

GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY

RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 January 2014

PRESENT: Professor A. De Ruyter, Professor C. Donaldson, Professor P. Flowers, Dr L. Gray, Professor D. Harrison, Professor M. Mannion (Chair), Professor J. Marshall, Professor S. McMeekin, Professor B. Steves, Professor J. Tombs, Professor J. Woodburn

APOLOGIES: Professor D. Greenhalgh, Professor B. Hughes, Professor D. Smith, Professor V. Webster, Professor J. Wilson

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P. Woods (Secretary)

MINUTES

013.074 Considered: The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2013 (**REC13/16/1**) and the special meeting held on 9 January 2014 (**REC13/17/1**).

013.075 Resolved: That the minutes be approved as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

Revised Composition and Membership (*Arising on RCM013.066*)

013.076 Reported: By the Secretary that nominations were being sought to fill the vacancies in the membership.

CHAIR'S REPORT

PhD Studentships

013.077 Reported: By the Chair that the arrangements for this year would be issued shortly and the process would be managed by the Associate Deans and Research Institute Directors.

REF Update

013.078 Considered: A note from the chair of the Universities Scotland REF Managers' Group on research case study (REF3b) confidentiality (**REC13/18/1**).

013.079 Reported: By Professor Marshall that the note contained advice from Prof. Michael Rayner (Chair of Universities Scotland REF Managers' Group) on the position of Universities Scotland Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee that REF Impact Case studies should remain confidential although summary information of a general nature regarding an institutions research work could be released without flagging any particular research as a REF impact case study.

013.080 Received: REF Audit arrangements and actions (**REC13/19/1**).

013.081 Reported: By Professor Marshall that the audit process had begun and further requests could be expected in the coming months. A random staff sample audit for UoA 30 (History) had already been returned to the REF Audit team. The REF Audit team allowed 10 days for a response and Professor Marshall would liaise with the relevant UoA Lead where appropriate.

013.082 Resolved: That the update is noted.

RESEARCH LEADERSHIP SERIES

013.083 Considered: The forward programme of the Graduate School/Academic Research Development Research Leadership Series (**REC13/23/1**).

013.084 Reported: By Professor Marshall that this was the latest forward programme of events and it was intended to repeat this later in the year and tailor events to University needs. It related to the activity outlined in the University's successful application to the HR Excellence in Research Award.

013.085 Resolved: Members welcomed the programme.

SCOTTISH FUNDING COUNCIL (SFC) FUNDING AND POLICY REVIEW/SEARCH POOLING (raised from part C)

013.086 Considered: A Universities Scotland RKEC paper on SFC Research and KE funding and policy review (**REC13/20/1**) and Scottish Funding Council plans for research pooling (**REC13/21/1**).

013.087 Reported: By Professor Marshall that these issues had been subject to discussion at the Universities Scotland Research and Knowledge Exchange Committee. The intentions signalled by the Scottish Funding Council were for flat spend up 2016-17 across the board.

Research pools were discussed and it was noted that there would only be limited support for existing "successful" research pools. Matched funding from HEIs was proposed for continued membership of any pools. GCU were members of 2 pools, Glasgow Research Partnership in Engineering (GRPE) and Scottish Informatics and Computer Science Alliance (SICSA). Professor Marshall also informed members that due to the lack of SFC funding there may be new opportunities for the University to collaborate in research pools.

013.088 Reported: By Professor Marshall that the GCU report to GRPE had been submitted.

EUROPEAN RESEARCH - EU HORIZON 2020 (raised from part C)

013.089 Considered: EU changes to eligibility of payments to individuals (**REC13/22/1**).

013.090 Reported: By Professor Marshall that this was specifically about additional remuneration to staff working on EU Horizon 2020 projects. It would perhaps be advisable to consider in context of the University's rewards and incentives policy.

013.090 Resolved: That the Head of European Programmes is invited to a future meeting to discuss these issues.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

GSBS Research Day

013.091 Reported: By Professor de Ruyter that the School's research day was on 4 February 2014.

Graduate School Showcase Event

013.092 Reported: By Professor Steves that the showcase event would be on 12 March 2014.

Graduate School Research Staff Mentoring Scheme

013.093 Reported: By Professor Steves that the Graduate School was piloting a mentoring scheme to support research staff career development. The pilot was voluntary.

013.094 Discussion: Members felt that there may be value in a mentoring scheme but felt that there had to be strong linkage to the University Research Strategy. Cross discipline mentors were also thought to be valuable.

013.095 Resolved: That the issue is revisited at a future meeting

IP for PhD Students

013.096 Reported: By Professor McMeekin asked for clarification on the University's policy.

013.097 Reported: By Professor Marshall that the University had no rights on student IP without a formal agreement being in place.

SCHOOL RESEARCH COMMITTEE MINUTES

013.098 Received : GSBS Research Committee minutes 5 December 2013 (**GSBSRC/16**)

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