

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**of the**  
**PLANNING AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  
**held on**  
**Wednesday, 10 March 2010**  
**2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**  
**Turing Room**

**Present:**

Dave Robertson (Chair), Colin Adams, Stuart Anderson, Mike Fourman, Johanna Moore, Jon Oberlander, Mike O'Boyle, Don Sannella, Alan Smaill, Mark Steedman, Perdita Stevens, Stratis Viglas, Sethu Vijayakumar, Bonnie Webber, Chris Williams, Marjorie Dunlop (Secretary)

**Attending:** Gordon Duckett

**Apologies:** Phil Wadler

**Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of Meeting of 10 February 2010 were approved.

**Outstanding Actions from Notes of Meeting of 11 November 2009**

Item 6 (Snagging)

Gordon has spoken to John Miller, the architect and a meeting will be arranged. Jon, Don, Stuart, Neil and Gordon will be in attendance.

**Action**

Gordon to arrange meeting with architects

**Outstanding Actions from Notes of Meeting of 16 December 2009**

Item 1 (Research Opportunities) – It was suggested that Don and Bjorn Franke should oversee preparations for a potential DTC bid in core/theory in Computer Science.

**Action**

Mike O'Boyle will ask Bjorn

**Outstanding Actions from Notes of Meeting of 10 February 2010**

Item 4 (Head of School's Business – International Review Panel). There was discussion about preparing documentation for the International Review of Informatics intended for October 2010. The aim is to prepare a rough draft and then sharpen and extend it.

**Action**

Dave will draw up a document and circulate it before the next PRC

Item 1 (Research Opportunities) – FET Flagships were discussed. The procedure is for consultation to close at the end of March. SICSA and other institutions in Scotland are interested so we need to be engaging with these as our ideas shape up. On 17/18 May there will be a meeting in Brussels. There will be a call for pilot projects in September/October, closing at the end/beginning of next year.

**Action**

Stuart will set up a Wiki

**Action**

All will respond to Stuart's email with thoughts on funding and management

Item 1 (Research Opportunities - KIC) – An email has been sent; awaiting the reply

Item 1 (Research Opportunities – EPSRC “three strikes” policy) – This has been done and will inform Steve McLaughlin's response to EPSRC

**Action**

Dave still has to speak to Nigel Brown about the single panel system

Item 1 (Research Opportunities – admin support for grant proposals) - Julie has spoken to the Portfolio Managers and they have good examples of impact statements and grants.

Item 4 (Events Hub proposal) – Gordon is writing a job application. A PRAF is not required as the position will be funded externally.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Item 1 – Research Opportunities**

There was discussion about bio inspired computing and various names (eg Barbara Webb, Gerhard Wickler, Michael Herrmann, Igor Goryanin, D.K. Arvind) were suggested.

**Action**

Dave will pass the names on

### **Item 4 – Head of School's business (Visit by Head of College)**

Nigel Brown would like to pay a half day visit to Informatics. It was suggested that some of the younger academics and researchers could be involved. Events at Informatics which could be appropriate visit opportunities would be Language of Edinburgh on 6/7 May or events related to Idea Lab on 13 May. It was suggested that 13 May would be best suited.

### **Item 4 – Head of School's business (Budget Graphs)**

Gordon presented graphs showing historical and projected research spend per quarter for each institute, highlighting trends and differences between institutes.

## **Item 2 – Strategic areas for future recruitment**

A number of strategic areas for recruitment were presented, in Vision, Data Intensive Research, Scaleable Knowledge-Based Systems, Software Engineering and Cognitive Science. It was agreed that these all are strategic for Informatics and that we should elicit comment on them from the panel for our International Review. It was agreed that each person who proposed a strategic area should adapt the description in the light of comments received from the Committee and relay this to Dave who will combine the areas into part of the Review briefing document.

**Action**

All and Dave

## **Item 5 – Any Other Business**

None

## **Item 6 – Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 26 May 2010.