FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

MEETING OF THE FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE (FRC)

Wednesday, 10th January 2018, 2:30 pm
GLA. CG35, Henry Grattan, DCU Glasnevin Campus

Chairperson: Prof. Eugene McNulty

MINUTES

Present:  Dr. Eugene McNulty (Associate Dean for Research, Chair), Ms Michelle Brennan (Secretary), Ms. Ailbhe Ní Chonaire (Recording Secretary), Dr. Yvonne Daly (Law & Government), Dr. Patricia Flynn (Theology, Philosophy, and Music), Dr. Íain McGillicuddy (CTTS), Dr. Tanya Lokot (Communications), Dr. Jim Shanahan (English), Dr. Ecaterina McDonagh (Research Officer, Research & Innovation Support Services), Ms Victoria Smyth (Library).

Apologies:  Ms. Arpita Chakraborty (Student Representative), Dr. Leeann Lane (History & Geography), Dr. Caomhnic Lochlainn (Fiontart & Scoil na Gaeilge), Dr. Ryoko Sasamoto (SALIS).

Dr. Tanya Lokot, (Communications) was welcomed to the FRC, she is replacing Dr. Jim Rogers.

SECTION A: MINUTES AND RELATED ISSUES

1. Apologies and New Committee Members

The apologies were noted.

2. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting [08th November 2017]

The minutes of the previous meeting were deemed approved subject to minor edits in A.O.B. The Chair will reword this item to state that the committee felt stronger about the removal of the access to communicate to all staff emails.

4. Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting

- MA (Research) by Artefact – Chair to reconvene working group on 18 January at 2pm [Chair]
- Viva Regulations – Chair advised awaiting response from the Dean of Graduate Studies
- ISSE feedback to GRSB has been completed by Chair
- Funded Project Administrative Support – E. McDonagh and Y. Daly will meet to discuss.
Research Seminar info to PhD students – Secretary advised that following discussions with GSO it was agreed the appropriate and most accessible forum to display the seminar details to students and staff was via the Faculty webpages. A ‘Research seminars’ tab has been created on the faculty’s research webpage to display each school’s schedule. Research Convenors were requested to send a document with details to the Secretary for display.

Gathering data on research student publications – Chair to discuss with E.McDonagh.

[Chair]

Research metrics method review – this item will now be addressed in the Draft Faculty Strategy.

DCU Insurance policy greater than 30 days – it was confirmed this policy is applicable to research students for this year. EMcD to confirm if this is the academic year or annual year. Equipment is covered similar to the DCU policy but researchers are advised to contact Brendan Gillen, Finance regarding specific research equipment cover.

[EMcD]

Research student publications ethics workshop took place on 27 November 2017. The Chair noted thanks to Dr Gezim Visoka for his contribution.

SECTION B: STUDENT ISSUES

5. Applications for change to supervisory arrangements
   Noted.

6. Postgraduate research matters [postgraduate research rep.]
   No items discussed.

SECTION C: POLICY AND STRATEGY

7. Chair’s report on matters arising from various committees, including:

7.1 University

7.1.1 Research Committee
    President’s Research Awards 2018 deadline for nominations of 15th of January, 5 pm was noted.
    It was noted the 2nd Annual Report for Research Centres will be distributed to the centre directors later in January. The completed reports will form the review of research centres by the University Research Committee.

7.1.2 Graduate Research Studies Board
GRSB advised that Semester 2 module GS602 Postgraduate Tutoring Principles is now full. Due to resource limitations there is only one offering of this module and therefore a waiting list exists. It was suggested that faculties look to local resources to facilitate this module.

The Chair thanked P. Flynn for her input to the two new Graduate Training Elements for 2017-2018 on Conference and Symposium. GRSB approved one 5 credit module, with some minor editing, for delivery in the next academic year. Chair to follow up with P. Flynn.

[Chair]

Items of note from the PG student survey at the end of last year were:

- Induction was not very positive
- Childcare issues with only one crèche on the Glasnevin Campus
- Workshop and Seminars are mainly based on the Glasnevin campus
- Graduate Training are all daytime focused delivery

7.2 Faculty

7.2.1 GTE Modules update

Item 7.1.2 refers.

7.2.2 Faculty Research Support Schemes*

A summary of the scheme awards in 2017-2018 was circulated in the meeting papers. The Chair welcomed the Postgraduate Journal Scheme and would encourage this scheme again next year if funding is made available. J. Shanahan noted that colleagues in the School of English are very research active but unfortunately awareness of the new funding systems continues to be a challenge to colleagues in transition which is reflected in the summary distributed.

