SCHOOL OF PHYSICS
RESEARCH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Research Committee
held at 2pm on Friday 26 March 2010
in Room 454, Physics Annexe Building (A29)

There were present: Professor Don Melrose (Chairperson), Dr Cenk Kocer, Dr Bruce Yabsley, Professor Iver Cairns, Associate Professor Serdar Kuyucak and Dr Boris Kuhlmey

In attendance: Ms C Praseuthsouk (Minute-taker)

1. Apologies
   Professor Dick Hunstead

2. Minutes of the last Meeting
   The minutes of the last meeting have been accepted as true and accurate.

3. Business arising from the Minutes
   The chair has yet to invite Professor Trevor Hambly to talk about ERA to the School.

4. Report from the Chair
   4.1 Intellectual Property
   Comments related to IP in the University’s Green Paper were discussed.

   4.2 SRE and time use
   There has been 30% compliance. It is not clear whether we will make the 75% quota. This will be ongoing and something the academics will have to do twice a year. As stressed before, this can be a benefit to the academic staff as it can demonstrate how much work they actually do.

   4.3 Green Paper
   The Faculty Research Meeting focused mainly on the Green Paper. The matrix structure could be problematic unless it is complimented by an emphasis on core disciplines.
The School is given a deadline of 19 April to respond to the GP. The chair will ask HOS to respond to the GP, but there is the issue not knowing where the responses will come from. The chair will raise this issue of GP at the next Management Committee on Monday.

5. **Denison (Merit) Awards**

One of the ways in which Denison funds is being spent is on Denison Awards for PhD students. A problem arises when students come from elsewhere, how do we judge if it is merit based or equivalent? There is a requirement for medal standard or equivalent, but how equivalence can be established is unclear.

6. **Future Fellowships**

The committee recognised that the School should develop guidelines for supporting applications for Future Fellowships. Guidelines and forms about Future Fellows are not very good or clear on ARC website. Mortgaging our future fellowships to make it continuing position is also dangerous. For next year’s round, the committee suggested there should at least be a half page policy.

7. **Any other business**

Finance for space research was announced recently.

The Meeting closed at 2.00PM.

Signed as a correct record

_________________________
Chair

_________________________
Date