

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
of the  
**STRATEGY COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, 18 December 2013**  
**2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**  
**Turing Room**

**Present:**

Dave Robertson (Chair), Jim Bednar, Liz Elliot, Nigel Goddard, Jane Hillston, Mike O'Boyle, Ron Petrick, Steve Renals, George Ross, Alan Smaill, Perdita Stevens, Sethu Vijayakumar, Marjorie Dunlop (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Jacques Fleuriot

**Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting 27 November 2013 were approved.

**Actions from the Minutes of 25 September 2013**

**Item 3 – Teaching plans for 2014/15**

**Action**

DR will speak with Colin Adams re an Industry Advisory Board

**Actions from the Minutes of 16 October 2013**

**Item 3 – Recruitment strategy**

There was general discussion about areas of growth (eg robotics/vision, ILCC priority for replacement at Reader level, Edinburgh a leader in machine translation, credible posting in big data, possibility of interfacing in area of data intensive research with other Schools that take CFs, joint appointment with Education for CF, cyber security, software engineering, succession planning in HCI/neuroscience).

**Action**

DR to email professoriate with strategy

**Actioned**

**Actions from the Minutes of 27 November 2013**

**Item 1 – Annual strategic plan**

There was a general discussion about the Strategic Plan and what should be included in each sub-heading.

## Strategic Goals

### a) Excellence in Education

Items discussed included growth of PhD students intake, cultural issues and engagement with students, the international market, feedback to students, space constraints, teaching blocks, course reduction, teaching loads, practical things that can be done, alternative ways to look at our teaching).

#### **Action**

MR, PS and BW will form a working group to look at our teaching with initial feedback at next meeting

**In progress** (meeting scheduled)

### Item 3 – Any other business

#### a) Recruitment strategy

There was further discussion about recruitment strategy for the School (interdisciplinary themes and links to research in other schools).

#### **Action**

All – send interdisciplinary themes to Dave by 5 December

**Actioned**

## ITEM 1 – ANNUAL STRATEGIC PLAN

There were the following comments about the Strategic Plan:

Page 2 - add strategic links with EPCC

Page 6 (d) - Dux Award for underprivileged; ongoing commitment to Sutton Trust; Pre-wired activity run by Amy Guy; outreach to local Schools (Ram and Sethu)

Energy saving – computing base

#### **Action**

George Ross to email text to EE

Partnerships - include Intel and Synopsis

Page 6 – move bullet to Section D

Comment on variances; impact from CDTs

#### **Action**

EE to generate the numbers

Page 2 – three new centres

Use P&DRs to raise staff awareness of their next career steps.

## **ITEM 2 – HEAD OF SCHOOL’S BUSINESS**

DR indicated that he had an enquiry from a representative of a foreign university interested in engaging closely with Informatics. Initial discussions centred on technology transfer, assistance with recruitment and training of their faculty, masters students studying at Informatics, opportunities for PhD students to be taught at Informatics. Teaching will be in English. It was agreed that Informatics should proceed with caution to further investigate this opportunity.

## **ITEM 3 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

DR congratulated all concerned on the conclusion of our CDT negotiations with EPSRC.

## **ITEM 4 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 22 January 2014 at 2:00 pm in the Turing Room.