

**GOLDSMITHS
University of London**

ACADEMIC BOARD

RESEARCH AND ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meetings held on 19 May 2011 and 14 June 2011

Present: 19 May: Professor Jane Powell (in the Chair), Professor Catherine Alexander, Professor Les Back, Professor Len Platt, Professor Irit Rogoff, Professor Maria Shevtsova, Professor Robert Zimmer, Ms Lynda Agili (Secretary)

14 June: Professor Jane Powell (in the Chair), Professor Catherine Alexander, Professor Les Back, Professor Nick Couldry, Professor Irit Rogoff, Ms Julie Taylor, Ms Lynda Agili (Secretary)

Apologies: 19 May: Professor Nick Couldry, Mr Mike Metelits, Ms Julie Taylor
14 June: Mr Mike Metelits, Professor Len Platt, Professor Maria Shevtsova

In Attendance: 19 May: Ms Diana Lockyer, Personal Assistant/ Pro Warden (Research and Enterprise), Ms Rody Bristow-Jones, Staff Development Officer for Items 6, Mr Justin Davin-Smith, Research Development Officer for Item 7

OPEN BUSINESS

1 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Noted:

(i) Research Grant updates

- (a) that Dr Marian Ursu (Computing Department) has been awarded €630K as part of an EU grant involving six European partners of which he is the overall scientific lead. The project, "VConnect", aims to develop social networking/video conferencing capabilities.
- (b) that Professor Mark d'Inverno, (Computing Department) has been awarded a £204K grant from EPSRC as part of the European Coordinated Research on Long-term Challenges in Information and Communication Sciences & Technologies (ERA-Net). The grant is held in collaboration with The Artificial Intelligence Research Institute (IIIA) of the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) and the Institute de Recherche en Informatique de Toulouse; it will undertake Autonomic Software Engineering for online cultural experiences
- (c) that Dr Silvia de Zordo (Anthropology Department) has been awarded a Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowship of €210K for a project entitled "Conscientious objection in the UK and Italy: a qualitative study of health providers' perspectives on abortion"
- (d) that the AHRC has awarded three collaborative doctoral training awards (approx £60K each) to the following academic staff who will supervise doctoral students working with external organisations:

- Professor Dennis Atkinson (Educational Studies Department) working with Tate Modern
 - Dr Barley Norton (Music Department) working with the Asian Music Circuit
 - Dr Mick Grierson (Computing Department) working with the Science Museum
- (e) that Dr David Graeber (Anthropology Department) has been awarded a British Academy Mid Career Fellowship of £126K to study “Culture as Creative Refusal: A New Anthropological Approach to World History”
- (f) that Professor Vicky Bell (Sociology Department) has been awarded an AHRC Fellowship of £75K to develop her work on “Visual Art and Justice in Transitional Argentina (post 1983)”
- (g) that Professors Les Back (Sociology), Celia Lury (Sociology) and Robert Zimmer (Computing) have been awarded a grant of £24K by the ESRC National Centre for Research Methods for a project entitled “Real Time Research”
- (h) that two of the applicants for the European Research Council starting grants have been invited to interview – Dr Kirsten Cambell (Sociology Department) for her project “The Gender of Justice” and Dr Atau Tanaka (Computing Department) for his project “Meta-Gesture Music: Social, Interactive, Musical Instruments”

2 MINUTES

Resolved:

to approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 24 February 2011 and 16 March 2011

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

(i) Funding Council Round-Up

A proposal is being developed to increase staffing provision in RO with the aim of enhancing Goldsmiths’ capacity to make strongly competitive applications for external research funding; it will be considered by SMT later this term.

Although the bid led by Goldsmiths for an AHRC Knowledge Exchange Hub was unsuccessful, the College is a partner in another bid which has been shortlisted and will be led by QMUL if successful. Thanks are extended to Ms Julie Taylor and Professor Zimmer for leading and co-ordinating Goldsmiths’ input to this call.

(ii) Support for REF outputs

SMT has agreed to provide some buy-out support for academic staff who are nominated by their HoD on the basis of having a very strong output which, with such support, would be published in time for REF submission. The Pro-Warden Research & Enterprise is liaising with departments about this and will be the conduit for nominations.

(iii) Revised procedures for approval of external research funding applications

Since no amendments to the revised procedures have been forthcoming the newly developed External Research Funding form (ERF) will be finalised in the summer term and replace the FIR1 form from August 2011

(iv) Departmental Research Strategies and Governance Responsibilities

Most DRC chairs have now notified RO of which staff members in their departments have responsibility for specific research issues. RO will contact those which have not provided full information before the end of the summer term to ensure that all have identified their arrangements for comprehensive governance of their research activities

(v) LCACE membership

The reduced budget for the Business Development Office (BDO) has led to a decision against renewing Goldsmiths' membership of LCACE (annual subscription £20K).