Y. Daly noted the judging criteria used is not explicit on the application forms. Chair agreed to include item on agenda for next meeting to review application forms in light of feedback from Convenors.

[Chair]

Chair reported the possibility of one more scheme for Workshop funding. This will be confirmed shortly.

7.2.3 Feedback on Faculty Research Strategy*

The draft Faculty Research Strategy was circulated and the following feedback was noted.

Y. Daly raised the absence of post research award support being a deterring factor for academic colleagues to support the strategy by increasing externally funded projects.

P. Flynn and T. Lokot requested that creative outputs be included in the publications. Sabbatical funding was discussed and E. McDonagh advised of ERC support by Enterprise Ireland and agreed to circulate a link to this information.

[E.McDonagh]
The use of SCOPUS as a measure for publications was discussed and concern was raised as not all publications catered for in Scopus.

Book chapters or book is excluded on the strategy but given the emphasis on collaboration which relates moreso to edited chapters it was strongly supported to include this item.

Chair agreed to meet with conveners individually to gather their feedback.

T. Lokot volunteered to be part of the Faculty Social Media strategy when a working group was established.

7.2.4 Schools Report

COMMUNICATIONS [TL]:

Grants and Projects

RePast: Strengthening European integration through the analysis of conflict discourses: revisiting the past, anticipating the future (FuJo, DCU PI – Dr. Eugenia Siapera)

The project is funded by H2020 (Call: H2020-SC6-CULT-COOP-2016-2017 - UNDERSTANDING EUROPE - PROMOTING THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC AND CULTURAL SPACE). It concerns the ways in which troubled past (re)emerge and become remediated through public-political discourses, mainstream media and social media discourses. The project coordinator is Dr Dimitra Milioni of Cyprus University of Technology and academic partners include: Aristotle University (Greece), Vesalius College (Belgium), University of Agder (Norway), Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich (Germany), Lancaster University (UK), and University of Ljubljana(Slovenia). It has a budget of €2.5 million - DCU is leading the WP that deals with digital and social media with a budget of €286,785. The project will be launched before May 1st and will run for 26 months.

HateTrack (FuJo, DCU PI – Dr. Eugenia Siapera)

The project is funded by the Irish Research Council and the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission. The budget is €99,846 and the project runs for 12 months (March 2017 to March 2018). The project is concerned with identifying the various forms of online racist hate speech, and constructing a computational tool that can track such contents on public Facebook pages and Twitter accounts.

Netflix and Binge (FuJo, DCU PI – Dr. Eugenia Siapera)

The project is funded by the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland with a budget of €22,150 to run for about 6 months (Jan-June 2018). The project addresses this significant gap through an in-depth qualitative study of video consumption cultures. Using a media diaries methodology, the project will recruit 30 participants to detail their video and media consumption over a period of five weeks. Participants will be selected to broadly reflect the diversity of video consumption practices especially among 18-50 year olds. Further data will be collected through six structured focus groups and the
collected material will be interrogated through detailed qualitative study. The project will therefore provide an in depth understanding of non-linear video consumption and changing audience dynamics that can inform subsequent policy developments.

**Research Events**

The Institute for Future Media and Journalism (FuJo) hosted a seminar and industry roundtable on 'Understanding Audiences' (methodologies in media audience research) on December 8th, 2017. More information on the event is available at: http://fujomedia.eu/events/understanding-audiences-seminar-industry-roundtable/

**PhD Student Progress**

Two PhD students successfully passed their vivas in the past several months. Dr. Dawn Wheatley (supervisor Dr. John O'Sullivan) defended her thesis on how journalists cover Irish health policy on November 27, and Dr. David Robbins (supervisor Dr. Patrick Brereton) defended his thesis on Irish media framing of environmental issues on December 18, 2017.

**Visiting Scholars**

Visiting scholar Yessica Ferrera (Stony Brook University, NY) is currently working with Dr. Padraig Murphy on devising roles for future/potential PhDs and postdocs in the area of using theatre/drama techniques in science communication – this is in collaboration with the Alan Alda Centre for Communicating Science at Stony Brook.

**Staff Fellowships, etc.**

Dr. Jane Suiter is currently Visiting Research Fellow in the Reuters Institute at Green Templeton College, University of Oxford.

