

MINUTES OF MEETING
of the
STRATEGY COMMITTEE
held on
Wednesday, 14 December 2011
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Turing Room

Present:

Dave Robertson (Chair), Colin Adams, Jim Bednar, Liz Elliot, Christopher Geib, Jane Hillston, Mike O'Boyle, Johanna Moore (for Steve Renals), George Ross, Alan Smaill, Perdita Stevens, Barbara Webb

Apologies: Jacques Fleuriot, Dave Hamilton, Steve Renals, Chris Williams

Approval of minutes

The Minutes of meeting of 23 November 2011 were approved.

Actions from minutes of 23 November 2011

Item 1 – Input to College strategic plan for 2012/13

The strategic plan for 2011/12 was reviewed and suggestions given for the strategic plan for 2012/13. The plan is due at College by 16 January 2012; LE needs to supply numbers and DR wants to have the overview completed by 20 December 2011.

Action
All – suggestions for 2012/13 strategic plan to DR by 30 November 2011.
Actioned

Item 3 – Any other business

• **Fellowships**

DR introduced the Chancellor's Fellowships. The logistics and feasibility of Informatics utilising the fellowships were discussed. Also discussed were the possibility of obtaining matching funding, internal people applying, the advertising process, areas to support, appointments fitting with all areas including teaching.

Action
The last half of the Research Committee could be used to discuss priorities for strategic recruitment

Actioned

Action

MD to invite Stuart to next Research Committee meeting

Actioned

Action

Research Committee to produce draft and send to Strategy Committee or through Professoriate

Actioned

• **Small projects**

LE has £28,000 which can be spent on small projects (not staff costs).

Action

All to mail LE before Christmas break with suggestions.

AGENDA ITEMS

Item 1 – Finance 2011-12

Liz reviewed the spreadsheet which denoted income and expenditure. Items discussed included staff and non staff costs, debts, NPRAS clawback, travel money for PhD, 50/50 indirect return, DI incentivisation and a possible return to profit in 2015-16. The possibility of additional funds to institutes was discussed. The draft of the Finance Supplement document was reviewed.

Item 2 – Revisions to School strategic plan for 2012-13

Items discussed included the appendices of the strategic plan, maintaining our profile in computational neuroscience, links with Development and Alumni/Commercialisation and outreach to the wider community (engagement with Science Festival).

Action

BW will send information on community outreach to DR

Item 3 – Any other business

a) Personal Tutor Scheme

Discussions included the affordability and cash availability of this scheme, student support and the impact on the current DoS system at Informatics.

b) Innovation Learning Week

This is mainly a student run event. It is intended to organise something around Design Informatics.

c) Chancellor's Fellowships

Discussion revolved around the process: internal/external applications, blocks of entries, looking across all institutes, possibility of negotiation/consultation and the importance of eliciting early applications.

d) PhD rooms space

This item will be included in the Agenda for the next meeting

Item 4 – Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Wednesday, 25 January 2012 at 2:00 pm in the Turing Room.