

MINUTES OF MEETING
of the
STRATEGY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, 28 May 2014
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Turing Room

Present:

Dave Robertson (Chair), Jim Bednar, Vashti Galpin (for Ron Petrick), Nigel Goddard, Dave Hamilton, Jane Hillston, Mirella Lapata, Neil McGillivray, Johanna Moore, Mike O'Boyle, Steve Renals, George Ross, Michael Rovatsos, Alan Smaill, Marjorie Dunlop (Secretary)

Apologies: Colin Adams, Jacques Fleuriot, Ron Petrick, Perdita Stevens, Barbara Webb

Guest: Alastair Scobie

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting 26 March 2014 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
Actioned (CA sending letter to individuals)

Actions from the Minutes of 26 March 2014

Item 2 – Centre for advanced studies in cyber security and privacy

David Aspinall spoke to this paper and clarified various points. The Committee was in favour of pursuing the various goals outlined in the paper. It was suggested that the DoIs investigate other schools for recently completed PhDs with appropriate theses. Also, as members of current interview panels the DoIs could advise these panels that cyber security and privacy research is a 'strategic priority'.

Action

DoIs to use their contacts to investigate appropriate PhDs
Actioned

Action

DoIs to view cyber security and privacy research as a 'strategic priority' when recruiting
Drop

Action

It was agreed that EE is to make available the requested budget of £15,000 (to last 18-24 months)

Actioned

ITEM 1 – RESEARCH DATA MANAGEMENT

AS clarified various aspects of the Research Data Management project and its impact on Informatics, in particular the ability to share personal allocation. The Committee indicated that their preference is for a more sophisticated approach to data quotas, that is sensitive to the needs of research groups, and possible solutions should be offered to IS.

Action

AS, with help as needed from MOB, to push through alternative model (AFS)

ITEM 2 – SPACE AND BUILDING UPDATE

There was discussion about possible moves and the re-purposing of rooms in IF to accommodate the AT decant. Budget approval has been given for the decant to Forrest Hill and the Wilkie Building.

ITEM 3 – DUTIES ALLOCATION FOR 2014/15

NMcG reviewed the current status. It was suggested that Hugh Leather might be available to teach COPT. DS and SAPM should be SCLP and SAPM.

ITEM 4 – HEAD OF SCHOOL'S BUSINESS

a) EPSRC visit (30 June 2014)

DR indicated that this was a successful visit with productive, strategic dialogue, leaving EPSRC impressed.

b) MOB, Director of ICOSA

Dave thanked Mike for his exemplary work as Director of ICOSA over the past few years.

c) UKCRC

DR has been elected as the incoming president of UKCRC.

Action

DoIs to send DR ideas relating to big projects

ITEM 5 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Visiting student policy

There is a need to review our visiting student policy to clarify its alignment with broader University policy.

Action

NMcG to bring new policies to next meeting (25 June)

b) Informatics outreach

MR spoke to a paper about outreach and this was followed by general discussion. There was a general feeling that we need to consider outreach as a new administrative role.

Action

MR to bring a clear job description to the next meeting (25 June)

c) Turing Institute

DR gave a brief update on the Turing Institute and possible funding.

d) Budget

NMcG clarified the state of the budget for the next three years.

e) School Admin pages

NMcG reported that these will be updated to reflect the visibility of teams.

f) RCUK consultation

This is due on 6 June. The Science and Innovation Strategy 2014 does not appear to include items applicable to Informatics.

ITEM 6 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, 25 June 2014 at 2:00 pm in the Turing Room.