**Staff/Postgraduate Research Seminars**

The school is running its regular staff & postgraduate research seminars in semester 2 of 2017-2018, with seminar sessions scheduled for most of the 11 weeks. The seminars meet on Tuesdays 12pm-1pm in room GLA.C123 (Henry Grattan Building). The full schedule will be finalised shortly by seminar convenor John O'Sullivan and will be shared with the school and faculty staff. All are welcome.

**Recent/forthcoming book publications**


**Book chapters**


**Journal articles**


**Other publications**

**RTÉ Brainstorm articles by SoC staff:**

*The gender divide in toys is about more than just child's play* – Dr. Debbie GIng, Dr. Padraig Murphy

*The important social role of the Young Scientist Exhibition* – Dr. Padraig Murphy

**ENGLISH [JS]:**

**Publications**

**Peer-Reviewed Edited Collection**


**Journal Articles**


**Presentations**

**Conference/Symposium Papers Delivered**

Kevin Power, 'Don DeLillo and the Sentence' at Don DeLillo's America: A Symposium, 11 November 2017, Maynooth University.

**Staff and Postgraduate Research Seminars**

A number of staff and PhD students have volunteered to give seminars next semester. A full listing and schedule will be circulated once the second semester timetable is finalised.

**FIONTAR & SCOIL NA GAEILGE [CNL]:**

- FSG agus SALIS joint bid to host the EAFT (European Association for Terminology) biennial seminar in November 2020 has been successful.

- Dr Úna Bhreatnach and Dr Cóilín Ó Floinn have been appointed co-editors (along with Dr Steve Lucek (UCD)) of the Irish Association of Applied Linguistics’ journal *Teanga*.

- FSG website Dúchas.ie won an award at the eir Spiders for An Suiomh Gaeilge is Fearr on 20th November 2017.
• On 6th December 2017, Joe McHugh T.D. (Government Chief Whip and Minister of State at the Department of Culture with responsibility for Gaeilge, Gaeltacht and the Islands) announced that the National Folklore Collection UCD, one of Europe’s largest archives of oral tradition and cultural history, has received recognition from UNESCO for its foundational collection—The Irish Folklore Commission Collection 1935-1970—which has been inscribed on the prestigious UNESCO Memory of the World International Register. This collection is being digitized by FSG and funding for the project has been confirmed for 2018.

• Dr Gearóidín Uí Laighléis’s monograph Gallán an Ghúim was published by Coiscéim in December 2017 and launched in The Cultúrlann in Belfast on 17th December 2017.

• The School Seminar Series will commence next month – details to follow.

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY [LL]:

Symposium
‘1918: The Politics of Radicalisation’ organised by Dr William Murphy in DCU, 27 January 2018. Speakers from the school included:

• Welcome address by Professor James Kelly
• Dr Daithí O Corrain ‘The revitalisation of the Irish Volunteers in 1917 and 1918’
• Dr Leeann Lane “Madame got so excited she went yelling and dancing all over the place”: women candidates and the 1918 election’
• Dr Maria Falina ‘Building a nation-state in the wake of the imperial collapse: Yugoslavia in 1918’

Talks by Dr Ruth Hegarty:
23 November 2017: Coolock-Artane History Society inaugural talk - From Fields to Family Homes: developing Coolock, Artane and surroundings
24 January 2018: Little Museum of Dublin talk - After the Tenements

LAW & GOVERNMENT [YD]:

Prizes and Funding Awards
Dr Paola Rivetti was awarded the inaugural Irish Research Council Early Career Researcher of the Year at a ceremony on December 7th 2017, for her research on the politics of the Middle East.
Dr Diarmuid Torney has been successful in achieving an 18 month research project funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (€98.5k) to conduct an ex-post evaluation of Ireland's policy response to climate change since 1996.

