

THE CITY LAW SCHOOL
RESEARCH AND ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE
MEETING NO 28 HELD ON 20TH MAY 2015
UNRESERVED BUSINESS / UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Attendance List

Name of Member	Meeting no. 23 05/11/2014	Meeting no. 27 04/02/2015	Meeting no. 28 13/05/2015
Professor Andrew Choo (Chair)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peter Aggar (Secretary)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr Grietje Baars	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dr Mauro Barelli	A	<input type="checkbox"/>	A
Professor Jason Chuah	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Professor David Collins	A	<input type="checkbox"/>	A
Dr Carmen Draghici	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr Elaine Fahey	N/M	N/M	<input type="checkbox"/>
Peter Hungerford-Welch	A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Professor Carl Stychin	A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dr David Seymour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A
Dr Steven Truxal	A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hilary Vieitez	N/M	<input type="checkbox"/>	A
Professor Daniel Wilsher	A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Attendance key:

- Present
- A Apologies received
- N/A No apologies received
- N/M Period when not a member

Part One – Preliminary items

1. Welcome and apologies

1.1. The Chair welcomed members to the meeting of the City Law School Research and Enterprise Committee. it was noted that Dr Elaine Fahey had joined the committee as an elected member.

1.2. Apologies were received.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting (Paper A)

2.1. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters arising

Item 5.2 – Law subpanel feedback meeting

3.1. The Chair reported that he had attended a feedback meeting convened by the Law subpanel on 4th March. Some slides from the session had been placed on the Moodle research module.

Part Two – Items for discussion

4. University research and enterprise committee (Paper B)

4.1. Members noted the minutes of the February meeting of the University research and enterprise committee.

4.2. A Research, Enterprise and Impact Strategy (REIS) Board had been created to support the development and implementation of the University's research and enterprise strategy.

4.3. A business case for a new research information system had been put on hold pending a review of the University's research and enterprise processes.

5. REF

5.1. The Chair reported that the Deputy Vice Chancellor had presented a review report of the Research Excellent Framework to CLS Exco earlier that morning. The results were a significant improvement on the 2008 RAE. The overall score had improved from 2.10 to 2.75. The research environment score was about as good as it could be considering the School's lack of research income and PhD awards. Impact was a new area that would probably grow in importance in future exercises. It was noted that other institutions had a significant proportion of research rated as 1* or 2*, indicating that the assessment panel had marked across the range.

Action: Secretary to circulate review.

5.2. It was felt that the REF results would be useful in benchmarking performance for future planning.

5.3. It was noted that the review had referred to the possibility of moving some staff to teaching only contracts, with implications for mooted performance benchmarks, such as GPAs and the proportion of staff submitted.

6. Ethics (Paper C)

6.1. The report was noted.

7. Research Students

7.1. Dr Barelli provided a brief report on research students.

7.2. The committee congratulated Shahnaz Sulaiman on passing her viva.

7.3. Several offers had been made for 2015/16.

7.4. The annual PhD Forum had taken place on 15th May.

8. University Research Competition

8.1. No nominations had been received.

9. Images of Research Competition

9.1. Several staff members and PhD students had expressed an interest in participating in the competition. The exhibition would take place on 11 June as part of the Made at City festival.

10. Centre for Law, Justice and Journalism (CLJJ)

10.1. The Chair reported that the School's Executive Committee had asked the committee to consider how much value the Centre now adds to the Law School's research profile, and whether the substantial financial contributions made by the School represent good value for money. The committee was unsure whether a good case could be made out for the School's continued financial contributions to the Centre. The committee agreed that further information should be sought from the Centre's Co-Directors.

10.2. **Action: Chair to ask Claire de Than and Sarah Gale for their views on the CLJJ's future**

Part Three – Reserved business

11. Sabbatical completion reports

Members received sabbatical completion reports from:

11.1. Professor David Collins (Paper D1)

11.2. Dr Marios Costa (Paper D2)

11.2.1. The committee agreed that Dr Costa should be advised to consider amending the title of his forthcoming monograph.

Action: Secretary to ask Dr Costa to provide a revised version of his sabbatical report for Board of Studies.

11.3. It was noted that this would be the last time the committee received sabbatical completion reports. The new sabbatical sub-committee would consider reports in future.

Part Four – Other business

12. Other business

12.1. Annual Research Quality Monitoring (ARQM) Exercise

12.1.1. The Dean reported that the 2015 exercise had been completed. Professor Sally Wheeler (Queen's University Belfast) had acted as the External Advisor to the School's panel. The results of the exercise, along with Professor Wheeler's report, had been submitted to the University Research Office. The Dean said that this year's exercise had removed some of the grade inflation of previous exercises.

12.1.2. The committee felt that the exercise was of limited and misguided use in its current format because the four year cycle used did not match the six year cycle of the REF. It was felt that it would be more reasonable to use a six year cycle.

12.1.3. The Dean reported that staff would be provided with the scores assigned to their individual publications and their overall GPA in July.

12.1.4. The committee agreed that it would be useful to organise a workshop to discuss 'what is 3* research?'

Action: Chair to organise a workshop.

13. Actions

13.1. The committee confirmed the following actions:

Item	Action	Person Responsible	Due Date
5.1	Circulate REF review	Secretary	Next meeting
10.2	Seek the Directors' views and further information on the CLJJ's future.	Chair	Next meeting
11.2.1	Dr Costa to provide a revised version of his sabbatical report for Board of Studies.	Secretary	Next Board of Studies
12.1.4	Organise 'what is 3* research?' workshop	Chair	Next meeting

14. Date, Time and venue of next meeting(s)

The dates and times of the next year's meetings were noted.

11 November 2015 16:00 - 17:00

17 February 2016 16:00 - 17:00

5 May 2016 16:00 - 17:00

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