

UNIVERSITY OF YORK

Senate

PARTNERSHIPS, ENTERPRISE AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Matters for note by Senate arising from the meeting of Partnerships, Enterprise and Engagement Committee on 3 April 2023

1. Minute of Written Approval for Amendments to University Regulation 12: Intellectual Property

The Committee approved the minute summarising the approval of amendments to University Regulation 12: Intellectual Property. It was clarified that the approval sought during the meeting was in reference to the text of the minute; the amendments to the University Regulation 12 had already been finalised.

2. Provisional Research Strategy for the University of York

The Committee considered the Provisional Research Strategy for the University. The following was noted:

- (a) The Provisional Research Strategy had been developed following recommendation from URC. The work had been led by a Task and Finish group operating in conjunction with colleagues from RIKE, Planning and Estates, alongside input also from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Partnerships and Engagement. The Strategy would accompany the overarching University Strategy, focusing specifically on the research elements and the implications of these. Although the Strategy had arisen out of discussion at URC, some elements would be delivered via UPEC.
- (b) Ensuring alignment with other strategies and initiatives was important; in support of this, the Planning Office was working to develop a framework for strategy development, which would enable Faculties and other areas across the institution to draw from the Provisional Research Strategy. It was requested that such linkages be made explicit in the Provisional Research Strategy, for example noting in section 3.4 that work on influencing public opinion would also involve the Community Without Limits initiative currently under development.
- (c) The Committee requested a number of ways in which partnerships and enterprise could be made more explicit: (i) emphasising the role of economic impact, in terms of commercialisation and innovation-led growth, as part of the 'top-level' objectives, (ii) noting the Diversifying Philanthropy Transformation Initiative and embedding this in the implementation plan for the Provisional Research Strategy, and (iii) clarifying the language used in 3.4 to note the value of influencing public opinion at all levels of politics and society.
- (d) It was recommended that the photos used to communicate the Provisional Research Strategy be diversified to better reflect the range of disciplines and activities at the University

3. Core HEIF Budget for 2023/23

The Committee considered a paper outlining the proposed allocation of the HEIF budget for 2023/24, and approved the proposed spend. The paper had been prepared in order to provide greater transparency for the allocation of HEIF. A full meeting would be allocated to HEIF in future years.



4. HEIF Funding: (i) Ongoing Support for Enterprise Works and (ii) Community Engaged Learning: Transitional Funding

The Committee considered reports confirming the underwriting of HEIF funding for the following projects: (i) Delivering Enterprise for All and (ii) Community Engaged Learning: Transitional Funding.

The approval of continual funding through HEIF for the two projects necessitated a Committee decision as to where the money would be drawn from within the overall HEIF budget. Further information as to the financial implications of supporting the projects was requested; namely, whether approving the funding would limit options for other projects. A holistic overview of HEIF spending was required to enable the Committee to make a decision.

The Committee was supportive of both projects. With regards to (i), it was recognised that good progress had been made thus far and that Enterprise Works was looking for alternative external funding sources to support some of its activities. With regards to (ii), it was recognised that a number of actions were needed to continue building upon the strong foundation already in place, and that the possibility of interdisciplinary modules was advantageous.

The Committee approved in principle the continual funding of both projects, subject to the provision of further information on the financial implications of the decision on the overall HEIF budget. Final approval would be sought following the circulation of this information.

5. Other Business

- (a) A partnership with the University of Hull and IntoUniversity had recently been formally announced, and this would entail the establishment centre in East Hull. The Committee thanked colleagues in OPPA for their work in generating support.
- (b) Similar to the above, a partnership with Karazin Kharkiv National University in Ukraine was underway, with a focus on tackling pollution arising from the war in Ukraine. This was an important initiative and supported the University emphasis on delivering public good.
- (c) An implementation plan was currently in development in support of the goals identified as part of the EDI Annual Report for 2021/22; this would be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.
- (d) The Committee received a report on the Northern Accelerator Project and noted that the Connecting Capability Funding (CCF) from Research England would end in September 2023, Work was ongoing to identify new sources of support.
- (e) Budget issues meant that the Salesforce CRM project was currently on hold, with arrangements underway for a pilot within RI&KE to support the Building Industry Engagement and Income Transformational Initiative.
- (f) The Enactus project continued to grow in success, and was due to compete as part of a national competition in London later this month. The Director of Enterprise Works continued to provide mentoring and support.

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