4 RESEARCH EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK (REF) UPDATE

Received:

Details of HEFCE REF documents due to be published in July 2011 (11-282)

Noted:

- (i) that SMT had endorsed the recommendation of the REF Advisory Panel that Goldsmiths' strategic aim relating to the REF should be to maintain our overall position in the top quartile of UK universities and to be placed in the top five for at least three units of assessment
- (ii) that there is a potential tension between raising research reputation/profile and maximising the QR income allocated according to REF activity profiles, and that we should consider developing different approaches across Goldsmiths' units of assessment to reflect variations in current standing and departmental research strategies
- (iii) that the REF Guidance on Submissions, as well as the draft Criteria and Working Methods from the four separate panels, would be published in July 2011 and be subject to consultation
- (iv) that a Code of Practice on staff selection must be submitted by all institutions to the REF Equality and Diversity Advisory Panel by July 2012; and in relation to this, that departments should ensure that all eligible members of staff whose contracts include research have been fairly considered for REF entry

Resolved:

- (i) to ensure that all departments engage with the draft Panel Criteria and Working Methods consultation and provide comments via RO to inform the Goldsmiths response in early October

5 SHORTLISTED IMPACT CASE STUDIES FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK

Received:

(a) guidance from the REF Impact Pilot Exercise for reformatting sample Case Studies; (b) guidance to departments for short listing and developing Impact Case Studies; (c) a tabulation of the shortlisted Impact Case Studies received from departments; (d) draft forms for providing evaluation and feedback on case studies (Appendix A) and a proposed rating system for awarding Impact Enhancement Funding (Appendix B) (11-203)

Noted:

- (i) that the impact case studies used for illustrative purposes from the HEFCE Impact Pilot exercise were likely to be 4* examples and therefore challenging to emulate
- (ii) that departments would need additional support to develop not only the impact case studies but also longer-term “impact strategies” for developing and capturing the impact of some parts of their research activity
- (ii) that it would be desirable to develop a systematic approach to tracking and tracing evidence of impact throughout the lifespan of a research project, and that it would be helpful to share examples of good practice
- (iii) that the Goldsmiths Research Online (GRO) team are participating in a JISC-funded project, “Measuring Impact under CERIF” (MICE), which is developing indicators of impact across all disciplines. The resulting toolkit may be valuable in supporting Goldsmiths’ approach to impact.
- (iv) that REC had approximately £30K available to spend on Impact Enhancement Funding and had invited applications from staff leading shortlisted case studies

Resolved

- (i) to organise a separate meeting of REC to discuss the shortlisted impact case studies and associated funding requests
- (ii) to approve (a) the draft forms for providing evaluation and feedback on Impact Case Studies and (b) the proposed rating system for applications for Impact Enhancement Funding

6 CONCORDAT IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (CIG)

Received:

A presentation from Ms Rody Bristow Jones, Staff Development Officer, outlining the activities of the Concordat Implementation Group (CIG) in 2010-11 and associated plans for 2011-12

Noted:

- (i) that the CIG had held regular meetings throughout 10-11, and that its membership includes contract researchers, academics with responsibility for line managing early

career researchers, and staff from the Research Office, Graduate School, Staff Development Unit, and the Careers Service

- (ii) that the group is developing a Code of Practice which it aims to finalise during the early part of the 2011/12 academic year; it is important that academic departments engage with the Code and are aware of their responsibilities to provide researchers at all levels with appropriate support for developing their careers
- (iii) that Goldsmiths' REF environment narratives should demonstrate engagement with the Concordat and associated strategies for developing research staff
- (iv) that CIG activities are strongly informed by VITAE, a national organisation supported by the RCUK Research Careers and Diversity Unit; it has recently launched a Researcher Development Framework which may prove valuable in helping departments think about their support mechanisms and processes
- (v) that during 2011/12 a staff member will be employed to undertake a "mapping and gapping" exercise to identify areas of good practice across the college and to highlight where further development is needed. These findings, and subsequent enhancements, will provide the basis for a future application by Goldsmiths for the EU Commission's 'HR excellence in research' accreditation.

Resolved

- (i) to encourage all contract researchers to complete the Careers in Research Online Survey (CROS) and eligible academic staff to complete the Principal Investigators and Research Leaders Survey (PIRLS). These will enable Goldsmiths to benchmark its provision and shape future training programmes and strategies for researcher development.

