University of Glasgow

College of Science and Engineering Council

Minute of Meeting held on Tuesday 17 December 2013 at 14.00hrs in Level 5 Sir Alwyn Williams Building

Present: Professor John Chapman (Convener and Head of College), Drew Beaton, Adrian Boyce, David Britton, Jon Cooper, David Cumming, Maggie Cusack, Richard De La Rue, Sara Diegoli, Gordon Duckett, Pat Duncan, David Fearn, Elizabeth Graham, Robert Hadfield, Martin Hendry, Stefan Hild, Trevor Hoey, Nigel Johnson, Heather Lambie, John Marsh, Sam McFadden, D McLaren, David Nisbet, Miles Padgett, Chris Pearce, Helen Purchase, Francis Quail, Sheila Rowan, Jamie Scott, Peter Sneddon, Stephen Watson, Simon Wheeler, Simon Wilson, Paul Younger

In Attendance: Mrs Jacqueline Ross,

SECC/2013/1 Head of College business

Professor Chapman reported on progress within the College since the meeting of Council in June 2013 and highlighted:

- Impact and its likely effect on external funding.
- Horizon 2020: maximizing participation through a multi-faceted approach.
- The ability to react quickly to align University and College capabilities with external funding opportunities.
- College initiatives.
- Student numbers and targets: UK, RUK, international and Transnational Education.
- Singapore graduation.
- Estate aspirations.

His presentation can be found at:

https://sharepoint.gla.ac.uk/colleges/scieng/College%20Council/Forms/AllItems.aspx

SECC/2013/2 Internationalisation

Professor Hoey, Internationalisation lead, reported on:

- Recruitment and conversion.
- New agreements and further developments with Sun Yat-Sen University, South China University of Technology, Shenzen University, University of Kuala Lumpur.
- International Partnership Development Fund.
- Science Without Borders (Brazil).
- Erasmus and student mobility.
- Universitas 21.

Professor Hoey’s report is available at:

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SECC/2013/3 Research

Professor Padgett, Dean of Research’s report highlighted the following:

- REF.
- Europe.
- Early career development programme.
- Open Access.
- Quantum Technologies.
- CENSIS Innovation Centre.

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SECC/2013/4 Learning & Teaching

Professor Fearn, Dean of Learning and Teaching highlighted:

- NSS results.
- Teaching excellence awards.
- Summer schools.
- Project assessment and allocation.

Professor Fearn’s report is available at:

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SECC/2013/5 Graduate School

Professor Jon Cooper, Dean of Graduate Studies’ report highlighted:

- Increasing PGR population.
- Training.

Professor Cooper’s report is available at:

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SECC/2013/5 The University estate going forward

There was discussion on the University Estate going forward and the possible requirements of the College of Science & Engineering.

Colleagues were asked to reflect on compelling transformational opportunities relating to the estate which Professor Chapman would feedback to Senior Management Group.

Suggestions raised were:

- Improved connectivity between the Southern Hospital, Garscube and Gilmorehill.
Better utilization of centrally held smaller rooms easily re-configurable for teaching/meetings/tutorials with fully updatable technical equipment.

Centralised ‘teaching hub’. Discussion on ensuring flexibility of teaching and research space for long-term College and University use whilst maintaining strength of discipline within Schools.

Access to large lecture theatres as appropriate within a centralized teaching hub.

Access to smaller teaching/tutorial/meeting space closer to Schools.

Dual purpose/design for large lecture theatres, for example ability to re-use as conference centre/space. Professor Chapman highlighted the Singapore Institute of Technology graduations and how the space hired for that could be altered efficiently and effectively.

Space and accommodation for visiting academics and researchers.

Good quality social space, for internal and external use.

Reduction of physical boundaries and barriers between Schools, University, Colleges, local community and wider community within the city of Glasgow.

Energy conversion and use of renewable energy in conjunction with the local community, industry, society and the local community.

Movement and sharing of high end technical equipment.

Optimisation of meeting opportunities to engender a feeling of community across the College and Schools through the development of interactive social space.

Embedding training and an incubation environment to create entrepreneurial interactions with graduate students and staff.

Development of IT infrastructure/Data Centre.

Development of unique environmental location through external partners e.g. SEPA.

Development of connectivity with Innovation Centres across campus.

Interface with Byers Road.

SECC/2012/24 Date of Next Meeting: to be confirmed

The next meeting of the College Council will be held in June 2014, venue to be confirmed.