York Graduate Research School
Awards and Funding Sub-Committee

Monday 3 October, 2016, 10am

H/G/17

MINUTES

Present: Professor T Stoneham (Chair; TS)
Professor C Brown (CB)
Professor M Festenstein (MF)
Dr K Giles (KG)
Mrs A Grey (AG)
Dr A Kirby (AK)
Professor D Smith (DS)

In attendance: Mrs S Mountain
Mr J Stokoe (Secretary; JS)
Mr S Willis (SW)

Category I

16-17/1 Apologies

Mr D Lean

16-17/2 Review of the Terms of Reference [Encl. 1]

It was agreed that the meetings would be booked in one hour timeslots.
It was agreed that annually a report should be produced to show hand-in rates by department.

ACTION
JS to update point 1 of Terms of Reference to state that the committee “advises on” University strategy.
JS to update standing agenda to include “Faculty update”, rather than “Associate Deans’ update”.

16-17/3 Minutes from last meeting [Encl. 2]

The minutes of the June meeting were approved.
TS provided post-meeting updates.
1. TS approved £18,000 of set-up staff costs for the ESRC DTC.
2. Deadlines for YGRS Conference Funding were set to 1 December 2016 and 1 March 2017.
3. Re King Saud University agreement, TS has agreed a 25% bursary for student fees in years 2 and 3 of study, subject to satisfactory progress.

16-17/4 Matters arising:

i. Projected spend on PGR funding in 2016/7 [Encl. 3]
   JS and SM reported on the current state of AFSC budget. No budgetary decisions were made at the meeting.

   **ACTION** SM, DS, TS to meet to discuss management of AFSC budget.

ii. Mapping of internal funding deadlines
   No further update on this matter.

iii. Development Fund governance
   **ACTION**
   DS to circulate a memo pertaining to the governance of the Development fund.

iv. Departmental scholarship support figures update (15-16/29(i))
   Jamie Holliday had calculated the University’s total spend on funding research students to be £17m.

   **ACTION**
   TS to consider proposals of how to use this figure in marketing.

16-17/5 Scholarship Budget Update [Encl. 3]
This was discussed under item 5.i.

16-17/6 Associate Deans’ update

**Arts and Humanities**
KG reported that Wolfson is unlikely to recruit for 2017/8.
Work on proposals for DTP2 is ongoing.

**Social Sciences**
MF reported success in the renewing of the ESRC White Rose DTC.

**Sciences**
CB reported that EPSRC will be conducting a mid-term review of existing CDT’s over the winter. The EPSRC have indicated that they expect the majority to be renewed but that
there may be some headroom for a call for additional CDT proposals in 2017. Around 10 outline bids are currently under discussion in anticipation of this call and work is ongoing with academic leads to develop the ideas further and assess each against metrics developed from the two existing EPSRC CDT’s. The YGRS AFSC 16-17 (01) ambition is to have two renewed bids, and a third new CDT. The NERC CDT bid to the call on mathematics/ecology/evolution was not successful. Whilst this was the second successive NERC CDT bid that had reached interview stage but not been successful, in each case the PI had indicated that the successful consortium had been particularly strong.

16-17/7 Any Other Business

TS reported that HEFCE had sent a letter to the University highlighting two changes:

1. A change in funding to DSA. This will be reported to HESA now.
2. The PGT supplement will stay in place for 2017/8, but will be dropped after that.

16-17/8 Date of Next Meeting: Friday 9 December, 2016. 10am – 11am (H/G/17)