

Minutes of the School Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

**1. BBSRC Review Process – Janneke Balk**

See [presentation](#).

Slide 3 – full proposal should be as complete as possible and must be with RIN no later than three weeks before the deadline.

Input from external reviewers (i.e. not committee members) is sometimes requested. This is often important for Ecology proposals in particular and should be mentioned in the documentation if required.

If there are issues with lead-in times, it may be possible for Emma and Janneke to review by email. The next BBSRC deadline is mid-January; submit your full proposal by 12<sup>th</sup> December. Feedback will be provided after Christmas.

**2. Director of Enterprise update – Charles Brearley**

See [presentation](#)

**3. Feedback from Student Staff Liaison Committee (SSLC) – Tamas Dalmay**

Positive feedback has been received from students regarding the recording and upload of lectures – well done to those who have done this.

SSLC student representatives have requested that the School consider introducing a January exam period for autumn semester modules. A very rough poll was carried out during the meeting. On average, more attendees were in favour of this idea or didn't mind, rather than were against it.

**4. Possibility of changing the UG Ecology degree to UG Ecology and Conservation – Kelly Edmunds**

It has been suggested that students considering Ecology degrees may lean towards one with conservation in the title.

At the recent Open Day, ~20 prospective Ecology students were present and they were broadly in favour of this. Not much information on the pros/con has been provided by ARM, who are currently trying to improve how the Ecology degree is marketed.

At this moment it would just be a change in the title rather than a change to content, so a concern was raised about whether there is enough conservation content in the modules to justify it.

The 2019 prospectus deadline is approaching but Kelly would like to see what ARM come up with in terms of marketing first. Iain confirmed he is in favour of changing it for 2019.