

HoDoMS

HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES IN THE UK

Confirmed minutes of the Committee Meeting held at 14:00 on Friday 20 April 2018 at Lucas House, University of Birmingham Conference Centre

Present:

Philip Aston (PA)	<i>Chair</i>
Steve Langdon (SL)	<i>Vice-Chair</i>
Mary McAlinden (MM)	<i>Secretary</i>
Jan van den Heuvel (JVH)	<i>Treasurer</i>
Ruth Fairclough (RF)	
Jon Forster (JF)	RSS
Kevin Golden (KG)	
Michael Grove (MG)	IMA
Paul Harper (PH)	ORSoc
Cathy Hobbs (CH)	<i>Immediate past Chair</i>
Matthias Maischak (MMai)	
Nick Monk (NM)	
Anke Wiese (AW)	

Apologies:

Paul Milewski (PM)	
Lindsay Walsh (LW)	CMS/LMS

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	Preliminaries	
	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
1.	Apologies for absence	
	These are noted above.	
2.	Minutes of the meeting on 12 January 2018	
	The minutes of the January 2018 meeting were approved.	
3.	Matters arising not otherwise covered on the agenda	
	PA still had to contact the LMS Research Policy Committee about a HoDoMS replacement. In the interim JVH agreed to attend the next meeting. All other actions were completed.	Action PA
4.	Chair's communications report	
	This had been given verbally the previous evening at the Annual General Meeting	
5.	Conference 2018 Review	
	Very positive feedback had been received from delegates and the Committee agreed that the conference had been a success. There was a very good attendance with numbers being similar to those in previous years. The Committee briefly discussed possible themes for next year. The ideas that emerged were REF and Computing in the Curriculum. The Chair agreed to write to all speakers to thank them for their contributions and to request their permission to put their presentations on the website. The provisional dates for the conference next year were noted as 4-5 April 2019.	Action PA
6.	Legal status of HoDoMS	
	The Committee agreed next actions following the vote the previous evening to change the legal status of HoDoMS to a company limited by guarantee. The Chair would contact the solicitors with the minor amendments to the Articles/Rules and request them to proceed. JVH, CH and PA would complete the necessary paperwork to become directors. The Chair would contact the LMS about the details of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) regarding the use of the LMS address as a registered	Action PA Action PA, CH, JVH

	and postal address for HoDoMS and to check the wording of the MoU to make sure that it was not creating problems for Committee members with their institutions.	Action PA
7.	Induction course for new lecturers	
	<p>MG had given the information about the event during his talk at the conference. He said that the course would be advertised soon.</p> <p>PH requested that MG send him the event flyer to see if he could get OR Society endorsement for the course as well.</p>	Action MG/PH
8.	Watching briefs/items for note	
	<p>Short reports from Committee members were received and discussed.</p> <p>Reports</p> <p>JMC (JVH) There was nothing to report.</p> <p>ACME (MM) An update had been given at the conference.</p> <p>CMS (LW) It was reported that Sir Ian Diamond would be the next CMS Chair.</p> <p>GPS/Athena SWAN (JVH) (a) The LMS has initiated a benchmarking survey, based on Athena SWAN submissions. The report from this survey should be available before the summer, with the suggestion to have a Women in Mathematics workshop discussing the outcomes in September/October. (b) Anne Davis will be the new Chair of the GPS Steering Group from November 2018 onwards.</p> <p>EPSRC (SL) (a) EPSRC has a new Head of Theme for Mathematical Sciences Capability Delivery, Katie Blaney. (b) EPSRC is now part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) . (c) Expressions of interest for Doctoral Training Centres will be invited soon. (d) Funding is available via the UKRI Future Leaders Fellowships scheme for early career researchers (https://epsrc.ukri.org/newsevents/news/ukrifutureleaders/) (e) EPSRC/ESRC have recently funded a £20M centre for Research on Energy Demand (led by Oxford, and involving over 40 academics at 13 institutions) (f) EPSRC have published their gender pay gap report:</p>	

	<p>https://epsrc.ukri.org/files/aboutus/standards/epsrcgenderpaygapreport2017/</p> <p>IMA (MG) A report had been given at the conference.</p> <p>LMS (PC) (a) The LMS was planning an Education day on 1st May 2018. (b) The Education Committee was planning to respond to the consultation on two year degrees.</p> <p>RSS (a) The RSS Annual Conference will be in Cardiff from 3-6 September 2018. (b) The RSS is drafting a response to the subject level TEF consultation from a technical point of view (with strong criticisms of the methodology). (c) The recent UKRI extension AI call for CDTs did not include Statistics (or Mathematics) explicitly, which, after it was queried, seems to have been an oversight.</p> <p>ORSoc (PH) (a) OR has a good spread of expertise across the relevant REF panels. (b) The OR Society's 60th annual conference will take place in Lancaster (September 2018) and will be preceded by a new two-day early career researcher workshop with a focus on research.</p> <p>UUK (PA) (a) UUK are working generally on pensions, Brexit and immigration. (b) They have also responded to the Treasury Committee recommendations on the Government's major review of university funding.</p> <p>EMS There was no report.</p> <p>EPC (CH) There was nothing new to report.</p> <p>Some of the watching briefs were reallocated. KG agreed to cover TEF, NM agreed to cover REF and RF agreed to cover EMS.</p>	
9.	Any other business	
	<p>Thanks were extended to all the outgoing Committee members for their contributions during their terms on the Committee.</p> <p>The Chair noted that there was a need for HoDoMS to draw up a policy on data retention in line with the new legislation. He agreed to take this forward.</p>	Action PA

10.	Date of next meeting:	
	The next meeting was scheduled for Friday 7 September 2018.	
	The meeting closed at 15:20	