Books
Prof Robert Elgie has published a new monograph (Palgrave, 2018): Political Leadership: A Pragmatic Institutionalist Approach

Eoin O’Malley’s book (co-edited with Sean McGraw) (Routledge 2018) will be launched on Jan 17th at 6pm in the Merrion Hotel, with an address by Micheál Martin TD – *One Party Dominance: FF and Irish Politics 1926-2016*

**Articles**

Articles were published by Ken McDonagh and Maria Deiana in *Peacebuilding*, Alex Baturo in *French Politics*, Catherine Connolly (PhD candidate) in the *Journal of Conflict and Security Law*

**Conferences**

Prof Maura Conway gave keynote speech at TASM – Terrorism and Social Media Conference, Swansea

**Upcoming Event**


**PhD Vivas**

Two PhD candidates successfully defended their theses:

- Karl Murphy (supervised by Dr Karen Devine): “Triologues in the European Union: When and Why?”
- Clare O’Grady Walshe (supervised by Prof Robert Elgie): Thesis on the extent to which actors can exercise sovereignty in the face of globalization, specifically identifying the circumstances under which actors in the Global South can hold out against global pressures regarding certain seed/food crops.

**THEOLOGY, PHILOSOPHY, AND MUSIC [PF]:**

**Post Graduate Research**

Two successful doctoral examinations were completed.

- Cui Ying Gao: Contemplative Leadership: Concepts, Forms, Opportunities and Challenges. She is supervised by Dr John Murray
- Amanda Dillon: Scripture and its Reception: A Semiotic Analysis of Selected Graphic Designs Illustrating Biblical Lections in Iconic Liturgical Books. She is supervised by Dr Brad Anderson and is the recipient of the Lane Scholarship.

**Staff Radio Broadcasts and Media Events**

Peter Admirand (Director of the Centre for Interreligious Dialogue), Broadcast interview on 'The Late Lunch with Gerry Kelly', discussing issues in interreligious dialogue and his publication Loss and Hope: Global, Interreligious, and Interdisciplinary Perspectives on LM/FM Radio (95.8). 9th January 2018
Roisin Blunnie. Radio broadcast of New Irish Works on RTÉ Lyric FM including Nowell, Nowell, Nowell by Elizabeth Maconchy performed by DCU Lumen Chorale and Lullay, My Liking by Rhona Clarke, performed by Laetare Vocal Ensemble. December 2017

John O’ Flynn, Broadcast interview in ‘Sounds in Union’ interval documentary for the Lyric Concert with Paul Herriott, 7.30pm RTÉ Lyric FM, Friday 20th October 2017.

Rhona Clarke (2017) A Different Game, Piano trios by Rhona Clarke performed by The Fidelio Trio and published on the Metier label; Irish launch on 3 December 2017 at Belvedere House

**Staff Publications**

Clarke, Rhona (2017) Premiere performance of Commissioned work, Edge, String Quartet no 3 (2017), commissioned by Music Network for French Quartet Quatuor Voce's Irish tour; performances at Letterkenny (17 Nov), Kilkenny (19 Nov), St Ann's Dawson St (21 Nov), Waterford (23 Nov), Tralee (24 Nov), Pavilion Dun Laoghaire (25 Nov), and Skibereen (26 Nov).


Invited Keynote Presentations:
Regan, Ethna (2017) Keynote Position Paper, 'Catholic Social Teaching and Homelessness: The world tribe of the dispossessed outside the halls of plenty looking in' Paper sent to all participants in advance of an international symposium on Street Homelessness and Catholic Social Teaching in Rome, Italy, in December 2017. The conference brought together academics and practitioners, religious and secular, from 18 countries and was hosted by DePaul University’s Institute for Global Homelessness, Niagara University, St John's University, New York, and the University Durham.

O'Flynn, J. (2017) 'Music and Identity in Ireland and Beyond: Inter-disciplinarity and Co-production'. [Plenary Lecture/Keynote], Beyond Borders, University of Huddersfield , 22-JUN-17 - 23-JUN-17

Funding and Awards:
O’ Flynn, John. Scotens Funding for Music and Initial Teacher Education in Ireland and Northern Ireland (MITE) project, 4500 euros

Clarke, Rhona. Commission from the Chapels Royal at the Tower of London for a choral piece for a concert to commemorate the end of WW1.

Conferences Planned
Begley, Barty. Summer Conference, June 28th 2018. Choosing directions in a republic
Key-note speaker: Jonathan Israel. Speakers: Annalien de Dijn (Amsterdam), Eoin Daly (Galway), Una Ní Bhoméil (Limerick), Colin Reid (Sheffield), Ian Leask (DCU), Barty Begley (DCU).

