MINUTES OF MEETING
of the
RESEARCH COMMITTEE
held on
Monday, 3 December 2012
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Turing Room

Present:
Dave Robertson (Chair), Liz Elliot, Nigel Goddard, Jane Hillston, Neil McGillivray,
Mike O’Boyle, Alan Smaill, Tamise Totterdell, Sethu Vijayakumar, Marjorie Dunlop
(Secretary)

Visiting:  Carolyn Brock, David Richardson, Ian Sharp, Barbara Webb, Chris Williams

Apologies:  Jacques Fleuriot, Steve Renals

AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 1 – Approval of Minutes of meeting of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting of 5 December 2012 were approved.

ITEM 2 - Matters arising (from meeting of 3 September 2012)

Item 8 - Discussion of Informatics Publications Repositories

There was discussion about the repositories and what works and doesn’t work.

Action
JF to find out if the portal can work with PURE; ongoing

Actioned
Passed to LE for Further Action

LE to speak with Alastair Scobie with a view to possibly drafting a project paper

Passed to TT for Further Action
ITEM 2 - Matters arising (from meeting of 5 December 2012)

Item 5 – Update on other CDT plans
AS presented the proposal for a Pervasive Parallelism DTC. There are strategic implications; priority area of EPSRC; appears to be lots of activity around this.

**Action**

JF to invite Sethu to present his proposal to the Research Committee; proposal needs to engage with teaching and training

**Actioned**

JF to invite Chris Williams to present his proposal to the Research Committee

**Actioned**

JF to contact Jon Oberlander for an update on Design Informatics proposal

**Actioned**

Item 9 – Report on recent Informatics research successes (Paper C)
Success stories selected were those for Christophe Dubach and Vincent Danos.

**Action**

LE to advise College (via Julie Young)

**Actioned**

ITEM 3 – EPSRC Impact Acceleration Account (Ian Sharp, Carolyn Brock)

Ian Sharp and Carolyn Brock gave a presentation on the £2.6M initiative from College on industry engagement. The aim is to increase activity with industry through impact acceleration projects, better information management and team sharing. Ian would appreciate input with respect to companies to work with, areas to promote, and help with marketing to the scientific community.

ITEM 4 – Update on CDT plans

There is about £200M available for CDTs and there is no quota on number of applications, though a limit will be imposed by the need to supply University resource as part of each bid. Joint activities with other centres are possible.

There was discussion about the benefits to the School and the internal process especially how many and what to promote. It is also possible to contribute but not necessarily lead.

**Robotics**
Possible as a joint proposal with Heriot-Watt as the lead.

**Data to Knowledge**
Informatics has critical mass on this.

**High performance (Pervasive Parallelism)**
Informatics has the strength to do this (20-40 staff); perhaps bring in the theory side as well; possibility of joint with Manchester

**Action**

MOB to speak with Steve Furber at Manchester and report back to Committee

Manufacturing – do not pursue

Integrated Techs – do not pursue

Next generation interactive technologies - possible?

**Action**

DR to contact Jon Oberlander

Underpinning communications and computer science training – do not pursue

End use energy demand (NG plus outside informatics) – possible?

Digital economy

New digital ventures (crowd sourcing) – do not pursue

Digital Health Care – will be driven out of Medicine

**ITEM 5 – Report on recent Informatics research successes**

Approval was given for:
- Chris Williams, ANC
- Mirella Lapata, ILCC

**Action**

EE to forward details to College (via Julie Young)

**ITEM 6 – Any other business**

National Importance Requirement
It was reported that EPSRC has decided to play down the national importance requirement.

Capital Spend
There was discussion about the recent Capital Spend announcement, although it is too early to know exactly how this will play out.

**ITEM 7 – Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting is Monday, 7 January 2012, 12:00 pm in the Turing Room.