

UET meeting

Tue 08 March 2022, 10:00 - 12:00

Committee room/MS Teams

Attendees

UET members

John Vinney (Chair), Jim Andrews, Tim McIntyre-Bhatty, Susie Reynell

In attendance

Jane Forster, Sarah Hutchings (Present at: 4), Ros Ashcroft/Jacky Mack/Deborah Wakely (Present at: 2.1), Deborah Wakely (Present at: 3), Brian Kaliczynskyj (Present at: 4.2)

Meeting minutes

1. Minutes and Matters arising from the previous meeting held on 1 March 2022


Approval
Chair

Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Matters arising

None noted.

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2. Standing item: OfS and Government Reporting

Discussion
Chair

2.1. Update on OfS response to previous reportable event

The approach to the response was discussed and the drafts considered. It was agreed that a number of changes were needed to the drafts to clarify a number of points and it was agreed that updated drafts would be circulated and the group would meet with UET on Thursday morning to finalise them. After that the drafts would be shared with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Board for comment before submission on Friday by the deadline.

Discussion
Ros Ashcroft/Jacky Mack/Deborah Wakely

It was noted that the cross BU action for this matter includes a requirement to establish ongoing monitoring and assurance. Future updates to EULT should address ongoing assurance on compliance as well as updates on the action plan.

 Student complaints draft for qu 2.pdf

 8.3.22 draft response to Q1 for UET.pdf

 Consumer Protection Action Plan 2021 v2.pdf

Present: Ros Ashcroft/Jacky Mack/Deborah Wakely

2.2. Reportable events update

Information
Chair

There were no other reportable events to discuss, although JA noted the intended re-ballot for strike action, which would need be considered in due course if there was a vote to strike.


3. Variation to Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) Apprenticeship Agreement for Training Providers

Review
Deborah Wakely

- For review and recommendation to the Board

It was noted that there had been no response to the application for the register of training providers. In the meantime, the variation was approved following a discussion. It was noted that there were various risks in relation to apprenticeship provision, which were being dealt with separately, and that an update paper was due at EULT on 23rd March.

 CAF 20224 ESFA Agreement Variation Winter 2021 v.4.0 updated by Finance.pdf

 UET Paper - Variation to ESFA Training Provider Agreement (March 2022).pdf

Present: Deborah Wakely

4. Finance discussion

Present: Sarah Hutchings

Information

Sarah Hutchings

4.1. Cash flow update

There was a brief update on the cash flow.

4.2. Transformation projects to be included in this planning cycle

BK introduced the paper and the list of proposed projects. These were discussed and feedback was given. It was agreed that work should start (or continue) on a number of these projects and it was noted that they have different time frames - i.e some would have impact in a longer time frame than others which might have a more immediate effect. In that context, it was important to start the longer term ones as soon as possible.

 Transformation Financial Plan v1.1.pdf

Present: Brian Kaliczynskij

Discussion/Approval

Brian Kaliczynskij

4.3. Bids for approval

-RED ID: 12946 – “Reducing the Impact of Educational and Social Disadvantage: Developing a Roadmap for the Effective use of Artificial Intelligence within Higher Education”, Nuffield Foundation– Martyn Polkinghorne

-RED ID: 12973 – “5-a-day SMART”, British Heart Foundation – Katherine Appleton

-RED ID: 12975 – “Community Fall and Fracture Prevention Service”, NIHR – Susan Dewhurst

-RED ID: 12982 – “Bluestone Pillar 6 - digital material and technology in RASSO”, Mayor’s Office for Policing & Crime – Kari Davies

-RED ID: 12988 – “Development of a new referral pathway to psychological therapy for fall injury patients”, THIS Institute – Samuel Nyman

Approval

Susie Reynell

British Academy and Royal Society – Newton International Fellowships:

-1. RED ID: 12990, Developing high strength and high ductility Mg-Li Alloys for automotive applications, PI Dr Yi Huang and Fellow Deepa Verma, Faculty of Science and Technology

-2. RED ID: 13019, Enhancing thermal stability of Al 6063 alloy processed by ECAP by Ag addition, PI Dr Yi Huang and Fellow Oussama Djema, Faculty of Science and Technology

-3. RED ID: 12974, Developing advanced sketch and machine learning based techniques for efficient creation and animation of realistic virtual characters, PI Prof. Lihua Yu and Fellow Dr Arindam Sarkar, Faculty of Media and Communication

-4. RED ID: 13011, Explainable Deep Learning Models for Medical Image Analysis, PI Dr Hammadi Nait-Charif and Fellow Ibtissam Bakouri, Faculty of Media and Communication To the British Academy:

-5. RED ID: 13030, Mass production and Cultic Paraphernalia: An exploration of the socio-economic role of material culture in religious expression in ancient Thessaly, PI Dr Derek Pitman and Fellow Stylianos Ieremias, Faculty of Science and Technology

These bids plus the two CPD bids submitted as late papers were approved.


 Narrative for UET meeting 8.3.22.pdf

 Email re additional CPD opportunities.pdf

4.4. RLH

There was a brief discussion of the draft ARG paper which was endorsed.

 Savills letter 2 March 2022 (002).pdf


 Board Paper_RLH Sale Update_04.03.22.pdf


Decision


Jim Andrews

5. Future Meetings and Items

- ULT agenda - 23 March 2022
- ULT agenda - 6th April 2022
- SVEC agenda - 9th March 2022

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 EULT 6th April 2022.pdf

Note

Chair

6. AOB

- The following bids were reviewed and approved at the UET discussion meeting on the 15 March:

-RED ID: 12788–AI for automatic vertebrae motion tracking in fluoroscopic images, MRC – Marcin Budka

-RED ID: 12890 – “Management solutions to multiple threats affecting treescapes (Threatscape)” - UKRI – Adrian Newton

-RED ID: 12952 – “Updating the Responsible Suicide Reporting Model”, Nuffield Foundation– Ann Luce

-RED ID: 13020 – “Virtual reality therapy on children who have Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)”, MRC – Vedad Hulusic

- The February Management Accounts were circulated to UET for note on 16 March ahead of submission to the next ULT meeting on 23 March.