



**Executive Group
UCL Grand Challenge of Intercultural Interaction (GCII)**

**10-11.30am, Tuesday, 25 March 2014
Ground Floor Meeting Room, OVPR, 2 Taviton St**

Minutes

Present

Dr Henriette Bruun
Dr François Guesnet (Chair)
 Professor Stephen Hart
 Krisztina Lackoi
 Dr Amna Malik
 Professor Tim Mathews
 Michael Reade
 Dr Caroline Selai
 Dr Ian Scott
 Nicholas Tyndale
 Professor Jo Wolff
 Professor Maria Wyke

Apologies

Dr Tim Beasley-Murray
 Professor Susan Collins
 Dr Claire Dwyer
 Dr Martin Holbraad
 Jacob Leveridge
 Professor Axel Korner
 Professor David Napier
 Dr Ruth Mandell
 Professor Karen Radner
 Dr Alexander Samson

Topics discussed	Action	Time Frame
<p><u>1. Welcome and introductions</u> <u>2. Minutes of meeting 12.11.13 agreed</u></p>		
<p><u>3. Matters arising:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GCII newsletter: the first newsletter had been distributed in December 2013. • GCII minutes online: approved minutes are available from the GCII website. • Statement about gender for Small Grants application; A balance should be struck between encouraging gender related applications while at the same time avoiding overly prescriptive guidance. Also, it was important that encouraging gender related application was not taken to mean application concerning women. 	<p>Ian Scott to speak to Caren Leavy (Development Planning Unit) and formulate an appropriate statement.</p>	<p>14 April (launch of 2014-15 Small Grants Scheme)</p>
<p>4. Research Impact and Support a) <u>Research Impact Curation at UCL, Nicolas Tyndale</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Research Impact Curation (RIC) team are currently collecting and editing case studies that demonstrate research impact. A set of case studies relevant to Grand Challenges will be assembled; the team welcomed 		<p>Ongoing</p>

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<p>suggestions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RIC Team will be using a broad definition of impact, rather than the narrower REF version and it was hoped that this would encourage all the GCs to consider the impact of their activities. • Confirmed that RIC team will be able to capture the majority of GC activity. • Maria Wyke confirmed that she was a member of the REF Impact Panel. • Agreed that any future catalogue of impact case studies must not simply result in a list of diverse activities. It was vital that users should be able to search the case studies using a number of different search criteria. • Important to capture examples of best practice, and cases where different departments/faculties had successfully worked together. 	<p>Nicholas Tyndale confirmed that this was possible.</p>	
<p>b.) <u>Public and Cultural Engagement (PACE) , Krisztine Lackoi</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PACE covers three areas of activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UCL Museums and Collections - Public Engagement Unit - Bloomsbury Theatre. In 2015, Bloomsbury Studio (part of the theatre) will become available for public engagement and impact activities; researchers will be able to bid for the space in October 2014. • PACE connects UCL researchers with publics outside UCL (community groups, professional bodies, special interest groups, etc.) and thereby helps UCL researchers achieve greater impact. • PACE assists researchers gaining access to UCL’s museum collections and spaces. NB: there is considerable competition for the space available. • UCL has around 800,000 objects in its museum and departmental collections. There was no active collecting policy at the moment because of space restrictions and a strategic approach was being taken. 	<p>Members interested in finding out how PACE can meet their specific requirements should email Helen Chatterjee h.chatterjee@ucl.ac.uk) and Krisztina Lackoi (k.lackoi@ucl.ac.uk)</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>5. Updates on 2013-14 activities</p> <p>a.) <u>Centre for Research into Dynamics of Civilisation (CREDOC) - Maria Wyke</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CREDOC had been launched in February 2014 • A proposal had been made to GCII for a civilizational prize workshop using the model provided by Wonderments of Cosmos (Martin Holbraad) • A conference on European identity will be convened with the European Institute. This will involve collaborations with ethnographic collections in Europe. • A series of seminars will begin in autumn 2014 examining theories of civilisation. • A film archive of CREDOCs activities will be produced. • The BBC will broadcast a civilisation series; there were opportunities for partnership. 		

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<p><u>b. Wonderments of Cosmos (WoC) Seminar Series (Martin Holbraad) - Ian Scott</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A popular series of seminars are currently being held which will conclude in a prize workshop. • At the workshop, an expert panel will make an award to the team of participants that produce the best proposal for a large-scale grant application. • Agreed that WoC provided a good model for future cross-disciplinary initiatives. 	<p>Martin Holbraad to relay his experiences to GC team.</p>	<p>By next meeting (10 June)</p>
<p><u>c. GCII executive group members' activities (2013-14).</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed that funding for GCII members was valuable but consideration needed to be given to transparency. Membership of the executive group needed to change at regular intervals. • Agreed that the GC Small Grants scheme was an effective means of offering GC support to the wider UCL community. 	<p>Important that members remembered to acknowledge the support that they had received from GC in pursuing these activities.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p><u>d. Impact of 2011-12 small grant awards</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report received 		
<p>6. Major GCII activity, 2014-15</p> <p><u>a) Update on members' proposals for large scale activities, 2014-15 (Ian Scott)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over forty applications, totalling over £400,000 had been received across all four Grand Challenges. • In future, there will be a general expectation that GC will transfer funds to successful members' departments. Members, rather than the GC office, will be responsible for the implementation of their proposals. • <p><u>b) Africa initiative (Ian Scott)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A suggestion for a major GC Africa initiative in 2014-15 had been received from Anne Johnson (GCGH) to promote the work of UCL's Africa Centre for Health and Population Studies (part of the University of KwaZulu-Natal). • The Initiative was welcomed. Ian Scott confirmed that GC will work closely with Anthony Costello, Vice Provost for Africa and the Middle East and Nicola Brewer, the new Vice Provost for International Relations. 	<p>The outcomes would be announced over next four months.</p> <p>Matter to be discussed further at the next meeting.</p> <p>Ian Scott to consider how the work of the Africa Centre related to each GC.</p>	<p>April to July 2014</p> <p>By next meeting (10 June)</p>
<p><u>7. GCII and Institute of Sustainable Resources (ISR) /BHP Billiton Sustainable Communities Symposium, November 2014: 'Stewardship for Planet Earth'</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft concept well received. • Raimund Bleischwitz, Director, Institute of Sustainable Resources, was keen to incorporate UCL's expertise in intercultural interaction into the symposium. • Theme of stewardship offered many opportunities to examine issues such as governance at local, national and international levels as well as economic relationships. • CREDOC will be speaking to ISR shortly about learning 		

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<p>from the past and the issue of resource collapse and civilizational development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted that Ethics Committee had not considered ISR investment; the ethics committee was created after the ISR was established • There were important ethical questions as to whether UCL should accept money from a mining company, such as BHP Billiton, to fund an Institute of Sustainable Resources at UCL. 		
<p>8. UCL contributions to <i>The Conversation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Conversation</i> is an online ‘independent source of news and views, sourced from the academic and research community and delivered direct to the public.’ UCL was a founding member of <i>The Conversation</i> and continued to support it financially. • So far, around fifty UCL researchers had contributed articles. 	<p>Members are encouraged to submit articles for publication and for them to become familiar with the editor most relevant to their interests: www.theconversation.com/uk</p>	<p>On-going</p>
<p>Diary dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 April to 16 June: Small Grants Call, 2014-15 • 16-20 June: Grand Challenges Summer School • October 2014: Five Year Review Evening 		
<p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2-3.30pm, Tuesday, 10 June 2014 • Ground floor meeting room, OVPR, 2 Taviton Street 		