7 EUROPEAN RESEARCH STRATEGY

Received:

A draft European Research Strategy presented by Mr Justin Davin-Smith, Research Development Officer (11-204)

Noted:

- (i) that since European Union funding is becoming a significant source of external research income for Goldsmiths it is imperative to establish and co-ordinate a strategy to maximise success rates and manage projects well
- (ii) that the draft strategy highlights the importance of interdisciplinary communication, of celebrating and learning from successes, and of encouraging academic staff to engage with the funding mechanisms
- (iii) that currently the College's humanities departments are not taking full advantage of the opportunities, particularly those offered by the European Research Council
- (iv) that Marie Curie Schemes provide funding for PhD studentships which could help to offset recent reductions in RCUK studentships

- (v) that numerous private foundations across Europe provide funding for cultural and creative activities; these should be identified and publicised by RO
- (vi) that more intensive central support is required for EU research applications than for those to the research councils; to increase EU awards would therefore require increased allocation of time and resource in such support.

Recommended

- (i) to consider carefully the financial investments that would be required to implement the strategy set against the potential income that could be generated

8 RESEARCH ETHICS AND INTEGRITY

Received:

a report outlining recent work undertaken by Research Ethics Sub Committee and a proposed revision to the Goldsmiths Research Ethics Code of Practice (11-283)

Noted:

- (i) that across academic departments there is patchy commitment to engaging with issues of research ethics and integrity; whilst all have designated a research ethics representative, meetings are not well attended
- (ii) that the importance of attention to ethical issues in research should be taught at all levels and across all disciplines
- (iii) that notable changes to the Code of Practice included:
 - (a) recognition that some College research does involve animals, albeit not usually in laboratory contexts, and that ethics approval for such research is required
 - (b) that researchers must understand that consent to participate in research is an ongoing process, whether or not written approval has been obtained at the outset, and that participants must be clearly permitted to withdraw at any stage
- (iv) that there is currently no consistent protocol for conducting risk assessments in advance of field research being undertaken by students or staff, and that Department Research Committees should put in place appropriate mechanisms to anticipate and mitigate potential problems. The RO will liaise with departments concerning current practice during the next academic year with a view to developing a systematic approach.
- (v) that RO has put in place a number of systems to streamline the processing of ethics applications, and now has a database of outcomes.

Resolved:

- (i) that one of the 2011/12 DRC network meetings will address research ethics issues, and in particular clarifying the roles and responsibilities of departments in ensuring that research conducted by their staff and students adheres to high ethical standards
- (ii) to incorporate within Ethics application forms questions regarding risk assessment

- (iii) that the Graduate School and RO will advise on risk assessment issues relating to field research, liaising as appropriate with the College's Health and Safety Officer
- (iv) to approve the proposed changes to the Code of Practice

9 CENTRES AND UNITS REPORTS

Received:

Triennial Reports for Research Centres and Units, and Departmental Summaries of Annual Reports on Centres and Units (11-205)

Noted:

- (i) that triennial reports had been received from all of the Research Centres and Units scheduled to submit them this year, with the exception of the Centre for Contemporary Music Cultures which has been given an extension until the Autumn term in light of some internal changes within the Music department
- (ii) the following comments and decisions of REC in relation to each of the reports:

(a) Pinter Centre [Head: Professor Gordon, Drama]

that the Centre was operating successfully and providing an active programme of interdisciplinary events and performances

that REC endorsed the Drama Department's recommendation that the Centre should continue without any major change in remit, structure, or function

(b) Centre for Postcolonial Studies [Heads: Professors Seth and Dutton, Politics]

that although the Centre had potential for cross-departmental activity, at present there was no evidence that staff from any departments other than Politics are involved either strategically (via membership of the Advisory Board) or operationally. It is therefore currently meeting the criteria for a Unit rather than a Centre.

that the Chair would liaise with the heads of the Centre setting out the options of either reclassifying it as a unit or relaunching it as a centre with the active involvement of colleagues from at least one other department. The latter option will require a formal reapplication to REC.

(c) Centre for Research Architecture [Head: Dr Weizman, Visual Cultures]

that the Centre has been successful in raising external grant income, is associated with a well-recruiting MA programme, and has a large number of affiliated PhD students supervised by Dr. Weizman.

that from the report it appears that Dr. Weizman is the only staff member actively engaged with the Centre, and that there is no active involvement of staff from other departments in its activities; currently it therefore meets the criteria for a Unit rather than a Centre

that although the Centre has representation from other disciplines (Art, Sociology) on its Advisory Board, there needs to be more evidence of active cross-departmental activity for it to retain its status as a Centre

that the Chair would liaise with the Head of the Centre and with the Head of Visual Cultures concerning its future status, and a decision will be made by REC in light of this information at one of next year's meetings.

