Research Outputs Sub-Group

Minutes of the 1st meeting held on Monday 10th October 2016
Room 104 | Main Library | Wilkins Building | Gower Street

Attendees: Paul Ayris (PA) – Chair, David Beavan (DV), Clare Gryce (CG), June Hedges (JH), Graham Hunt (GH), Krista Macmillan (KM), Martin Moyle (MM), Nicholas Tyndale (NT), James Wilson (JW)

Apologies: Isaac Bianco (IB), Caroline Essex (CE), Anne Mortimer (AM) - due to Krista Macmillan attending - , Rebecca O’Connell (RO), Alan Penn (AP), Geraint Rees (GR), Melissa Terras (MT)

In Attendance: Eva Pombo- minute taker (EP)

1. Membership and Terms of Reference

1.1 PA welcomed everyone to the meeting and Introductions were made round the table.

1.2 CG reported the changes to governance arrangements for Research IT Services. The new structure prevents overlapping (except some ISD staff) but there are no changes to the services provided.

1.3 PA highlighted the importance of ensuring that UCL’s infrastructure supports the demands of REF 2020 in terms of the storage of research outputs and the production of impact measures/stories.

2. European Open Science Cloud (EOSC)

Supporting documentation at http://ec.europa.eu/research/openscience/index.cfm?pg=open-science-cloud. Steering Committee’s first Report expected to be published by 7 October 2016. URL to be circulated on publication.

Question for the Research Outputs Sub-Group: How can/should UCL interact with the EOSC?

2.1 PA reported the Steering Committee’s first report had not been circulated when the meeting took place. It will be circulated once it is published.

2.2 Post-meeting Note. The Report is now available at http://ec.europa.eu/research/openscience/index.cfm?pg=open-science-cloud
2.3 The Group discussed how UCL should interact with the European Science Cloud. One of the recommendations in the report is to frame the EOSC as the EU contribution to a future, global Internet of FAIR Data and Services underpinned by open protocols. They recommend to set-up and fund a concerted effort to develop core data expertise in Europe. The question of how UCL is going to stand around this issue was raised. The Group agreed to engage proactively and identify the UCL requirements.

CG reported to the group that a ‘Strategic Identity and Access Management’ project has been funded within the Capital Investment Programme for 16/17 and that the need to support research requirements such as the use of ORCID ID’s had been noted. The Group gave their support and it was agreed to explore options for use of ORCID, including reference to Best Practice at Imperial College. The report will be shared in the Spring meeting.

2.4 The need of a position paper for the IAA project was discussed

**ACTION 1:** CG, MM, JW and GH to draft a short paper on possible future ORCID adoption.

2.5 The Group discussed the issue of teaching not being recorded. All agreed to have it as an item in the next meeting agenda. MM, JH and Michelle Plimmer will meet to discuss. Agreed CG to be involved in the process.

3 Open Science


**Question for the Research Outputs Sub-Group:** What are the priorities for UCL in the Open Science agenda?

3.1 PA highlighted the open science briefing paper. The Group supported the proposal for commencement of a training programme for Research Data Management in the spring term, focussing initially on doctoral students.

**ACTION 2:** PA to discuss with Myriam Fellous-Sigrist and Professor David Bogle.

4 Research Data Archiving

JW explained that the 16/17 funded project to develop a Research Data Repository has been started. The immediate focus is on understanding and documenting UCL’s and researchers’ needs. A primary objective will be to establish a service that helps researchers save time at the end of projects in understanding how to ensure their data is properly managed going forwards.

The Group discussed the possible advantages of using Symplectic as part of a future solution and focusing on automating metadata capture, saving time at the end of the projects.
The Group noted that the current UCL Discovery platform may not be adequate to meet future needs for storing research data, but represented a useful starting point. It was noted that formal representatives for different disciplines would be needed to inform any future project. DB stated himself as a volunteer for Arts & Humanities.

**ACTION 3:** PA to discuss future options for UCL Discovery with Martin Moyle, Graham Hunt, and James Wilson.

5 **FAIR Data Principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable)**

Paper at [http://www.nature.com/articles/sdata201618](http://www.nature.com/articles/sdata201618)

**Question for the Research Outputs Sub-Group:** What is needed to instil FAIR practices and a FAIR culture in UCL?

5.1 There is an urgent need to improve the infrastructure supporting the reuse of scholarly data. JW explained that this will likely be the subject of a funding proposal for 17/18.

**ACTION 4:** JW to consider proposal

6 **Any Other Business and date of next meeting**

6.1 Two dates are pencilled for the next meeting:
   - 30th January 2017
   - 20th February 2017

The final date will be confirmed nearer the time.
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