

Minutes of the School Meeting held on 21st June 2017.

1. HOS Update

Employability

Employability numbers have been made available. These are for UG students who are in work six months after graduation. BIO now stands at 79.1% which is up from 72.4%. UEA is around 76%.

Computer Budget

A faculty budget of £11,000 for purchasing computers & accessories will be available from August 1st. Tamas thinks this will be enough to buy 14 new computers each year (a basic package PC is £800). Additional grant funds or similar can be used to 'top up' if individuals desire a better spec (i.e. an Apple mac).

2. Quadram Institute – Professor Dylan Edwards

Dylan talked through his presentation on the Quadram Institute and how it fits into the UEA structure. The name is based on four partners who make up the Institute, and is due for completion in 2018 (Slide 2). There will be 200+ researchers in the Institute working in 3 major components within the building (Slide 3). Slide 4 explains the purpose/goal of the Institute. Slide 5 provides details on the global challenge of Food, Health & Ageing, and slide 6 provides evidence of the growing problem. Slide 7 shows a breakdown of the impact on the NHS of food related issues. Slide 8 shows the research themes that the Institute will focus on and slide 9 shows the core programme focus. Slide 10 focuses on the research priorities of the Institute. Slide 11 is about the Endoscopy suite – Dylan explained the suite will be the largest in Europe and will generate a lot of data. Slide 12 contains some information on the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital. Slide 13 explains why Norfolk is an ideal base for population health studies. Slide 14 explains why the Institute's approach is different than other organisations. Slide 15 contains a YouTube link to a 3 minute artist's impression 'walkthrough' of the Quadram Institute.

Dylan provided some extra information as questions were asked by the audience. The facilities are not strictly UEA facilities as they are shared but Dylan said that collaboration is extremely important. The BMRC will remain in place and cross-faculty working will still take place. Dylan is trying to encourage more joint working between the various partners and organisations, and there are 10 posts (not all filled) that have mainly been recruited from the UEA. The future of the IFR building has yet to be decided. Dylan isn't clear on the ownership of the building, and whose responsibility it is. Dylan concluded by saying that he is happy to hear ideas from people or put anyone in contact with others (for example with similar research interests).