(d) Centre for Urban and Community Research (CUCR) [Head: Professor Caroline Knowles, Sociology]

that the Centre is operating effectively in all respects, despite a change in leadership and a recent decline in grant income; that it has cross-departmental involvement; and that the Sociology Department recommends its continuation

that REC endorsed the Sociology Department's recommendation that the Centre should continue without any major change in remit, structure, or function

(e) Centre for Visual Anthropology [Head: Professor Nugent, Anthropology]

that whilst the Centre appears very active and involved in a range of projects with external bodies and other Goldsmiths departments including CCS, it does not currently identify formal membership from any other departments nor have representation from other departments on its Advisory Board

that in order to retain its status as a Centre, it should formalise its connections with at least one other department; it was noted that there would appear to be potential for membership from not only CCS but also Sociology, Art, Visual Cultures, Music, and Media & Comms

that the Centre might also consider extending its external membership

that the Chair would liaise with the Head of the Centre and with the Head of Anthropology concerning the preceding points, and that a decision concerning its future status will be made by REC in light of this information at one of next year's meetings.

(f) Anomalistic Psychology Research (APU) [Head of Unit: Professor French, Psychology]

that the APU remains highly active and is operating very successfully

that REC endorsed the Psychology Department's recommendation that the APU should continue without any major change in remit, structure, or function

(g) Research Unit in Government and Democracy (RUGD) [Head: Dr Levy, Politics]

that the RUGD was dormant between 2007-10, but that the Head intends to re-launch it during the coming academic year.

that the RGUD needs to establish a distinctive agenda from other Centres and Units based in the Politics Department, and that it is considering foregrounding European political issues in order to reflect the interests and expertise of its staff

that the RGUD should be required to submit a report on progress at the end of next academic year

(h) Technology Education Research Unit (TERU) [Heads: Professors Kimbell and Stables, Design]

that the TERU remains active, and has generated considerable external income

that it has full departmental support

that REC endorsed the Design Department's recommendation that the TERU should continue without any major change in remit, structure, or function

- (iii) that annual reports from most other Units and Centres had been considered within their departments, with approval given by their Heads of Department in all cases, with no specific concerns or reservations
- (iv) The exception to this was the Centre for Cognition, Computation and Culture (currently led by Professor Wiggins in the Computing Department). This report had not been formally considered or approved by the Department, though had raised a number of concerns which needed departmental comment. The Chair will liaise with the Heads of Computing and Psychology (the two principal participating departments) to seek clarification.

10 BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICE UPDATE

Received:

an oral report from Ms Julie Taylor on the HEIF5 strategy

Noted:

that the HEIF5 institutional strategy needed to be submitted to HEFCE by the end of July and would be circulated for comment before submission

11 CENTRE FOR CREATIVE COLLABORATION (C4CC)

Received:

a report from Mr Mike Metelits on the evaluation of Goldsmiths' participation in the Centre for Creative Collaboration (C4CC) (11-284)

Noted:

that the C4CC had not been used by staff in many departments, and that the facilities needed to be more widely promoted

Resolved:

that a decision concerning future Goldsmiths' investment in the C4CC should be informed by a systematic review of the value gained to date as well as the potential for utilising its facilities more effectively

12 GRADUATE SCHOOL

Received:

an oral report from the Dean of Graduate School [Professor Back]

Noted:

ESRC Doctoral Training Centre [DTC]

- (i) that Professor Pickering from the Psychology Department has been appointed Academic Director of the DTC, which involves students and staff from Goldsmiths and QMUL. Procedures are being developed in preparation for the first intake of ESRC funded students in September.

