MINUTES OF MEETING
of the
RESEARCH COMMITTEE
held on
Monday, 3 June 2013
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Turing Room

Present:
Jacques Fleuriot (Chair), Elizabeth Elliot, Nigel Goddard, Marcus Guhe, Jane Hillston,
Neil McGillivray, Mike O’Boyle, Jon Oberlander, Dave Robertson, Alan Smaill,
Marjorie Dunlop (Secretary)

Apologies:  Steve Renals

AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 1 – Approval of Minutes of meeting of previous meeting
The Minutes of the meeting of 6 May 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 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 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

Action
EE to advise Colin Adams of confirmed charges
Actioned

Item 4 – update on some future/forthcoming research calls (paper a)
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
Actioned

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)
Actioned

ITEM 3 REPORT ON CDT OUTLINES RESULTS

Four of the eight CDT outlines are going forward (data science, pervasive parallelism, medical imaging and robotics). The deadline for submission of the proposals is 18 July. There is a requirement for each institution to submit one letter supporting their commitment to the CDTs; Bob Fisher is composing the letter. Liz will represent Informatics at a CDT information meeting at EPSRC, Swindon on 7 June.

There was discussion about items to include in the proposals (the actual space in the building; process in the School; joint education as the bids do not compete with each other; self-reinforcement; industry engagement (involve Colin Adams and David Richardson; training across all four at the same time; teaching innovation; the four have different flavours and need to mesh, plausibility, size and synergy).

It was decided that the initiators of the CDT proposals should have an opportunity to be given constructive, critical feedback. A panel consisting of Alex Lascarides/David Willshaw, Austin Tate and Dave Robertson as well as the initiators (Murray Cole, Nigel Goddard/Charles Sutton, Sethu Vijayakumar and Bob Fisher) will meet on 28 June. The proposals will be sent to the panel on 21 June (via MD).
Action
MD to set a meeting time on 28 June with the prospective panel members

Action
MD to advise initiators to email proposals to MD on 21 June

Action
NG to send guidance letter to JF

Action
JF to circulate guidance letter

There was additional discussion about the success of other CDT outlines in Scotland.

ITEM 4 – DISCUSSION ON OPEN ACCESS (Paper A)

There was discussion about the pot of money and access to same. It was suggested that green access is appropriate (depends on research area) and that gold open access should be discouraged.

Action
EE to invite Library representatives to speak at an information lunch

Action
DR to mention green/gold access at the next General Meeting

ITEM 5 – REPORT ON RECENT INFORMATICS RESEARCH SUCCESSES (Paper B)

Approval was given for:
- Alan Smaill

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

ITEM 6 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ITEM 7 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is Monday, 2 September 2013, 12:00 pm in the Turing Room.