

**GOLDSMITHS
University of London**

ACADEMIC BOARD

RESEARCH AND ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2014

- Present:** Professor Mark d'Inverno (in the Chair), Professor Roger Burrows, Professor Sean Cubitt, Professor Rosalyn George, Professor Elisabeth Hill, Professor Janis Jefferies, Dr Andrea Philips (for Items 1 – 5), Julie Taylor, Dr Derval Tubridy, Lynda Agili (Secretary)
- Apologies:** Dr Dejan Djokic, Professor Chris French
- In attendance:** Dr Muriel Swijghuisen, Rosemary Harrison (for Items 6 – 18), Jessica Pavlos (minutes)

OPEN BUSINESS

1 MINUTES

Resolved:

that the Minutes of the meetings held on 20 November 2013 be approved.

2 MATTERS ARISING

Noted:

- (i) re item 6, Values and Value Unit Proposal: that a new Centre was currently being developed around the College's new Politics, Philosophy and Economics programme; it was expected the new Centre for Cultural and Political Economy would be linked with, or would incorporate, VAVU;
- (ii) re item 10, Graduate School:
 - (a) that AHRC CHASE studentships were currently being processed and that the ESRC studentship process had been completed;
 - (b) that preparation for the Graduate Festival, which would run for the fortnight beginning 8 May, was in progress;
 - (c) that the 'European Doctoral Seminar in Culture Criticism and Creativity', a co-operation between Goldsmiths College, Internationales Graduiertenkolleg InterArt / Interart Studies, Freie Universität Berlin and Copenhagen Doctoral School in Cultural Studies, will now be hosted in the Graduate School.
 - (d) that in a future meeting the Committee would discuss possibilities for future Doctoral Training Centres, including looking at forming larger consortia for future bids (similar to the AHRC CHASE model)

3 UPDATE ON RESEARCH FINANCE

The Committee was briefed by the Chair on the planned new structure for Research Finance, which would include the additional of a key strategic Grade 8 post to lead the team. It was expected that in the future Research Finance would be able to work much more closely and more strategically with the Research and Enterprise teams, delivering a more integrated service to academics.

The Chair also explained that two new senior Finance appointments would be made soon and that it was hoped that Research and Enterprise input (at pro warden level) into these appointments would be sought to ensure that the postholders were sympathetic to the research agenda, the arts and humanities perspective, and the needs of a research intensive university.

On an unrelated note, the Committee discussed some of the logistical difficulties they had had in organising conferences in College.

Resolved:

that the Pro Wardens take to SMT a proposal that academic departments should not be charged for room bookings for conference activity on campus.

4 OPEN ACCESS

Received:

an oral report from Muriel Swijghuisen.

Noted:

- (i) that the Chair would set up a working group to encourage staff members to meet their open access requirements through Goldsmiths Research Online, as well as to seek feedback on how staff felt about GRO and how, with design, it could be an invaluable curatorial tool;
- (ii) that Elisabeth Hill would set up an Open Access Group, membership to be confirmed, that would meet soon after Easter to develop the College's Open Access strategy; its terms of reference would include issues such as communication, relation to other College initiatives (such as Goldsmiths Press) and other projects (such as CREATE);
- (iii) that there were issues in terms of how the Graduate School would be able to respond to Open Access (for instance in terms of monographs).

5 RESEARCH AND ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE FUNDS

It was noted that previous years the Research and Enterprise Committee Fund had been used as a replacement for small research grant funding, providing much-needed money for pilot projects and for early career researchers. The Committee discussed how small amounts of money (for instance, as granted by the AHRC Creativeworks London hub) were often only available to members of large consortia, which was why it was important that Goldsmiths continued to build up relationships with other institutions that could lead to further funding opportunities. The Committee agreed that the REC funds would prioritise projects that:

- focused on early career researchers
- seeded relationships with other disciplines and institutions
- would lead to external funding income

It was noted that the amount available for REC funds was fairly small but that it was hoped that there would be more money available in future years, and that that money could be used more strategically.

It was also noted that the College's Enterprise Fund could be used parallel to REC funds to seed relationships with non-academic partners, and for work involving commercialisation and impact-generating activities.

6 HIGHER EDUCATION BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY INTERACTION SURVEY 2012-13 AND OTHER ENTERPRISE ACTIVITIES

Received:

- (i) a report on the College's return to the Higher Education Business and Community Interaction Survey (14-110);
- (ii) a report on activity funded so far through the Goldsmiths Enterprise Fund (14-113);
- (iii) an oral report from Julie Taylor.