Internally Funded Doctoral Studentships

- (ii) that Professor Back was developing a proposal for consideration by SMT, making a case for investment in a continuation of last year's scheme with college contributions to studentships for which an academic department had generated a significant element of funding
- (iv) that the Graduate School would work with the Development Office to explore the potential for funding PhD studentships through donations from private organisations / foundations

Resolved:

- (i) that Professor Back would provide an update on progress with studentships in the Autumn Term

13 ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS POLICY

Received:

the revised Academic Publications Policy (11-70R)

Noted:

that the policy had been revised to require Departmental Research Committees to approve the quality of manuscripts prior to acceptance for publication by Goldsmiths

Resolved:

to approve the revised strategy

14 RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY HORIZON SCANNING

Received and noted:

a report of major research initiatives currently open for application (11-206)

15 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Noted:

i the following periods of paid leave approved by Chair's action:

- (a) Dr. B. Alleyne, Dept of Sociology (26.09.11 – 16.12.11)
- (b) Dr. B. Buckley, Dept of Politics (09.01.12 – 23.03.12)
- (c) Dr. M. Canova-Green, Dept of English and Comparative Literature (23.04.12 – 14.06.12)
- (d) Mr. T. Dowmunt, Dept of Media and Communications (26.09.11 – 16.12.11)
- (e) Dr. J. Dragovic-Soso, Dept of Politics (09.01.12 – 23.03.12)
- (f) Mr. J. Ginman, Dept of Drama (26.09.11 – 30.03.12)
- (g) Mr. S. Knight, Dept of English and Comparative Literature (26.09.11 – 16.12.11)
- (h) Dr. R. Lee, Dept of History (26.09.11 – 16.12.11)
- (i) Mr. P. Lee-Wright, Dept of Media and Communications (09.01.12 – 23.03.12)
- (j) Prof. A. McRobbie, Dept of Media and Communications (26.09.11 – 16.12.11)
- (k) Prof. M. Michael, Dept of Sociology (26.09.11 – 16.12.11)
- (l) Prof. B. Moore-Gilbert, Dept of English and Comparative Literature (09.01.12 – 23.03.12)
- (m) Dr. R. Pandey, Dept of Politics (09.01.12 – 23.03.12)
- (n) Dr. F. Pine, Dept of Anthropology (26.09.11 – 23.03.12)
- (o) Dr. A Pusca, Dept of Politics (09.01.12 – 23.03.12)
- (p) Dr. A. Rooke, Dept of Sociology (26.09.11 – 16.12.11)
- (q) Dr. M. Rosengarten, Dept of Sociology (02.05.11 – 24.06.11)
- (r) Dr G. Stanton, Dept of Media and Communications (01.09.11 – 31.08.12)
- (s) Dr. B. St Louis, Dept of Sociology (26.09.11 – 16.12.11)
- (t) Dr. A Stouraiti, Dept of History (26.09.11 – 16.12.11)
- (v) Dr. A. Toscano, Dept of Sociology (09.01.12 – 23.03.12)

ii. the following periods of unpaid leave approved by Chair's action:

- (a) Dr. R. Lee, Dept of History (09.01.12 – 31.08,12)

Resolved:

to approve the reports following leave of absence: (11-73)

- (a) Prof V Bell, Dept. of Sociology
- (b) Dr L Boldrini, Dept. of English and Comparative Literature
- (c) Dr J Drever, Dept. of Music
- (d) Prof R Grayson, Dept. of History
- (e) Dr B Gruffydd Jones, Dept. of Politics
- (f) Prof C Knowles, Dept. of Sociology
- (g) Prof S Lash, Centre for Cultural Studies

16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Noted:

Membership changes

that Professor Catherine Alexander would be leaving REC at the end of her term as Chair of Research Ethics Committee in August 2011

that Professor Len Platt had been appointed as the Chair of Research Ethics Committee from September 2010 and would therefore sit on REC as an *ex officio* member during his term of office

that Professor Maria Shevtsova would be leaving REC at the end of her second term of membership in August 2011

that Professor Robert Zimmer would be leaving REC at the end of his second term of membership in August 2011

that Professor Irit Rogoff would be leaving REC at the end of her term of membership in August 2011

that Dr Dejan Djokic of the History Department would join REC to represent Group A departments

that Dr Andrea Phillips of the Art Department would join REC to represent Group B departments

that Dr Elisabeth Hill of the Psychology Department would join REC to represent Group C departments

that Professor Rosalyn George of the Educational Studies Department would join REC to represent Group D departments

Resolved:

to thank Professors Alexander, Rogoff, Shevtsova and Zimmer for their committed and excellent service to REC

17 NEXT MEETINGS

Noted:

2011/12 Meetings

Wednesday, 26 October 2011 at 2.00 pm in 110 DTHB
Thursday, 10 November 2011 at 10.00 am in 110 DTHB
Thursday, 2 February 2012 at 10.00 am in 110 DTHB
Thursday, 16 February 2012 at 2.00 pm in 110 DTHB
Thursday, 26 April 2012 at 2.00 pm in 110 DTHB
Wednesday, 9 May 2012 at 10.00 am in 110 DTHB

LA, October 2011