MINUTES OF MEETING
of the
RESEARCH COMMITTEE
held on
Monday, 4 November 2013
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Turing Room

Present:
Jacques Fleuriot (Chair), Elizabeth Elliot, Nigel Goddard, Jane Hillston, Neil McGillivray, Steve Renals, Alan Smaill, Tamise Totterdell, Marjorie Dunlop (Secretary)

Apologies: Marcus Guhe, Jon Oberlander, Dave Robertson

AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 1 – Approval of Minutes of meeting of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting of 2 September 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 2 September 2013)

Item 3 – Arrangements for CDT mock interviews
The group discussed mock panel members. Core identified and also possibility for each CDT to nominate a mock panel member.

Actions

DR to contact Steve McLaughlin and Mike Chantler (both HW)

JF to ask Gordon Plotkin and Stuart Anderson

Relevant bid leads pass JF details of nominations

EE to review EPSRC guidance on panel constituents, circulate if appropriate

JF to consider approach to BF to ask if College plan to secure EPSRC input on panel constituents

All Actioned
Item 5 – Publication repository discussion
Tamise provided a verbal update on work planned to update the Informatics Publication Repository. The intention is to move away from InfRR and existing submission form and replace instead with a form directed to InfKM team. Content will then be linked to PURE and where possible will anticipate demands from external reporting requirements (eg Research Outputs System).

**Action**
TT to make new form live

The group also discussed mechanism to include ACM links via PURE. Tamise will ensure ‘how to’ details are made available, interested staff will be able to use this functionality.

**Action**
TT to provide information on request

Item 7 – Microsoft research faculty fellowship program nominations
JF had previously circulated call information to HoI’s and requested nominations, some received. Only 1 final nomination allowed per University. Potential applicants will be given until noon on Friday, 6th September to indicate interest to apply. HoI’s via email on Monday, 9th September to finalise preferred applicant.

**Actions**
JF to circulate info to all academic staff
JF to mail BF and establish if Informatics will be only source of nomination
DR to contact Andy Gordon to investigate MSR selection process
JF to provide offline update on process to SR

**All Actioned**

Item 8 – Horizon 2020 update
JF and JEH provided brief verbal update from external presentation. Slides and further information will be made available via web (link to be circulated).

**Action**
JF/TT to establish web resource

**Actioned**

Item 9 – Informatics research successes (Paper A)
Some success stories agreed as suitable for communication to College.

**Action**
EE to inform College

**Actioned**

ITEM 3 – UPDATE ON CDT INTERVIEWS
JF provided an update on feedback from the interviewees.
**ITEM 4 – H2020 PREPARATIONS UPDATE**

It is anticipated that there will be approximately 600 calls for 2014/15. The process will be for JF to circulate the list of calls to the academics with a request that they advise JF of any calls that interest them. JF, Bob Fisher and Dave Robertson would then meet to identify additional calls that might be of interest to Informatics staff.

**Action**

EE to send list of academics to JF

According to SR, it is anticipated that the list will be on the EU website on Wednesday, 6 November.

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

Approval was given for Sethu Vijayakumar.

**Action**

EE to inform College

**ITEM 6 – ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

a) **ECDF**

There was discussion about the computing data facility and its funding mechanism (baseline from School and project specific). It is anticipated that the agreement will end in July 2014. A well-funded research university needs computational resources and high performance computing needs a regular refresh of equipment. With the strategic importance of big data it would be appropriate for the University to make this investment. The Research Committee is in favour of a stable financial model (eg., funding from a collective of schools; university central facility requiring strong support from schools).

**Action**

EE to speak with DR prior to discussing the matter at the Computing Strategy Meeting on Wednesday, 6 November.

b) **Websites**

The Library’s Scholarly Communication Team is actively checking individual websites to ensure that people are using appropriate versions of work. Tamise is the Library’s contact at Informatics.

c) **SICSA and international research collaboration**

The DoIs had been sent this via DR. It was suggested that different institutions would have different ways of collaborating with international organisations.

**Action**

JF to advise JO that DR had sent the information to the DoIs.

**ITEM 7 – DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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