Noted:

(i) HE-BCI Return

- (a) as in previous years, the return demonstrated that a high proportion of Goldsmiths' activities involved engagement with business and the community, and that collaborative research continued to be the main source of the College's knowledge exchange income;
- (b) that in line with the continued implementation of the consultancy policy, the College saw an increase in income from consultancy;
- (d) that there had been a decrease in contract research income, largely as a result of a focus on consultancy, but it was expected that contract research opportunities would grow over the next year as the office worked to build strategic partnerships, develop its Innovation Fellows Network and leverage partnerships developed through schemes such as London FUSION;
- (d) that consistent growth in reported income was evidenced in areas in which the Enterprise team had made strategic interventions;

(ii) Review of support for continuing professional development provision

Enterprise had carried out a six-month review of support, promotion and administration of CPD within the College, and were following it with a pilot to test ideas to improve the strategic development of niche high-value courses.

(iii) Goldsmiths Digital

Enterprise had agreed to implement and fund a pro-active strategy for creating additional capacity within the Computing department led by Mick Grierson, supported by the Head of Department. The development of a new unit - Goldsmiths Digital - was proposed. The unit would work closely with the Enterprise department to win contracts through schemes including London FUSION and Knowledge Transfer Partnerships. It was also agreed there would be a

focus on growing the unit in terms of bringing on board other academic staff, students and graduates to work on future projects.

This project was being treated as a pilot to inform College policy and to help departments across College become more responsive to opportunities requiring additional capacity to deliver Enterprise activities, and to deliver a reinvestment into new research through knowledge exchange.

(iv) Events plan

Enterprise had hosted a workshop in February with a group of researchers very active in knowledge exchange activities to seek their input on which partners and sectors Goldsmiths should be targeting, and how best to do so.

Enterprise was currently developing a two-week event in November to launch the new doctoral centre (focusing on gaming) in Computing. The event would feature a seminar presenting the planned activities of the centre, some examples of collaborations already developed with industry, the launch of the new Computer Gaming lab in Hatcham House, and an exhibition in the Church embracing interdisciplinary related research projects across College.

Over the next eighteen months Enterprise would be hosting a series of events to raise the College's profile with non-academic partners in key sectors. These events were expected to lay the groundwork for collaborative research, consultancy and large-scale contract research, with a view to building ongoing strategic partnerships at the College level.

7 RESEARCH EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK EQUALITY ANALYSIS

Received:

an analysis of REF selection decision data, comparing the characteristics of staff selected to submission with the characteristics of all eligible staff (14-112)

It was noted that aggregated across all submissions, the data indicated the following:

Gender: There was no indication of bias, with selection rates of 73% for women and 71% for men.

Age: There were no systematic age-related trends. There was a tendency for younger staff to be more likely to be selected than older staff, but this was not a statistically significant effect.

Ethnicity: There was a modest but statistically non-significant difference in the selection rates for white and BME staff (73% vs 67%).

In addition, it was felt that measures taken to overcome barriers to productivity in some staff had a positive effect in mitigating individual disadvantages where or not these were related to protected characteristics.

Recommended:

that the College pursue Athena SWAN award implementation.

8 IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY FOR RESEARCH INTEGRITY

Received:

a draft strategy on the College's approach to research integrity (14-111).

Noted:

that Committee members felt it was important to retain the word "ethics" in the sub-committee's name.

Resolved:

to discuss this item in more detail at the next meeting of the Committee.

9 DATASETS PROVISIONS OF THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND RELATED ISSUES: IMPLICATIONS FOR GOLDSMITHS

Received:

a report from the Head of Information Management (13-356R)

It was noted that new requirements of the FOI Act meant that "datasets"¹ requested through the FOI Act must be provided, as far as reasonably practicable, to the applicant in an electronic form capable of re-use. It was felt that, as noted by Research Ethics Sub-Committee, it would be difficult to ascertain the volume of research data that constituted "datasets" but that in general staff would benefit from further education and assistance regarding ethics, rigour of anonymisation, data management and other related issues as requestors become more aware of changes to FOI legislation.

It was noted that, as Enterprise was revising the College's Intellectual Property policy, a tighter and more comprehensive definition of the range of Goldsmiths' copyright ownership may be needed, as the operation of the datasets amendments to the FOI Act made it imperative to know where intellectual property was owned.

¹ Definition of a "Dataset" inserted into the Freedom of Information Act (2000) by the Protection of Freedoms Act (2012)

In this Act "dataset" means information comprising a collection of information held in electronic form where all or most of the information in the collection—

- (a) has been obtained or recorded for the purpose of providing a public authority with information in connection with the provision of a service by the authority or the carrying out of any other function of the authority,
- (b) is factual information which—
 - (i) is not the product of analysis or interpretation other than calculation, and
 - (ii) is not an official statistic (within the meaning given by section 6(1) of the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007), and
- (c) remains presented in a way that (except for the purpose of forming part of the collection) has not been organised, adapted or otherwise materially altered since it was obtained or recorded."

10 RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY HORIZON SCANNING

Received:

a report of major research initiatives currently open for application (14-114)

11 NEXT MEETING

Noted:

that the next meeting for 2013-14 would be held on

15 May 2014

Jessica Pavlos
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April 2014