

Vice Principal Research's report to Senate

Research

- Annual Research Reviews: Summaries of all meetings to be circulated to Faculty Executives shortly. Plans for linkages of these reviews with PAR processes finalised; this will help with assessing how to address resourcing issues raised at the reviews
- Feedback on plans for the next REF collected and a revised paper will go to QMSE soon and then be circulated. This will include detailed plans for addressing Impact.
- Annual REF-focussed meetings with Schools/Institutes to be held alongside research reviews
- Clinical Trials: Formal completion of 2014/15 MHRA inspection processes.
- Report to Senate on research integrity, and research integrity and whistleblowing policies to be reviewed by a new T+F Group.
- Research Facilities Fund: Approximately £4m over next 2-3 years. Decisions on proposals for 2015/16 agreed 17th November; procedures for purchases to be circulated.
- Spinout Actual Experience nominated for Times Higher Award.
- The Nurse review of the research councils reported on November 19th – see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nurse-review-of-research-councils-recommendations>

Life Sciences

An all-staff update will go out in the next month or so.

- Second round of calls for Small Grants and Discipline Bridging Funds announced
- First round of community engagement grants announced
- Fund round for supporting Digital Health initiatives planned in early 2016
- 6 PhD positions for 2016 start advertised – 2 CASE type and two paired positions
- PGR lead position to be advertised shortly; plans for incorporating LSI studentships into an internal DTC
- New appointment: Naheedah Choudhury, supporting Deputy Director (Research and Innovation) and partnerships work
- Institutional Strategic Support Fund (ISSF): First year report sent to Wellcome Trust and approved
- Education: Work on Life Sciences MOOC paused; a need seen to review our overall approach to such programmes under the lead of the new VP Teaching Learning and Student Experience.
- The LSI is supporting an number of major cross-Faculty grant bids
- Formation of a new high level Barts Health Trust/QMUL joint group to strengthen joint working and accelerate progress towards LS ambitions