**UCC RSA Committee Meeting**

**Date/Time: Thursday 12th May 2016, 4-5pm**

**Location: North wing tower room 1**

Attendees: Gordon Dalton (GD), Rosarii Griffin (RG), Elizabeth Gilchrist (EG), Andrew Allen (AA)

Apologies: Mark Jessopp (MJ), James Glynn (JG), Edel Kelly (EK), Andrey Temko (AT), Cathal O’Mahony (COM)

Absent: John O’Toole (JOT),

**Report from committees**

*Academic Council (Mark/Andrey)*

● Meeting held 6th April 2016. MJ attended. Presentation on Athena SWAN submission. Some researcher issues addressed.

*Athena Swan (Mark)*

●    UCC application submitted. A number of researcher issues such as the dropoff from postdoc to senior postdoc were addressed in the submission and action plan. Submission should be widely available.

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● First meeting of reconstituted SDC has been held. The issue of researcher representation was raised and discussed. Unfortunately there were not enough attendees for a quorum  to make any decision about including research staff and this will now have to wait for the next meeting, date unknown.

*VP Research meeting update*

● No meeting held since last committee

*SEFS Research Committee*

* EG was appointed to the SEFS Research Committee. First meeting was held in March.

MJ met Chair of SEFS research Committee/HR to discuss SEFS leading initiative to include researchers on School/Department research Committees. MJ sent details of Bristol University approach to this

**2. UCCRSA Activities:**

*Web and media (Andrew)*

● Twitter for May

* UCCRSA Prize draw awarded to Slaw Krupa. Photo included.
* Anita Maguire gives inspiring presentation at Researcher Day
* European Science Open Forum, Manchester 23-27 July. Gordon Dalton attending on behalf of UCCRSA and ICoRSA
* IFUT to propose charter to ban zero contract hours

*Membership (John)*

* No report provided.

*Seminars (Edel & Elizabeth)*

● Quiz, agreed Wednesday 8th June. EK/EG to look at possibilities of a facilitator. GD recommended upstairs in Roundy bar.

* GD requested EG to contact HEA to see if they have information on Maire Gaughan Quinn, for speaker in September.

3. Any other business:

* RG elected IFUT researcher convener. National group meeting coming soon.

Next meeting: Thursday 9th June 2016, 4-5pm

Location: TBA

**Action points**

**Mark**:

* Email to Mary O’Regan on compliments, comments and suggestions for next year Researcher conference

**Andrew**:

* Tweet 4 tweets sent by Gordon
* Research keyword optimisation
* Smart phone for webpage
* Facebook restructure

**Elizabeth/Edel**:

* Quiz: organise
* Possible survey of members to see what members want for seminars
* Maire Gaughan Quinn: contact HEA

**Rosarii**:

* From last meeting: governing body; Questions to presidential candidates: what are their strategies to reduce increasing Researcher and Academic career precarity
* Summary of best practice for meetings
* IFUT: check motion and charter
* Provide mark with first draft of Email to Mary O’Regan on compliments, comments and suggestions for next year Researcher conference

**Andrey**:

**Gordon**:

* Contact work colleagues about Google analytics for Andrew
* Follow up on e-mail Bristol University (Alison Legget) for info/text on structure, management, and benefits researcher inclusion on school committees;

**James**:

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**Cathal**: