MINUTES OF MEETING
of the
RESEARCH COMMITTEE
held on
Monday, 2 June 2014
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Turing Room

Present:
Jacques Fleuriot (Chair), Nigel Goddard, Marcus Guhe, Jane Hillston, Neil McGillivray, Steve Renals, Dave Robertson, Alan Smaill, Tamise Totterdell, Marjorie Dunlop
(Secretary)

Apologies: Mike O’Boyle

AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM 1 – Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the meeting of 5 May 2014 were approved.

Item 5 – H2020 preparation
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
(In progress)
Actioned

ITEM 2 – Matters arising (from meeting of 5 May 2014)

Item 3 – Update on Horizon 2020 applications across Informatics (Paper A)
CSE via Bob Fisher is encouraging people to submit more applications. Suggestions include: raising consciousness via P&DR; giving advanced notice via email; sending status of previous rounds; looking a year ahead across all call deadlines and advising; tapping into ILCC PMs knowledge about EU grants; understanding by Institutes from their points of view; engaging with consortia in one way or another; understanding research and the landscape; having connections; helping younger researchers; having longer term planning especially for European collaborations.

Action
JO to ask Steve Renals for anything he can share internally with Committee/other HoIs
Actioned

Action
JF to send suitable list for forthcoming calls of discussion at next meeting
Actioned
Action
JF to send out email with advice as to how to register as experts/databases (for remuneration)
Actioned

Item 4 – CSE Research challenges: 5-10 years (Paper B)
There was discussion about requirements of the paper.

Action
JF to send email asking ‘who is the audience/what is the function’
Actioned

Action
JF to send reminder email re PURE and include link to document
Actioned

Action
TT to send PURE reminder email to JF
Actioned

Item 5 – REF 2020 Open access policy update (Paper C)
TT clarified the policy.

Item 6 – Any other business
a) Annual impact competition
   Action
   JF to speak with Mike Fourman (incoming Director of Research) re competition

   c) Technical Reports
   TT will explore this further with the Library.
   Action
   TT to report back at next meeting
   Actioned

   d) Profile Pages
   These need ongoing work and support.
   Action
   TT to send updated lists of names (those still to submit) to HoIs
   Action
   HoIs to advise their people as to who is still to submit

   f) Data management
   Indications are that the provision for ‘store’ for the School may be different.
   Action
   JF to ask Perdita Stevens to attend the next Strategy Committee meeting on 28 May and provide an update
   Actioned (via Alastair)
ITEM 3 – Upcoming Horizon 2020 calls relevant to Informatics (Papers A1, A2)

There was discussion about the various calls and suitability of such to the various institutes and their research.

ITEM 4 – Comments on (draft clarifications of) EPSRC expectations on research data management (Paper B)

The expectations were reviewed. General comments were that College/University should convey the ground rules to the Schools and that the Consultation document should be included in the induction for new faculty and new PhD students.

a) Expectation III
Query as to “what is research data?” The assumption is that this is data supporting publications.

Action
JF to clarify with RF

ITEM 5 – Update on Technical Report series (Paper C)

There was discussion about the options; it was decided that option 2 was preferable. It was decided that there should be two boards:

Advisor Board (faculty consisting of DoIs or nominee)
Editorial Board (PhD students representing all institutes)

Action
JF and TT to write ‘blurb’ to send to DoIs to recruit PhD students

ITEM 6 – Report on recent Informatics research successes (Paper D)

There was discussion of options as to Paper D.

Action
NMcG to inform College

Action
TT to consult with owners of grants then put all/some in newsletter

There was discussion about grant awards (how many grants have been recently submitted; how many have been rejected; which funding bodies)

Action
JF to query Julie Young
ITEM 7 - Any other business

a) Space
There was discussion about space.

b) Data Share
There was discussion/clarification about Data Share/Data Store.

ITEM 8 – Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be in September 2014, date and time to be advised.