

**GOLDSMITHS
University of London**

ACADEMIC BOARD

**RESEARCH AND KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER COMMITTEE
1 March 2007**

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2007

Present: Professor Simon McVeigh (in the Chair), Professor Howard Caygill, Professor Scott Lash, Professor Carrie Paechter, Dr Len Platt, Professor Maria Shevtsova, Professor Robert Zimmer, Ms Lynda Agili (Secretary)

Apologies: Professor Angela McRobbie, Professor Nirmala Rao

In attendance: Research Office Secretary

OPEN BUSINESS

40 GOLDSMITHS CODE OF PRACTICE AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY BRIEFING

Received:

the Goldsmiths Code of Practice, outlining the procedures that have been adopted during the dry-run (A; 06-134) and the Equality and Diversity briefing (B; 07-120)

Noted:

- (i) that the Code of Practice and Equality and Diversity briefing were read and considered by all members at the beginning of the meeting
- (ii) that provision could be made for a reduced number of outputs for early career researchers, or staff with special circumstances such as those identified in the Code of Practice

41 PROCESS AND FEEDBACK

Received:

an oral report from the Chair on the processes to be undertaken following the recommendations of the Committee

Noted:

- (i) that following the assessment, RKTC recommendations would be taken to SMT and the Warden who would make provisional decisions on departmental submissions
- (ii) that decisions would be communicated to all staff members by letter and that staff would be invited to discuss outcomes with their Head of Department or the member of staff responsible for the departmental submission

42 BROAD STRATEGIC ISSUES

Received:

an oral report from the Chair on the broad strategic issues underlying RAE 2008 and the College's aims for each UoA, bearing in mind the College strategic aim of '2.5 average in all areas, 3 or better in some'

Noted:

- (i) that RAE 2008 had raised the level of assessment from previous exercises and that the current lowest graded level of 1* represented work deemed to be nationally recognised
- (ii) that there was no indication how funding would be distributed following the assessment, but it was generally considered that there would be at best minimal funding for 1* work and consequently it was unlikely many institutions would submit outputs at this level
- (iii) that decisions were further complicated by Departmental gradings in RAE 2001; consequently in some UoAs College would be seeking to enter only work deemed to be tending towards 3*, since it was strategically vital to maintain Goldsmiths reputation in the final RAE to be assessed principally by peer review

43 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Noted:

The Chair thanked all members of RKTC for the work and time they had committed to supporting the dry run assessment

44 NEXT MEETING

The next full RKTC will be held on Wednesday 9 May at 2.00pm in DTHB 110

RESERVED BUSINESS

45 RAE DRY RUN ASSESSMENT

Received:

the outcomes of the RAE dry run exercise (C; 07-121)

Resolved

- (i) that College should make a submission to all UoAs assessed in the dry run exercise
- (ii) the selection of staff for inclusion based on dry run assessments