



Department of Governance

<b>GLASGOW CALEDONIAN UNIVERSITY</b>		
<b>UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COMMITTEE</b>		
Minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2019		
<b>Present:</b>	Professor K. Currie, Professor C. Donaldson (Chair), Professor L. Elliot, Professor R. Emmanuel, Dr L. Gray, Professor J. Harris, Professor B. Hughes, Dr D. Lukic, Ms Y. Ogedengbe, Professor B. Steves	
<b>In attendance:</b>	Ms M. Daly, Ms D. Donaldson, Mr R. Ruthven, Mr P Woods (Secretary)	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Mr M. Anderson, Professor R. Clougherty, Professor O. Pahl, Dr J. Thomson	
<b>MINUTES</b>		
<b>018.085</b>	<b>Considered</b>	The unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2019 ( <b>REC18/17/01</b> ).
<b>018.086</b>	<b>Resolved</b>	That the minutes be approved as a correct record.
<b>MATTERS ARISING</b>		
<b>Research Data Management (arising on 018.065)</b>		
<b>018.087</b>	<b>Reported</b>	By Mr Ruthven that an infrastructure bid based on the URC paper had been submitted as part of the planning round.
<b>REF 2021</b>		
<b>018.088</b>	<b>Considered</b>	An update on the REF 2021 Code of Practice ( <b>REC18/20/01</b> ).
<b>018.089</b>	<b>Reported</b>	By the Chair that the consultation had produced a good set of responses and it had been a useful exercise in helping to clarify REF definitions, particularly in relation to significant responsibility for research and research independence.  The Code will now go to the SFC in April following consideration by the Executive Board.
<b>018.090</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	Members agreed it had been a good consultation process and it was hoped it would help ensure that the document would be suitable for SFC. It was noted that some minor changes were still possible e.g. from proofreading, or EB

		requirements.
018.091	Resolved	That the update be noted.
<b>RESEARCH INTEGRITY CONCORDAT</b>		
018.092	Considered	Proposed refresh of the Concordat and consultation ( <b>REC18/19/01</b> ).
018.093	Reported	By Secretary that UUK decided to revise the Concordat and had circulated the draft for consultation. The main proposed changes were summarized in the executive summary.
018.094	Discussion	Members acknowledged that the changes of emphasis meant a possible refresh in some areas of University procedure. Specifically members asked if the research integrity training aspect was embedded enough in the University.  Professor Steves responded that the new DARE group for research training would be considering these matters and that, for PGR students, research integrity was embedded at induction.
018.095	Resolved	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To raise research integrity training with the DARE Steering Group.</li> <li>2. To consider potential amendments to University procedure as required.</li> </ol> <b>(Action: Committee Secretary/Director Graduate School)</b>
<b>PGR STUDENT SURVEYS</b>		
018.096	Considered	Proposed new questions to include in institutional survey of PGR Students which is replacing PRES ( <b>REC18/21/01</b> ).
018.097	Reported	By Professor Steves that the internal survey replacing PRES would take place in 2019. The intention was to broadly mirror PRES but to contextualize for GCU.
018.098	Discussion	The Students' Association member commented that the proposed questions were comprehensive but that the PRES research culture questions had been reduced. She thought that this should be reinstated or perhaps rephrased. She also felt that a section on Student Voice might be useful.  Other members agreed that there should be more questions on research culture.  Another member asked if there would be F/T and P/T contextual questions. Professor Steves replied that that this was likely to be included.
018.099	Resolved	That the Director Graduate School consult further with GCUSA on final form of questions ( <b>Action: Director Graduate School</b> ).
<b>ENHANCEMENT LED INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW (ELIR) – PGRS CONTEXT</b>		
018.100	Considered	ELIR4 context in relation to the postgraduate research student experience ( <b>REC18/22/01</b> )
018.101	Reported	By Professor Steves that this item was intended to make URC aware of the preparations for ELIR4 and the key dates for the review which would encompass

		the PGR student experience. It included categories the ELIR Panel would be looking at as part of the review. Professor Steves informed members that colleagues from RDC and the research networks may be called upon to contribute at various stages of the preparations.
<b>018.102</b>	<b>Resolved</b>	That the update be noted.
<b>LIVE ISSUES</b>		
<b>PGR Student contracts</b>		
<b>018.103</b>	<b>Reported</b>	By the Chair that the matter had been raised recently at Executive Board, having fallen into in abeyance some time ago. There was support in principle, as had been reported previously and EB agreed that the project should be reactivated with the Chief Operating Officer taking it forward in association with the Director of People.
<b>RESEARCH DEGREES COMMITTEE</b>		
<b>018.104</b>	<b>Received</b>	The confirmed minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2018 ( <b>RDC18/11/01</b> ).
<b>REF 2021 MANAGEMENT GROUP</b>		
<b>018.105</b>	<b>Received</b>	Confirmed minutes of the REF 2021 Management Group meeting on 2 November 2018 ( <b>RMG18/04/01</b> ).
<b>SCHOOL RESEARCH COMMITTEES</b>		
<b>018.106</b>	<b>Received:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Confirmed minutes of the SCEBE RC meeting 19 September 2018 (<b>SCEBE/RC/18/07</b>).</li> <li>2. Confirmed minutes of the SCEBE RC meeting 28 November 2018 (<b>SCEBE/RC/18/13</b>).</li> <li>3. Confirmed minutes of the SHLS RC meeting 25 September 2018 (<b>HLSRC/18/02/01</b>).</li> <li>4. Confirmed minutes of the GSBS RC meeting 19 September 2018 (<b>GSBS/RC/18/03</b>)</li> <li>5. Confirmed minutes of the GSBS RC meeting 12 December 2018 (<b>GSBS/RC/18/05</b>)</li> </ol>
<b>PLAN S – OPEN ACCESS</b>		
<b>018.107</b>	<b>Received:</b>	Notification of an important development in scholarly publication and open access ( <b>REC18-23-01</b> ).