



**JOINT FACULTY RESEARCH BOARD FOR ARTS AND HUMANITIES  
AND SOCIAL AND HISTORICAL SCIENCES**

**Tuesday 7 May 2013**

**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Prof. Claire Warwick	Vice-Dean for Research, AH (in the Chair)
Dr Henriette Bruun	SLASH
Prof. Chris Carter	Greek and Latin
Mr Paul Carter-Bowman	Anthropology
Prof. Susan Collins	SLADE
Ms Laura Cream	Museums and Public Engagement
Dr Paulo Drinot	Institute of the Americas
Dr Mark Ford	English
Dr Dilwyn Knox	SELCS
Dr Jacob Leveridge	SLASH
Prof. Slavo Radošević	SSEES
Prof. Jennifer Robinson	Geography
Prof. Elisabeth Shepherd	DIS
Dr James Steele	Vice-Dean for Research, SHS
Prof. Cheryl Thomas	Vice-Dean for Research, Faculty of Laws
Prof. Albert Weale	SPP

Prof. Mary Fulbrook (Vice-Dean, Interdisciplinarity; AH) was invited to attend the Board Meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Dr Martin Holbraad (Anthropology), Dr Louise Martin (Archaeology), Prof. David Price, Prof. Sacha Stern (Hebrew and Jewish Studies) and Prof. Jonathan Wolff (Dean, AH).

**10. MINUTES**

***Approved***

10.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 29 November 2012 were approved as a correct record.

**11. MATTERS ARISING**

**Minute 4iii: CHIRP**

***Reported***

11.1 It was reported that Prof. Jardine and Prof. Wyke were taking forward the big grants for the project and that small grants were being handled by Prof. Warwick and Dr Steele.

## **Minute 6: Dynamics of Civilisation**

### ***Noted***

11.2 The Board noted that funding had been received for this initiative.

## **12. OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING**

### ***Received***

12.1 In the absence of Prof. Price, the Board received an update on Open Access Publishing from Dr Steele.

### ***Reported***

12.2 It was reported that there were two types of open access available: gold open access, and green open access. The RCUK had an expectation that any publication funded by them should have gold open access as there was a sizeable budget across UCL to support this initiative.

12.3 UCL was looking into discounts and initiatives. However, it was noted that green open access was a cheaper publication initiative which was allowed by most journals including UCL Discovery. The advantages of this were explained, as well as the disadvantages, which included an embargo period. AHRC and EPSRC funded publications were reported to have embargo periods of one to two years.

12.4 The Board was advised that the RCUK also expected that by REF 2020, all research output was to be open access compliant.

### ***Discussion***

12.5 The Board discussed open access publishing at length. Concerns were raised in relation to RCUK compliance and its effect on students and departments, publication costs, and REF 2020.

12.6 The need for guidance was raised. The Board was informed that Martin Moyle (Library Services) had produced a guide which could be useful.

12.7 The discussion was concluded with the agreement that:

- Students with Research Council funding would be made aware of compliance expectations; and
- There should be a collective view of concerns across UCL.

## **13. MONOGRAPH PUBLICATION**

### ***Reported***

13.1 Dr Steele briefly reported on monograph publication. The Board noted that funding was being sought for this initiative within UCL and possibly via external sources.

13.2 The Board was advised that any monograph publication would be done within the Faculties; however there had been low demand for this in the past.

13.3 Dr Steele and Prof. Warwick would be investigating further. However it was noted that a similar system was available within the Library Department.

13.4 It was highlighted that some journals insisted on data sets, creating difficulty in relation to compliance requirements. Dr Steele stated that he would circulate the web link to a consultancy reported that had been produced on data repository needs for the Faculties.

#### **14. INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY**

##### ***Reported***

14.1 It was reported that International Strategy would be postponed to the next Research Board Meeting.

#### **15. RESEARCH EXCELLENCE FRAMEWORK (REF)**

##### ***Received***

15.1 The Board received an update on REF from the Laws, AH and SHS Faculties.

##### ***Reported***

15.2 It was reported that AH's REF activities were being prepared by the VP Research and VP Enterprise offices, which were starting to collect outputs. It was further reported that work was being done to ensure the accuracy of funding data. This had proved difficult, and was being dealt with on a departmental basis. Guidance in this area was requested.

15.3 SHS reported that the REF 5 environment template had been submitted for revision, and the staff submissions had been completed in April. It was further reported that funding was available to support data gathering for the impact case studies. Outputs and the depositing of copies were also mentioned.

15.4 It was reported that Laws was making good progress. However REF 2014 preparations created a considerable burden. The only issue that had arisen were the interim deadlines.

15.5 It was suggested that submissions be made before the deadlines; where possible, in order for feedback to be received. It was also advised that Adam Cresswell could be contacted for advice and guidance.

#### **16. UCL RESEARCHER DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP (RDWG)**

##### ***Reported***

16.1 Dr Steele reported that he would be part of the working group set up by Prof. David Bogle to create career development strategies for PhD and Postdoctoral students. Supporting handbooks and guidelines would be created in line with the Vitae Researcher Development Framework.

16.2 Feedback from Human Resources reported that:

- There had been a poor take-up of training courses amongst SLASH researchers;
- Post Doc Grants – the issue of PIs extending research was raised. Extra guidance was needed;
- There was a lack of quantitative data destinations for SHS PhDs; and
- It would be appropriate for departments to have careers guidance roles to support Post Graduate Taught and Post Graduate Research students

16.3 Questions were raised and discussed with regards to the working relationship that the Research Board would have with the Working Group. The membership of the Working Group was also discussed.

16.4 It was requested that Museums and Public Engagement have a representative at the Working Group.

**Action**

The Research Board to provide guidance to the RDWG, in order for clearly defined Terms of Reference to be drafted.

**17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

17.1 The Committee briefly discussed the JFRB meetings for the next academic session. It was agreed that preferred dates would be discussed further during the summer months.

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