



UNIVERSITY BOARD FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

22/17 A meeting of the University Board for Research and Innovation was held on Wednesday 15 June 2022 at 11am on Microsoft Teams

Present

Dominik Zaum Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation) (Chair)

Parveen Yaqoob Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation)

Carol Wagstaff, Research Director (Agriculture, Food and Health)

John Gibbs, Research Director (Heritage & Creativity)

Daniella La Penna, Department of Languages and Cultures Senate member

Apologies

Darren Browne Commercial Director

Mark Fellowes Pro-

22/ 22 Diversity and Inclusion data in research (Item 6a)

The Board received a report covering some research-related diversity and inclusion data across the following areas: staff demographics; representation amongst Research Division Leaders and committee membership; research awards and applications; research costs, and research output volume. In particular, it noted the following:

- Generally, Females' average research award and application values were lower than Males, and the proportion of award/application value was lower than the proportion of Females in Research Divisions
- Generally, the proportion of research awards and applications from BAME staff was lower than the proportion of BAME staff in Research Divisions.

The following actions were agreed

- The Secretary to refine the report and share

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 1, 2, 8, 12, and in the top quartile for research scores (27%)

22/ 29 Acceptance of research and innovation funding policy [item 8a]

The Board received for information a copy of the policy, which had been reviewed at the Board's previous meeting, and had now been agreed by UEB. It noted that there might have to be some adjustment to reflect recent developments with regard to the free speech bill and ~~exemptions~~ on reporting on funding from overseas institutions. Members remained concerned about the potential for acceptance of funding agreements to result in censorship or constraints.

22/ 30 Acknowledgement Guidelines for Technical Staff in Publications [item 8b]

The Board welcomed and approved the proposed policy over the approach to the recognition, through appropriate acknowledgement, of the contribution of Technical staff in support of research publications. It acknowledged a potential grey area in establishing the point at which attribution of co-authorship was appropriate, that is significant data analysis and intellectual input. There might also be some disciplinary differences in approach, working within these principles.

The Board recognised that this was a starting point for consideration of contributions from other support and professional services staff, for example in the Library and Special Collections. [item 8b] (J00)

Research Travel Grant [Item 9d]

The Board received the annual report from the Research Travel Grant Committee, which oversees the allocation of awards to support conference attendance and other research-related travel. In 2021/22 YTD, the scheme had supported 55 applications totalling £21k against a budget of £55k. The Board noted the question about the use of the fund by research students studying at a distance and that the fund should not in principle support travel to attend University activity in the UK. It asked that the Subcommittee (i) use the fund to support research students to attend University activity in the UK, and (ii) use the fund to support research students to attend University activity in the UK.

Annex to the UBRI minutes of 15 Jun 2022

Actions from 27 October 2021

21/33 Disclosure of Interests and Risk Register

Secretary to provide Board feedback to the Risk Management Group

Status: Completed

22/33 Research Travel Grants

Research Travel Grant Subcommittee to develop a proposal for the use of the fund by research students studying at a distance

Status: ongoing