MINUTES OF MEETING
of the
RESEARCH COMMITTEE
held on
Monday, 13 January 2014
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Turing Room

Present:
Jacques Fleuriot (Chair), Murray Cole, Elizabeth Elliot, Nigel Goddard, Marcus Guhe,
Jane Hillston, Steve Renals, Alan Smaill, Tamise Totterdell, Sethu Vijayakumar,
Marjorie Dunlop (Secretary)

Apologies: Neil McGillivray, Jon Oberlander, Mike O’Boyle, Dave Robertson

AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 1 – Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting of 2 December 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 DIs to make their staff aware of suspect conferences and journals
(In process)
Drop

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

New action on DR to act via College Research Committee to regularize ECDF funding.

Action
DR via College

ITEM 2 – Matters arising (from meeting of 2 December 2013)

Item 4 – Management of confidential data
SOA paper circulated prior to meeting. The committee supported set up of a small
working group for more thorough consideration of the issues. Group to report back to
Research Committee.

Action
SOA/JF on working group formation
Item 5 – H2020 Preparations
BF will circulate ‘ideal’ person specification for ERC fellowship (starter, consolidator).
JEH volunteered informal advice on ERC Advanced fellowship drafts.

BF highlighted Industrial Support topic – noting that requirement that such are industry led should not prevent Informatics from flagging to relevant industry links.

Also discussion on Societal Challenges pillar; 2014 and 2015 topics already announced, 600-800 range. BF already done preliminary mapping but this analysis will be refined.

Action
DR/BF/JF on refined analysis

Item 6 – Report on recent Informatics Successes (Paper A)
Discussion of options as per Paper A.

Action
EE to inform College
Actioned

ITEM 3 – Recruitment of EPSRC Strategy Advisory Bodies (Steve Renals)

There was discussion about the Strategy Advisory Bodies and nominations/self-nominations for the various panels. It was thought that Dave is on the ICT SAT panel.

Action
SV to speak with DR re nomination request for Engineering
Action
SR to speak with Mike Fourman re Digital Economy Advisory Group

ITEM 4 – Discussion on Standard Charges added to grant proposals (Paper A, Jane Hillston)

After discussion it was determined that the School should contribute as much as possible so that the grant is ‘balanced’.

Action
EE to speak with DR re the School’s contribution then email answer to Committee

ITEM 5 – Report on recent informatics research successes (Paper B)

Discussion of options as per Paper A

Action
EE to verify with DR the background to the EK grant
Action
EE to inform College
ITEM 6 – Any other business

PURE
There was clarification about the status of PURE in relation to staff profiles.

Action
TT will resend the PURE instruction email

ITEM 7 – Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is Monday, 3 February 2014, 12:00 pm in the Turing Room.