MINUTES OF MEETING
of the
RESEARCH COMMITTEE
held on
Monday, 6 May 2013
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Turing Room

Present:
Jacques Fleuriot (Chair), Elizabeth Elliot, Nigel Goddard, Marcus Guhe, Jane Hillston,
Neil McGillivray, Jon Oberlander, Mike O’Boyle, Steve Renals, Tamise Totterdell,
Marjorie Dunlop (Secretary)

Apologies: Dave Robertson, Alan Smaill, Sethu Vijayakumar

AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 1 – Approval of Minutes of meeting of previous meeting
The Minutes of the meeting of 1 April 2013 were approved.

ITEM 2 – Matters arising (from meeting of 4 February 2013)

Item 5 – Discussion on “bogus” conferences and open-access journals (paper B)
There was discussion about possible mechanisms that for reporting suspect conferences
and journals, and whether or not College Research Committee will make
recommendations regarding the problem.

Action
JF to speak with DR
DROP
Action
JF to ask DoIs to make their staff aware of suspect conferences and journals
(In process)

ITEM 2 – Matters arising (from meeting of 4 March 2013)

Item 4 – Review of CDT outlines
There was discussion on the various components of the outlines. It was felt that, as well
as research, a convincing training element should be included. The form “CDT Bids -
Route to Lightweight BoS Approval” should be used as a prompt when preparing the
final outline. The outline bid is critical as finances cannot be changed at a later date.
BoS approval is needed for full bids. The options of fitting into current programmes,
creating specialisms, etc. were discussed.

Action
Bob Fisher will ask his assistant to find out what other universities do re programmes
ITEM 2 – Matters arising (from meeting of 1 April 2013)

Item 4 – Report on recent informatics research successes (Paper A)
Approval was given for:

- Chris Williams

  Action
  EE to forward details to College (via Julie Young)
  Actioned

Item 5 – Any other business

a) KTP
EE reported on the charge of £4,000 per RA per annum. It would appear that Institutes will be liable for half the charge, based on indirects. EE is awaiting confirmation from Management accounting.

  Action
  EE to email Committee with details of the confirmed charges
  Actioned

b) RCUK Monies
RCUK will provide about £15,000 for publications to be added to PURE as ‘open access’. This is not connected to the REF. Informatics intends to have 1,000 publications uploaded prior to Christmas 2013 and this will be done by Tamise Totterdell and Fiona Clark.

  Action
  EE will ask academics to provide pdfs of their publications
  Actioned

ITEM 3 – INFORMATICS STAFF PROFILES IN ERE

The work on this is in process. At the moment a deadline has not been scheduled.

ITEM 4 – UPDATE ON SOME FUTURE/FORTHCOMING RESEARCH CALLS (Paper A)

JF indicated that we should raise awareness. For the Leverhulme Research Program Grants, the funding is from £500K to £1.75M for up to five years with a deadline of 3 October 2013. JO is happy to share his experience of this type of funding if people wish to contact him.

JF reported that Bob Fisher had indicated that there would be quite a few research calls from ESRC over the next two years; it would be good for Informatics to be pro-active, perhaps give workshops to promote our expertise. Possible contacts are Dorothy Miell (Digital Humanities) and Robin Williams.

  Action
  JO to introduce NG to Dorothy Miell
ITEM 5 – REPORT ON RECENT INFORMATICS RESEARCH SUCCESSES (Paper B)

Approval was given for:
- David Aspinall
- Michael Rovatsos

Action
EE to forward details to College (via Julie Young)

ITEM 6 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

ITEM 7 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Monday, 3 June 2013, 12:00 pm in the Turing Room.