

MINUTES OF MEETING
of the
STRATEGY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, 27 February 2013
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Turing Room

Present:

Dave Robertson (Chair), Colin Adams, Jim Bednar, Liz Elliot, Chris Geib, Nigel Goddard, Dave Hamilton, Jane Hillston, Steve Renals, Michael Rovatsos (for Ian Stark), Alan Smaill, Perdita Stevens, Barbara Webb, Marjorie Dunlop (Secretary)

Apologies: Mike O'Boyle, George Ross, Ian Stark

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting 12 December 2012 were approved.

Actions from the minutes of 1 December 2012

Item 1 – School of Informatics Strategic Plan 2012/13

Additional text (Robotics)

Additional text about Robotics will be incorporated into the Plan.

Action
SV to send soft copy to DR and Committee
Actioned

Enhance student experience

Action
IS will send DR suggestions
Actioned

Item 2 – Research services support staff

Feedback was provided and discussed. Money has been set aside for additional PM resource in 2013.

Action
EE to begin process (PRAF, etc)
Actioned

Item 3 – Head of school's business

There was discussion as to whether other Schools have budgeted for CDTs.

Action
DR to check with College
Actioned

Item 4 – Any other business

EIT ICT Labs

We will know soon about the fate of our bid to be a co-location node in the EIT ICT Labs Knowledge and Innovation Community. Imperial/UCL are the hub with UoE as an affiliate. We may need a special meeting of Research Committee to discuss more fully. We would be able to apply for funding for activities (including travel to other meetings) in 2014. Stuart will circulate explanatory material.

Action

SA to glean short presentation from website and circulate to Strategy Committee

ITEM 1 – EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

JH outlined the University and School obligations with respect to equality and diversity. E and D are addressed in the School's application for the Athena Swan silver award. There was discussion about E and D within Informatics (training and who should take it, need for a coordinator, schools liaison, central university guidance).

Action

JH to circulate E and D link to training course to the Committee

Action

All to take on-line course by next meeting

ITEM 2 - FINANCE

LE reviewed the financial papers and confirmed that finances are basically as expected. The next financial update will be Quarter 3.

ITEM 3 – SCHOOL ESTATES PLANNING

DR gave an update on possible E&B projects.

ITEM 4 – RECRUITMENT UPDATE

DR provided an update on recruitment. Some decisions have been made with respect to the first advertisement; the second advertisement closes on 28 February with a shortlisting meeting to take place on 8 March.

ITEM 5 – HEAD OF SCHOOL’S BUSINESS

DR spoke of upcoming funding opportunities, the possibility of an IC in data, and fellowships that have been awarded to Informatics staff. It is anticipated that there will be more engagement between Informatics and Medicine.

ITEM 6 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

CDTs

There was discussion about the EPSRC call and bids from Informatics. It was decided Informatics bids should not be filtered at School level. The bid outlines will be presented at the next Research Committee meeting.

Strategic Plan

Action

DR to send final School Strategic Plan to Committee

ITEM 7 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 10 April 2013 at 2:00 pm in the Turing Room.