

HoDoMS

HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES IN THE UK

**Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at 2pm on Friday 13
April 2012 at University of Birmingham Conference Centre.**

Present:

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Charles Taylor	Vice-Chair
Jeremy Levesley	Immediate Past Chair
Toby O'Neil	Secretary
Mary McAlinden	
Kevin Parrott	
Dugald Duncan	
Eric Burman	
Nigel Steele	IMA

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		ACTION
1.	Apologies	
	. Pargat Calay, Peter Clarkson, Anthony Wickstead, Duncan Lawson.	
2.	Updates related to minutes of 20th January 2012 meeting	
	<i>Westminster forum</i> Conclusion: not worth tracking	
	The <i>Good Practice Scheme</i> (note change of name) is now up and running.	
	HoDoMS mission statement to appear on website	
	<p><i>Items in abeyance</i></p> <p>CT: With regard to workload survey: what data can we access? What do we want to know?</p> <p>AB: Good Practice Scheme about to do some benchmarking – data gathered may be helpful in forming a preliminary view.</p> <p>NS: Need to get an idea of range in setup/structure and membership of departments.</p> <p>ACTION: See what GPS gathers and then reflect/decide... (add as an agenda item for January if results available). Possible conference item.</p>	TCON
3.	Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda	
	<p><i>A levels and Gove</i></p> <p>Mood from AGM was that HoDoMS should be advising 'change as little as possible whilst achieving goal'. In particular, should leave large part of exam unchanged:</p> <p>Any response/action should be joint/coordinated with ACME (and possibly others: IMA and LMS, RSS).</p> <p>NS: Essential ACME involved but letter should come from HoDoMS (with strong support from ACME, to avoid being ignored.)</p> <p>AB: Could also write to chair of Education Select Committee, Graham Stringer.</p> <p>DA: Departments want (in general) to be involved but how do we resource it? Tell government that resource will be required.</p> <p>DD: What are we being asked to do/answer?</p>	

	DA: Need to raise teacher training issues as well.					
4.	Correspondence / Chair's communications					
	Correspondence discussed at AGM.					
	<p><i>Resourcing of HoDoMS</i> Currently propose to leave fees unchanged but may need to increase them slightly soon. ACTION: Item for next agenda meeting.</p>	TCON				
	<p>CT: Delaying start of Committee meetings by 30 minutes would save some money by reducing number of peak tickets. ACTION: Delay start by 30 minutes for subsequent London meetings.</p>	TCON				
5.	Review of Conference 2012					
	<p>FN: positive comments on good variety of topics.</p> <p>CT: Need to produce Powerpoint slide in maths impact (as suggested by Graeme Reid in his presentation).</p> <p>Note: Nobody volunteered to do this.</p> <p><i>Possible topics/speakers for Conference 2013</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student expectations • REF will still be live so invite John Toland again • Key information sets • HEFCE • OfQual and A levels. • CMS – Frank Kelly <p>Possible date: 11-12 April 2013. Update since meeting: dates are now 4-5 April 2013 at Birmingham Conference Centre.</p> <p>ACTION: Send out attendance/contact list for this conference.</p>	TCON				
6.	Succession Planning					
	<p>Need to find a replacement treasurer. Workload in first quarter of year. Edmund Chadwick was suggested as a possibility</p> <p>Need to run more of an open call for nominations. Include as an agenda item for future meetings and send round a call for interest nearer conference time. (Perhaps in January?) Will need to sell committee membership!</p>	TCON				
7.	Watching briefs/external organisation representation					
	<p>Current Brief distribution:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Agency</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>JMC</td> <td>Duncan Lawson</td> </tr> </table>	Agency		JMC	Duncan Lawson	All
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	ACME	Kevin Parrott	
	CMS	David Arrowsmith	
	NCETM HE	Pargat Calay	
	HEA MSOR Network	Duncan Lawson/Mary McAlinden	
	STEM (incl WP)	Alison Hooper	
	EPSRC	Dugald Duncan	
	IMA	Nigel Steele	
	LMS	Martin Hylund	
	RSS	Charles Taylor	
	ORSOC	Jeff Griffiths	
	TDA	Jeremy Levesley	
	UUK	Toby O'Neil	
	Bologna International Affairs	Charles Taylor	
	Engineering Professors Council maths working group	Cathy Hobbs (to be nominated by us)	
	Email them in if there is something to report.		
	KP: Encourage people to go for ACME (outer circle) membership.		
8.	Date of next meeting		
	Friday 14 th September @11.30 @ De Morgan House, subject to confirmation		
9.	Any other business		
	Is there a suitable replacement for JISCMail such as an RSS feed? No conclusion reached.		

Minutes approved:

Items in abeyance		
	Workload survey	
	RAE results analysis	