Arrivals

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Supervisor: Ram Ramamoorthy

Post Doc leavers

Yordan Hristov – end date: 31/07/2021

Taking up 2 year post doc position with Facebook AI

Songyan Xin – end date: 31/07/2021

Taking up post with Dyson (Bristol)

Josiah Hanna – end date: 31/07/2021

Taking up Professor post with University of Wisconsin, Madison

6. New grants and proposals

No new grants or proposals announced.

7. Budget and resources

Apologies from Joanne Pennie.

8. Business development

IAA proposal submitted – working with Barbara

TAS NODE - preparing NDA with Ram

Early stage conversations with the Edinburgh Drone Company regarding potential project including collaborators from Scottish Fire & Rescue - taking this forward with Chris Lu and Barbara.

Dyson studentship agreement – continued work with Ram.

9. IPAB webpage

Amanda Soloway (UK Minister for Science, Research and Innovation) lab visit.

10. Teaching

RL course – update from Stefano:

Steph

Stefano met with Sharon Goldwater and Chris Williams to discuss the future of RL. It was agreed that this course will move to semester 1. There were no objections to this proposal.

11. IPAB space

Server installation update from Stefano:

Additional space has been located within Appleton Tower and Kings Buildings – preparation works are still underway so no actual installation of any servers has taken place yet.

If anyone has any questions regarding this issue, Stefano is happy to discuss.

12. IPAB seminars and workshops

Workshops and seminars will now be hosted on Zoom. The links to join these events will continue to issue from the admin team via email announcement/reminders.

13. Student issues

Apologies from Keyhan.

Student representative role

Keyhan's studentship will end with effect from 31st July, a replacement student representative is required.

Ram will contact the IPAB student group to seek a volunteer for this role.

Ram

14. Admin issues

No issues raised.

15. Socials

Thesis writing workshop

IGS have organised a Thesis Writing Working for PhD students. The event will take place Tuesday, 29th June from 6-8pm.

This is an informal workshop, where students are invited to bring their laptops to write – a staff member will be on hand to offer guidance and advice on writing related matters.

The students have been informed of this event, supervisors should

encourage attendance.

16. Directors business

Recruitment

Approval has been given to recruit for 3 new academic positions, 1 of which will be for IPAB (area of graphics). The adverts are currently being prepared and it is hoped the interviews can be scheduled for Autumn.

Proposals

A reminder for those who are/will be working on proposals to give the port-folio managers sufficient time to do their part.

17. A.O.B

CEO of National Robotarium recruitment

Candidate presentations will take place on Thursday, 1st July. Barbara Webb will serve on the panel and is happy to field comments/feedback anyone wishes to put forward.

18. Date of next meeting

It was agreed that there should be a break over the summer period. Therefore, the next staff meeting is scheduled to take place 26th August from 2pm.