Research Committee 14 January 2015

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)
Internal funding pots

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

Reports from the Deans (FOIA exempt)

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

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).

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).

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