

**GOLDSMITHS  
University of London**

**ACADEMIC BOARD**

**RESEARCH AND ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2014**

**Present:** Professor Mark d'Inverno (in the Chair), Professor Roger Burrows, Professor Sean Cubitt, Dr Dejan Djokic, Professor Chris French, Professor Rosalyn George, Professor Elisabeth Hill Professor Janis Jefferies, Dr Andrea Philips, Julie Taylor, Dr Derval Tubridy, Lynda Agili (Secretary)

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

**OPEN BUSINESS**

**1 MINUTES**

**Resolved:**

that the Minutes of the meetings held on 14 March 2014 be approved, but that the following clause in Item 4 (Open Access):

- (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).

be replaced with:

- (iii) that the decision of the Graduate School Board to extend the embargo on digital upload of PhD theses from 24 months to 36 months to enable students to publish their theses as a monograph in those disciplines where the publication of a monograph was essential to employability.

**2 MATTERS ARISING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Noted:**

- (i) that a new Research Finance Manager had been appointed, and that a programme of Principal Investigator/Research Finance meetings would commence when she was established in her post;
- (ii) that the Open Access launch event with a keynote by David Sweeney (Director of Research, Education and Knowledge Exchange, HECFE) had been very successful, and thanks were due to Elisabeth Hill.

**Resolved:**

to strongly support a request to SMT for additional staff resources for Goldsmiths Research Online. It was felt that as GRO became embedded in the College it would be a focal point for Open Access, communication of research, staff development, and monitoring for REF2020, and as such the capacity and expertise to run it would need to be sustained.

### **3 PROPOSAL TO CONVERT RESEARCH ETHICS SUB-COMMITTEE TO RESEARCH INTEGRITY AND ETHICS SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Received:**

a paper from the Associate Pro Warden (Research Integrity) (14-247)

**Noted:**

- (i) that although student ethics issues were generally handled at a departmental level, it was understood that ultimate responsibility for student ethics was taken by RIESC;
- (ii) that RIESC would review guidelines and policy to map out current practice in relation to research integrity and ethics;
- (iii) that it was clear that some “awareness-raising” was necessary around the College as to the role of the sub-committee, and research integrity and ethics in general.

**Recommended:**

that proposals in this paper, with the amendment that the new Committee be renamed Research Integrity and Ethics Sub-committee, be fed back to the College’s ongoing review of its committee system.

### **4 POLITICAL ECONOMY RESEARCH CENTRE**

**Received:**

a proposal to establish the Political Economy Research Centre (14-249)

**Noted:**

- (i) that Professor Andrea Phillips should be added to the membership list;
- (ii) that the proposal presented an opportunity to establish a unique Goldsmiths vision and profile on economics, drawing together a great deal of distinctive activities and expertise within the College and beyond.

**Resolved:**

that the Committee would commit funds requested for launch and publicity.

**Recommended:**

that the Centre be established.

### **5 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY POLICY**

**Received:**

a paper detailing revisions to the College’s intellectual property policy (14-250)

The Committee noted that the main change to the College's intellectual property regulations was in relation to IP generated or created by students in the course of their studies, which would no longer be claimed by the College outside of the limited circumstances detailed in the paper.

It was noted that the position for staff IP was largely unchanged but that the revenue-sharing arrangements had been altered to reflect the amount of effort and resource that needed to be dedicated to commercialisation activities. It was proposed that a flat-rate 50:50 split of net income be applied across the board, so that the researcher(s) in question receive half of all revenue after deduction of direct costs associated with the commercialisation.

**Recommended:**

that the revised IP regulations be established after student consultation had been undertaken.

## **6 RECENT INTERNAL AUDIT**

The Committee discussed issues arising from a recent internal audit, namely:

- (i) that the College Research Committee and Research Office should consider ways in which the sharing of good practice between academic departments could be enhanced;
- (ii) that the College should consider whether it would be desirable for all departments to establish formal research committees with common terms of reference, and for these committees to become part of the college's formal committee structure. In addition, and as part of this, it should consider whether it would be desirable to require all departments to implement formal systems for monitoring the progress, completion, and financial performance of externally funded research projects.

**Noted:**

- (i) that there was general support for a more formalised committee structure within departments, although it was important that this not lead to needless bureaucracy;
- (ii) that it was important each department had its own committee responsible for research and enterprise;
- (iii) that these committees should have a vital role in support, mentoring, and communication.

**Resolved:**

- (i) that Departmental Research Committees be renamed Departmental Research and Enterprise Committees;
- (i) that the Head of the Research Office would develop an example terms of reference document for departmental Research and Enterprise Committees;
- (iii) that departmental Research and Enterprise Committees be responsible for generating annual REF updates and ensuring their Goldsmiths Research Online entries are up-to-date.

