University of Glasgow

College of Science and Engineering Council

Minute of Meeting held on Wednesday 5 June 2013 at 13.30 in Lecture Theatre A, Room 407, Level 4, Boyd Orr Building

Present: Professor John Chapman (Convener and Head of College), Mr Pete Bailey, Professor Paul Bishop, Professor John Briggs, Professor David Cumming, Professor Maggie Cusack, Professor John Davies, Dr Gordon Duckett, Mrs Pat Duncan, Professor Rob Ellam, Professor David Fearn, Professor Robert Hadfield, Professor Martin Hendry, Professor Trevor Hoey, Ms Heather Lambie, Professor Martin Lee, Professor Rob Liskamp, Mrs Chanel McIsaac, Mr David Nisbett, Professor Manuel Salmeron-Sanchez, Dr Peter Sneddon, Professor Phil Trinder

In Attendance: Mrs Jacqueline Ross, Mrs Ann Allen (Director of Estates & Buildings) for item 30

SECC/2012/25 Head of College business

Professor Chapman reported on progress within the College since the meeting of Council in December 2012 and highlighted:

- The future re-development of the campus discussed in depth by Mrs Allen, Director of Estates and Buildings at SECC/2012/30.
- Trends in research income; applications made and successfully awarded grants.
- Centres for Doctoral Training.
- Strategic Fellowships.
- Student numbers: home, international and trans-national.

His presentation can be found at:

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

The Good Universities Guide 2014 has now been published: [http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings](http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings). Although, the University of Glasgow’s ranking has dropped a few places, individual Schools have done exceptionally well, for example, Computing Science, Geographical & Earth Sciences and Psychology.

He also wished to highlight the College Newsletter (edition three in production). For feedback or provision of articles for future College Newsletters, please contact either Mrs Evelyn Love or Mrs Jacque Ross at scieng-hoc-pa@glasgow.ac.uk. The College Newsletter can be accessed at: [http://www.gla.ac.uk/colleges/scienceengineering/newsandevents/newsletterforstaff/](http://www.gla.ac.uk/colleges/scienceengineering/newsandevents/newsletterforstaff/)

Professor Chapman thanked all staff for their efforts in securing grants income over the year and welcomed new colleagues to the College.

SECC/2012/26 Internationalisation
Professor Hoey, Internationalisation Lead, reported that the University’s International Strategy will be discussed at Senate on 6th June, 2013. The College’s International Strategy has been developed in alignment with that of the University. Development of strategic international partnerships is progressing, if there are any areas which could be explored further, please contact Professor Hoey.

Funds are available to facilitate overseas visits, please contact Professor Hoey for details.

Professor Hoey’s report is available at: https://sharepoint.gla.ac.uk/colleges/scieng/College%20Council/Forms/AllItems.aspx

SECC/2012/27 Learning & Teaching

Professor Fearn highlighted:

- Teaching Excellence Awards: Dr Graham Green and Dr Tim Drysdale (both Engineering).
- Additional Open Day on Saturday 26th October 2013.
- Development of software for project allocation (Computing Science) which is being taken forward by the College.

Professor Fearn’s report is available at: https://sharepoint.gla.ac.uk/colleges/scieng/College%20Council/Forms/AllItems.aspx

SECC/2012/28 Research

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

- Science in an independent Scotland: access to funding and facilities, mitigating risk and uncertainty.
- Preparations for REF 2014.

Professor Padgett’s report is available at: https://sharepoint.gla.ac.uk/colleges/scieng/College%20Council/Forms/AllItems.aspx

SECC/2012/29 Graduate School

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

- Graduate School Review: recommendations (completed).
- Science Slam 19th July in the Cottier Theatre. Eight doctoral researchers will present their research in creative and engaging ways. This is the first time this event has been run by a UK University, please contact Heather Lambie for further details.
- The transfer of PGR admissions to RIO to enable alignment with University admissions processes.
- Doctorate extension scheme for Tier 4 students.

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SECC/2012/30 Update on new campus infrastructure

Mrs Ann Allen, Director of Estates and Buildings led the discussion on the update of the campus infrastructure.

There is approximately ten acres of the Western Infirmary site to be redeveloped which may take upwards of fifteen years to complete (a further four acres are scheduled to be purchased by June 2013). One of the main themes of the redevelopment will be connectivity: between buildings and people and the University and its surrounding community. The focus of the redevelopment Vision will be on the whole campus and not solely on building out the Western Infirmary site and will include retention/integration of green space.

The following are currently under development:

- Redevelopment ‘Vision’;
- Framework with Glasgow City Council;
- Strategic infrastructure plan;
- Detailed asset strategy;
- Income versus capital investment analysis;
- Technical assessment of the site constraints;
- Sustainability (including environmental), transport and parking.

The importance of co-location of academic activity and functionality was discussed and recognized and Mrs Allen reported that this was under active discussion and she welcomed comments from colleagues regarding this.

The estates plan will be reviewed continually, if there are any issues which colleagues would wish to raise, please contact Mrs Allen by e-mail: Ann.Allen@glasgow.ac.uk.

The Campus Estates Strategy can be found at: http://www.gla.ac.uk/services/estates/organisationstructure/estatesdevelopment/estatetownplanning/

SECC/2012/31 Honorary Appointments

The Council noted the list of honorary appointments to the College made since December 2012.

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

The next meeting of the College Council will be held in December 2013, venue to be confirmed.