



OPEN RESEARCH OPERATIONAL GROUP

Minutes for Wednesday 16th March 2022, 10:30 – 12:00

Via Teams

Present: Niamh Tumelty (Chair), Laura Boxall (Secretary), Augustina Martinez-Garcia (AM), Claire Sewell (CS), Beatrice Gini (BG) Steve Russell (SR), Liz Simmonds (LSi), Sacha Jones (SJ), Owen Robertson (OR), Rhys Morgan (RM), Lucinda Spokes (LSp), Matthew Day (MD) (Cambridge University Press).

Apologies: Samuel Moore (SM), Matthias Ammon (MA), Alexia Sutton (AS)

1 Declaration of interests

None

2 Minutes of previous meeting (15 December 2021)

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Approved by group

3 Matters arising

Elsevier negotiation. Confirmation that the offer is expected to be accepted by the sector and we are awaiting official announcement which is due next week.

4 UKRI Policy implementation and Rights Retention

University is continuing to sign up to R&P agreements where possible and a significant amount is already covered in Gold journals. However, publishing in hybrid journals is an issue and a paper has been sent to the research policy committee highlighting issues.

CUPA view is that there are many areas of concern but there is enthusiasm to figure out the best way to support researchers and that the proposed pilot seems a reasonable approach. In the UK there is a need to clarify how to handle co-authors. One possibility is to recognise Green OA rights for co-authors or offer Gold OA for free. CUPA needs to assess the policy for UKRI policy with TAs already in place and MD will present ideas at an upcoming meeting.

The group acknowledged that there will be some challenging discussions around TAs and co-authorship, with clear guidance required in both areas. Other areas discussed included the ability for researchers to opt out at article level, the possibility of opting in at School or Department level, what constitutes notification of the publisher and whether the measures taken sufficiently remove the research from a vulnerable position.

NT is awaiting legal comment on the current approach and will update the group once a response is received.

5 2021 Annual report

NT thanked everyone for their input on the report, which will be brought to ORSC at the end of March. It is proposed that the report structure is adjusted for next year to align it with the structure of the overall Open Research Programme.

Action: MD to add CUPA section by 21/03

6 Open Humanities working group update

Update submitted in writing in MA absence:

The Working Group on Open Research in the Humanities held its final scheduled meeting in December. The group is currently working on finalising its report which has been slightly delayed by members' research leave and the industrial action. We are still hoping to submit it to the next meeting of the Open Research Steering Group for consideration.

The group discussed how to increase 'reach' within the Humanities sector and also any researchers who are not in a 'School'. The group strongly agreed that there is a need to include all researchers and steps need to be taken to formalise communication channels for NSIs to ensure that they are not omitted from consultations.

Action: NT and OR to meet to discuss and NT to take forward to ORSC

7 Cambridge Workshops on the Future of Scholarly Communication

Workshops now taking place online in March, April and May. First session, 23rd March, unfortunately falls on a strike day but given the work and preparation involved, the decision was made to go ahead. Attendance is still looking healthy, with 21 expected attendees for the first session.

Issues which will be addressed and discussed include:

- What is the current landscape
- What are the current issues
- How can we take a leading position in an open research future
- Where do we want to go and how do we get there

A summary of the workshops will be presented at the next OROG in June.

8 Draft minutes of the ORSC meeting

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Included for information.

9 2022 Open Research Work Plan*

NT encouraged people to think about where the gaps are and to update the plan indicating where action is needed for this year.

Rewards and Recognition update:

LSi is taking a paper to the Rewards and Recognition Working Group to propose larger scale changes to the rewards and recognition process, taking DORA principles into account.

There are a significant number of grey areas within R&R including when researchers become independent and how we increase recognition for the activity which takes place between RA and SRA roles.

LSi confirmed approval of large-scale funding for an international project which focuses on three strands: Narrative CVs, Tools to support development conversations and Precarity (e.g: fixed term contracts). The project will officially start in September 2022 but a substantial recruitment process will take place in the interim.

UKRI are holding a conference on Narrative CVs (R4RI- Resume for Research and Innovation) and this is gathering pace. Cambridge University will need to secure academic support to ensure we are able to move this forward and

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it will need to be actively used in recruitment process.

LSi attended RORI conference (Research on Research institute - <https://researchonresearch.org/>) on the future of peer review. Link to RORI doc: <https://researchonresearch.org/projects#!/tab/273951116-5>

Action: LB to add rewards and recognition to next OROG agenda

Action: OROG members encouraged to add items to the worklist

10 Items to be referred to the Open Research Steering Committee

Draft OROG minutes (16/03/2022)

Challenge of clarity around communication channels for consulting with NSIs on research (ad other) matters.

Next Meeting:

15 June 2022, 10:30 – 12:00

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