

## Vice Principal Research's report to Senate

### Research:

- The first REF Review meetings with Schools and Institutes will be taking place over the next few months; recruitment to the REF Impact post in professional services is expected soon.
- The ~£4M investment in research equipment announced last year has been allocated.
- Information shared about ResearchFish requirements
- An analysis of the size and number of our research grant awards in different areas is underway.
- T+F Group on Clinical Trials completed with a move now to implementation; the MHRA has signed off our actions taken in response to their last inspection.
- Installation of the Research Grant Management System (phase 1) in process.
- The Research Consultation Group is being restarted with new membership.
- A Research IT Board is being set up to oversee support and investment.
- A T+F Group is reviewing our Research Misconduct and Whistleblowing policies.
- The Research Data Monitoring Group has reported on Open Data, with recent recommendations to improve this, notably with EPSRC awards.

### Life Sciences:

- The programme for creating a new research structure for the LSI has started, with EoIs for new LS Research Centres currently being reviewed; decisions on the new structure are expected in March.
- Collaborative work with Bart's Health Trust will start shortly with new joint workshops arranged to identify key areas of working.
- The refurbishment of the ground floor of the Abernethy is expected to be complete by summer; this will include a new home for East London Genes for Health, and refurbishment of the upper floors will start soon after.
- The LSI welcomes Dr. Magda Osman as the new PGR lead; Magda will be working on the creation of an internal DTP for the LS PhD student cohort.
- A workshop in Digital Health was a success and a new £100k fund has been launched to support initiatives. The £400k Proof of Concept fund for 2016 has been announced.
- Regular computational biology workshops have been held and these are bringing together researchers from diverse areas to share information.
- Recruitment on to teaching programmes associated to the LSI has been to target, and much progress has been made facilitating the often complex teaching, timetabling and support required.
- Community engagement grants have been awarded, with another round about to be announced.