8. Research and Innovation Support Services [E. McDonagh]

President’s Research Awards 2018, deadline for nominations 15th of January, 5 pm. This award rewards the outstanding research achievements of academic and early career academic and research staff, up to 8 years post PhD, at DCU. There are two separate academic awards of €2,500, one for research in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Business, Education and related areas, and another for research in the Natural Sciences, Health, Engineering and related areas will be made. An additional award to early career academic and research staff is open to all disciplines. Further information and nomination forms can be found in the Internal Funding section of the RIS website or from Kieran O'Dwyer (ext. 5729). The committee members were encouraged to apply or nominate a colleague from their School/Faculty.

Research Professional introduced a new personalised funding alert feature called Fingerprints. This new feature will provide DCU academics and researchers with a personalised weekly alert to suggested funding opportunities. These alerts are tailored to an individual researcher interests based on outputs (e.g. publications) displayed on the researcher’s DCU Research Engine profile. Webinars are scheduled for Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 1.00pm and Thursday 25th January 2018 at 1.00pm.

On Monday 29 January at 2.30pm, the Irish Research Council is hosting an information session for Research Support Offices and interested researchers on the opportunities for IRELAND-BASED researchers to collaborate with UK colleagues funded by the following UK research councils: (Arts
and Humanities Research Council (AHRC); Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC); Natural Environmental Research Council (NERC). Registration is via eventbrite.ie and the event page is here: https://goo.gl/m85q1g

**Irish Research Council’s indicative call schedule for 2018:** [http://research.ie/funding/](http://research.ie/funding/)

**Open calls/funding opportunities:**

- **MSCA ITN 2018 call open:** deadline 17 Jan 2018

- **GENDER-NET Plus call** is now open (Irish submissions are processed by IRC). Proposals are invited on the following topics: Gender-Based Violence; Sex, Gender and Ageing; Sex, Gender and Health; Gender and New Technologies; Gender in Entrepreneurship and in the Innovation System; Gender Dimension in Climate Behaviour and Decision Making. The deadline for the submission of pre-proposals is **Thursday, 1st March 2018**.

It was noted that there were 24 applications in total submitted on IPAS during the period 8 Nov 2017 to 10 Jan 2018.

9. **Library [V. Smyth]**

Book budgets for 2017/18 have been finalised. Allocations to schools are based on SCR. This continues to be an evolving budget model as the Library work towards addressing each School’s requirements. It was noted the budget allocated for the School of Theology, Philosophy and Music is considerably less than last year due to the SCR model.

Reminder that a “Getting to Grips with Bibliometric” training session will be held in Training Room 1 in the O’Reilly Library on Wednesday 17 January 12-13:30pm. This session will be repeated in May on either the All Hallows campus, or the St Patrick’s campus. Date and time of that session to be confirmed.

V. Smyth thanked the 20 members of Faculty who completed a recent survey on Open Access. It was noted all feedback is really valuable and the data received is currently being analysed.

It was reported that the Library is considering how support to PhD supervisors can be improved.

**SECTION D: OTHER ISSUES**

10. **Any Other Business**

10.1 **Research PR [MB]**

Communications and Marketing have initiated monthly meetings with the Faculty representatives with a view to increasing the knowledge and profile of research in the Faculty. The HSS representative at these meetings is Sinéad Ní Chrualaoi who invited academic colleagues to contact her regarding ongoing research activities that could be publicised to external audiences.

10.2 **Scholarship Awards [MB]**
Following the recent request from the Internal Auditor regarding scholarship assessment and awards, it was noted that each school should have a policy in place to support the scholarship activities in the school. The policy needs to explicitly state the eligibility, assessment criteria and process. Documentation to be retained is to be agreed and the retention period noted so the school can address any appeals, data protection and freedom of information requests. It was agreed that a template will be drafted and the policy approved at the next meeting. The Secretary agreed to share current information with colleagues.

[Secretary & Convenors]

10.3  Conferences at DCU [AMcG, RS]
Á. McGillicuddy raised concern about an Event Notification Form which was required by DCU Estates for each event organized. This is an extra layer of work which does not seem to have a particular purpose. Secretary agreed to investigate.

[Secretary]

10.4  IRC funded PGRs [MB]
A recent Core Expenses training session for staff and research students brought to light issues in relation to IRC PhD awards and obtaining the monies awarded from the IRC. The Secretary has discussed the issues with the Graduate Studies Office who agreed to communicate the relevant subcost to the IRC awardee and attach information on how to claim expenses.

11.  Date of Next Meeting: 04th April 2018 @ 2:30pm on Glasnevin campus.

Signed: ................................................................. Date: ...................................................

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