

# UNIVERSITY OF YORK

## RESEARCH COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2015

- Present:**
- The Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research) (Chair)
  - The Dean of the York Graduate School
  - Professor Stuart Bell
  - Professor Mark Ormrod (M14-15/53 onwards)
  - Professor Michael Beaney
  - Professor John Clark
  - Professor Karl Claxton
  - Professor Jason Edwards
  - Dr Jonathan Finch (M14-15/46 – M14-15/57 only)
  - Professor Timo Gans
  - Professor Jennifer Potts
  - Professor Martin Smith
  - Professor Jo Swaffield
  - The Director of Research and Enterprise (M14-15/53 onwards)
  - The Research Strategy and Policy Manager
  - The Research Grants and Contracts Manager
- In attendance:**
- Ms Anna Payne
  - Dr Alice Wakely (Secretary)

Apologies for absence were received from Professor Fulton.

#### 14-15/46 Membership from January 2015

The Chair welcomed Professor Stoneham to the Committee in his new role as Dean of the York Graduate School, effective from 1 January 2015. It was **noted** that Professor Mellors had stepped down as PVC for Business and Community with effect from the end of November.

#### 14-15/47 Minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2014 were **approved** (RC.14-15/28).

#### 14-15/48 Update on actions arising from the meeting held on 25 October 2014

Arising from M14-15/29, the Committee **noted** that:

- It was the intention to bring a paper on support for research funding opportunities to the March meeting;
- James Walsh from Research and Enterprise was in the process of pulling together a register of N8 initiatives with related contact information, to be managed as a live document.

**14-15/49 Annual departmental research reports (Confidential and FOIA exempt)**

**14-15/50 Review of the York JEOL Nanocentre (Sensitive Information)**

**14-15/51 Review of YCCSA (Sensitive Information)**

**14-15/52 Oral report from the Chair**

The Chair **reported** the following:

- The 'York Talks' event to support the launch of the University Research Strategy had been very successful. It was intended to hold a similar event on an annual basis, but in a bigger venue and publicised further in advance;
- The Secretary had developed a formal action log for the Committee, which would be included in the agenda papers for subsequent meetings;
- The seven 'Research Champion' posts would be advertised shortly. The proposal was to invite applications from Professors and Readers: Committee members agreed with this targeting to senior staff. Members were asked to encourage appropriate colleagues to apply.

Professor Stoneham **reported** that a programme of work associated with the new Graduate School was currently being developed, and that there was a particular need to establish an effective Graduate School Board.

**14-15/53 REF2014 (Sensitive Information)**

**14-15/54 University Impact Statement (FOIA exempt)**

**14-15/55 Research income and awards (FOIA exempt)**

**14-15/56 Research income in-year to December 2014 (FOIA exempt)**

**14-15/57 Research funding from outside Europe (FOIA exempt)**

**14-15/58 Internal funding pots**

The Committee **noted** that this item had been postponed to a later meeting.

**14-15/59 Reports from the Deans (FOIA exempt)**

**14-15/60 Report from the Director of Research and Enterprise**

The Committee **received** an oral report from the Director of Research and Enterprise on recent developments, including:

- Funding in principle by HEFCE for an interdisciplinary N8 research catalyst proposal in agrotech/food security, led by York (total value: £16 million);
- Disbursement of the first round of ESRC Impact accelerator funding.

**CATEGORY II BUSINESS**

**14-15/61 HEBCIS return for 2013-14**

The Committee **received** for information a copy of Part B of the HEBCIS return for 2013-14 (RC.14-15/35).

**14-15/62 Minutes of the meeting of University Ethics Committee held on 7 November 2014**

The Committee **received** for information the minutes of the University Ethics Committee held on 7 November 2014 (RC.14-15/36).

**14-15/63 Next meeting**

The Committee **noted** details of its next meeting: Wednesday 11 March 2015 at 9.30am, YH/110 Research Centre for Social Science.

**January 2015**

**Dr Alice Wakely**

**Research Integrity Officer**