

**GOLDSMITHS**  
**University of London**  
**ACADEMIC BOARD**  
**RESEARCH AND ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 2013**

**Present:** Professor Jane Powell (in the Chair), Dr Dejan Djokic, Dr Andrea Phillips  
Julie Taylor, Lynda Agili (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Professor Les Back, Professor Nick Couldry, Professor Rosalyn George,  
Professor Elisabeth Hill, Professor Len Platt

**In attendance:** Jessica Pavlos (minutes)

**OPEN BUSINESS**

## **15 MINUTES**

### **Resolved:**

that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2013 (of which this meeting was essentially a continuation) be approved.

## **16 Research Excellence Framework**

The Committee received an update on REF preparations in the wake of the REF panel meeting in June. It was noted that all decisions were still fluid and that the internal REF panel would continue to meet regularly to take account of updated information. The Committee was reminded that impact templates were due in mid-July and Impact Case Studies would be ready early in Autumn term. The Goldsmiths Research Online team were continuing to contact staff members to ensure that all relevant items were included on GRO.

## **17 CENTRES AND UNITS REPORTS**

Received:

- (i) triennial reports from Research Centres and Units and Departmental Annual Report Summaries (13-210).
- (ii) a report on the role and functions of advisory groups (units) and advisory boards (centres) from the Chair

Noted:

- (i) that the following reports were still outstanding:
  - (a) Prospect and Innovation Studios
  - (b) Centre for Caribbean Studies
  - (c) Pinter Centre

(ii) the following points relating to specific centres:

The Centre for Creative and Social Technologies had not as yet delivered on its ambitions in terms of research agenda (which was broadly in line with the research priorities of the research councils) and enterprise activities such as consultancy. As CAST had a great deal of potential as a high profile research and enterprise centre, the Committee would encourage its directors to consider how to best meet this potential and produce a proposal on the topic for the Spring term meeting of Research and Enterprise Committee.

The Centre for the Study of the Balkans had impressive external engagements and was operating well, although it would like to work to increase its external funding. Its Director would consider inviting a co-Director from another department to share the workload associated with the Centre's high level of activity.

The Unit for Global Justice was operating well, with many research applications. The Committee did question why no research outputs were formally attributed to the Unit.

It was noted that the Centre for Language, Culture and Learning only involved one other department (Centre for English Language and Academic Writing) and it would be encouraged to be more cross-departmental and interdisciplinary in future.

The Centre for Russian Music had completed excellent work, but the Committee endorsed the conditions suggested by the Head of Music that the volume of plans be drastically reduced and the focus be on making successful bids for research income.

The Committee discussed whether the advisory board for the Centre for Global Media and Justice could be functioning well, given its large size. It was suggested that the Centre update their plans once new directors were installed.

#### **Resolved:**

- (i) that the Methods Lab be asked to resubmit its application; at the moment there were questions regarding how its activities fit in with those of the Centre for the Study of Invention and Social Processes and why it needed to be formulated as an official Unit.
- (ii) that the Chair's paper on the role and functions of advisory groups and advisory boards would be emailed to Heads of Units and Centres.

#### **18 CONCORDAT IMPLEMENTATION GROUP**

Received:

minutes of the meeting of Concordat Implementation Group held on 20 June 2013.

Noted:

- (i) that in early 2014, the College would need to begin work on the review of progress against the action plan for the Excellence in Research Badge;
- (ii) that Derval Tubridy, Associate Pro Warden (Graduate School) would be invited to join CIG to emphasise the important role the Graduate School played in researcher development.

## **19 OPEN ACCESS COMMUNICATION PLAN**

Received:

a communications plan for informing departments and grant holders about the funding available for Gold Open Access publishing for publications arising from RCUK grants (13-214).

It was noted that the Research Office would convene a meeting of the Open Access Working Group over the summer to further discuss implementation of communications on open access.

## **19 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Committee noted that it was Professor Jane Powell's last meeting, as she was taking up the post of Deputy Warden (with responsibility for Academic Development) in the Autumn term. The Committee was grateful for her work as Chair and wished her well in her new role.

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