

Minutes of the School Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## **1. HOS update – Tracey Chapman on behalf of Tamas Dalmay**

### Appointments

- Mark Searcey (CHE Head of School) has been appointed as the new SCI PVC, replacing Phil Gilmartin, from 1<sup>st</sup> April.
- Dr Ben Garrod, new appointment for BIO, has been booked as guest speaker for the Research Colloquium.
- Interviews for new positions are taking place on 29 April (ATS in Biology) and 1 May (ATR in Biomedicine). Adverts will be out soon. Up to 1.3 FTE is available for the former, so it could be a 0.5 to full time position.
- Laura Wagstaff has been appointed on casual contract to cover Sam Fountain's teaching as he becomes AD-PGR (congratulations Sam!). A longer term solution is underway.
- The School has post releases for 2 x ATR jobs, but we await the March outcome of the E3 bid for an Evolutionary Biology Unit in BIO before deciding on what area these should be in.

### Research and Innovation news

- From BIO research newsletter for February - 2 x NERC grants to PIs Simone Immler and David S Richardson. Also 2 x Nature Comms (Tom Clarke and Tracey Chapman) and Science paper (Diana Bell) involving BIO staff that were mentioned in the newsletter. Well done to all!
- Staff were encouraged to read the February Innovation and Impact newsletter for news and finding opportunities.

### Surveys

- Please complete ResearchFish by 14th March 4pm.
- It is vital for the School to get higher uptake on the National Student Survey. All staff were asked to encourage final year UG students to complete and talk to their project students about doing this.
- Postgraduate Research Experience Survey, staff were asked to encourage their PGRs to complete this survey.

## **2. Academic Outreach – Carl Harrington – SCI Widening Participation Academic Officer**

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## **3. EIRA presentation – Dr Kenny Lang**

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- EIRA teams at UEA and Essex are working closely together to create a knowledge exchange network, helping companies/institutions with innovation queries.
- EIRA has both open calls and regular deadlines. R & D grants have six deadline dates and two stages; Innovation Vouchers have rolling dates.
- Enterprise Accelerator Scheme – A pilot has taken place where 90 students were given specialist training in business skills on a training day. If this is successful the course will be repeated.

## **4. Colette Matthewman introduction**

Colette introduced herself as RIN Relationship Manager, working with Karen Smith. Her role is to broker relationships between academics, individuals and teams in the private sector, industry representatives and government teams. For further details please contact her via [c.matthewman@uea.ac.uk](mailto:c.matthewman@uea.ac.uk)

## **5. Any Other Business**

- Employability Seminar – Friday 1 March 2019 1pm – BIO alumni will be speaking at this seminar which is aimed at Level 6 UGs but may be of interest to academics as well. The details are in the bulletin. Please pass this information to interested parties.