

Open Access Project Board
Thursday 23 July 2015, 3.30-5.00pm
Syndicate Room, the Old Schools

AGENDA

Members are asked to declare any potential conflicts of interest.

Welcome and apologies for absence

1. Minutes of previous meeting (31 March 2015) and matters arising – OAPB-42

Draft minutes of the last meeting are attached for approval (OAPB-42). Actions from that meeting are complete or included below at items 2 and 3. On 23 April 2015, the Research Policy Committee approved the matters referred to it by the Project Board, namely:

- The recommendation that the University should initiate an institutional implementation of ORCID's in association with the Symplectic system.
- The Research Data Management Policy Framework (now available at <http://www.data.cam.ac.uk/university-policy>).

2. Open Access Project – OAPB-43

Dr Danny Kingsley will introduce OAPB-43, which provides a report on the Open Access Project and includes an update on the ORCID roll-out (following on from the interim report that was circulated to Project Board members on 15 June 2015). The report highlights three issues for decision/discussion by the Project Board:

- a) The contingency plan for managing the RCUK block grant if funds run low.
- b) The recent plateauing (at less than 30% of the expected total) of compliance with HEFCE's requirement for deposition of accepted manuscripts. This requirement for the next REF is due to come into force from 1 April 2016.
- c) The implications of potential alterations in the HEFCE policy.

3. Open Data Project – OAPB-44 and OAPB-45

Dr Peter Hedges will introduce OAPB-44, which presents the business case for a University research data management and storage facility. The plan identifies the need for a start-up funding provision totalling £515k over three years from October 2015, after which the facility is expected to be financially self-sustaining. The Project Board is asked to comment, and to decide whether it will endorse the business case to be referred to the Research Policy Committee and Planning & Resources Committee for approval.

OAPB-45 provides a report on the Open Data Project, for information.

4. Draft UK Concordat on Open Research Data– OAPB-46

The Russell Group is taking the lead in developing a UK Concordat on Open Research Data, with input from RCUK, HEFCE, charities, publishers, BIS and others. The current draft of this document, prefaced by comments from the University's Open Data Project Working Group, is attached as OAPB-46. The Project Board is asked to confirm the feedback that the University wishes to pass to the Russell Group about the draft.

5. Items to be referred to Research Policy Committee

The Project Board is asked to confirm any items that it wishes to forward or report to the Research Policy Committee for its meeting on 8 October 2015.

6. AOB

Date of next meeting: Weds 11 November at 3.30-5.00pm in the Syndicate Room.