## **7 REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF REF2014 PROCESS AT GOLDSMITHS**

### **Received:**

a report from the Head of the Research Office (14-251), detailing a range of lessons learnt from the most recent REF.

### **Noted:**

- (i) that REF preparations should be built into each department's yearly activities, with annual REF updates prepared yearly (see Item 6 above);
- (ii) that GRO could be used to help academics report regularly on their publications/outputs;
- (iii) that it was vital that the College improved the communication and celebration of its research stories, and that the Chair had already begun working Communication and Public Relations on this.

## **8 PEER MENTORING FOR ACADEMIC STAFF IN RESEARCH AND ENTERPRISE ACTIVITIES**

### **Received:**

a report from the Head of the Research Office (14-252).

### **Noted:**

- (i) that a mentoring scheme was vital to ensure that academic staff had the support and encouragement necessary to assist them with the process of applying for external funding for research and enterprise activities.;
- (ii) that it was important that staff felt acting as a mentor was valued, and as such it should be incorporated into the promotional/PDR process;
- (iii) that matching staff with mentors was potentially complex, and a new system needed to take into account the limited capacity and experience of externally funded research and enterprise within some departments, that some researchers might benefit from a mentor from another discipline, and that number of years in post was not necessarily directly related to success in getting external funding;
- (iv) that the College mentoring scheme would be built into the terms of reference of the departmental Research and Enterprise Committees (see item 6 above).

## **9 COLLEGE RESEARCH FUNDS**

### **Received:**

applications for REC funds for 2013-14 (14-246).

**Resolved:**

(i) that the following awards be made:

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| Dr Rebecca Ann Charlton                                    | Psychology             | Adulthood and Ageing with Autism Spectrum Disorders        | 3803 |
| Dr Dhiraj Murthy   | Sociology              | Social Media, Public Health, and the Urban Poor            | 2020 |
| Dr Johnna Montgomerie                                      | Politics               | Visualising the Changing Household Balance Sheet           | 4000 |
| Dr Pasi Valiaho  | Media & Communications | Kingdoms of Shadows: An Archaeology of the Projected Image | 2000 |
| Dr Ele Carpenter   | Art                    | Curatorial Field Research to develop AHRC FoF Grant        | 3428 |
| Dr Susan Schuppli  | Visual Cultures        | Material Witness: Part 2                                   | 2000 |
| Dr Thomas Zacharias (lead applicant), Dr Sireita Mullings, | Educational Studies    | Lebens(t)raum – Exploring the German Diaspora in Jamaica   | 2000 |

- (ii) that the next round of CRF allocations would be held in the Spring term with a £2000 upper limit;
- (iii) that CRF award holders would be required to report on their project outcomes at the Summer term meeting of the Committee.

**10 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ACT AMENDMENT FOI****Received:**

information from Information and Systems Committee regarding the FOI exemption for research already in progress (14-237R).

**11 LIST OF RECENT AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES****Received:**

a list of recent awards and activities from the Research and Enterprise offices (14-253).

**12 ANNUAL REPORT****Received:**

the Research and Enterprise Committee Annual Report 2012-13 (14-254).

## **13 MINUTES OF RESEARCH ETHICS SUBCOMMITTEE**

### **Received:**

the minutes of the meetings of Research Ethics Sub-Committee held on 27 March 2014 (14-255).

## **14 RESEARCH LEAVE**

### **Noted:**

- (i) the following periods of paid leave approved by Chair's Action:
  - (a) Dr Bernadette Buckley, Department of Politics (September 2014 – March 2015);
  - (b) Ms Maura Dooley, Department of English and Comparative Literature (January 2014 – March 2014);
  - (c) Dr Branwen Gruffydd Jones, Department of Politics (September 2014 – December 2014)
  - (d) Dr Gail McDonald, Department of English and Comparative Literature (April 2014 – September 2014);
  - (e) Professor Russ McDonald, Department of English and Comparative Literature (April 2014 – June 2014);

### **Received:**

- (ii) reports following Research Leave (14-256):
  - (a) Dr Lucia Boldrini, Department of English and Comparative Literature
  - (b) Dr Rick Crownshaw, Department of English and Comparative Literature
  - (c) Dr Isobel Hurst, Department of English and Comparative Literature
  - (d) Dr Frank Krause, Department of English and Comparative Literature
  - (e) Dr Pia Pichler, Department of English and Comparative Literature
  - (f) Keith Potter, Department of Music

## **15 NEXT MEETINGS**

### **Noted:**

that the next meetings of the Committee would be held on the following dates:

12 November 2014  
4 March 2015  
27 May 2015

Jessica Pavlos  
Enterprise Officer  
July 2014