

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER
SCHOOL OF LAW

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Monday 19th June 2017

Present: Professor Yenkong Ngangjoh Hodu (Chair), Ms Jackie Boardman, Ms Margaret Cunningham, Ms Helen Davenport, Dr Ian Fishwick, Ms Kirsty Hawksworth, Ms Edita Pymm, Ms Abi Robinson, Ms Samantha Sandilands, Professor Maja Zehfuss

Apologies: Dr Alex Mullock, Mr Bill Heberton, Ms Caroline Henaghan, Ms Hannah Wishart

Unreserved Business

1. Minutes

Minutes received and agreed.

2. Matters Arising

Noted No matters arising.

3. Chair's Report

Reported 1. Yenkong reported that Faculty had informed the School about the non-completion of a number of eProg milestones. Yenkong would be chasing supervisors about these.
2. The School had been asked to consider if there were any applicants who had received School or external funding who could be considered for the NWCDTP Associate Studentships. The School does not have any students in receipt of School funding that meets the criteria.

Secretary's Note Following the meeting it was identified that one PhD Criminology applicant in receipt of a Sasakawa Studentship would be put forward to the Faculty for the NWCDTP Associate Studentships.

4. Admissions Report

Reported In comparison to last year, applications for the Law PhD were 25% down for home, and 25% up for overseas. There had not been as many home applications this year. Overseas applications were about the same as last year, but the conversions were better. For the full-time programme, there were 8 overseas unconditional acceptances and 5 home unconditional acceptances. There were some conditional offers and some deferrals. For Criminology, the figures were similar to last year. For Bioethics and Medical Jurisprudence, there had been fewer applications but more offers. Overall, the figures were 9 home acceptances, 12 overseas acceptances.

Agreed The latest registration date was agreed as the end of September.

5. Student Business

Reported

1. The students had raised the question of the requirement of 70 hours training which had previously been required. This was no longer a requirement.
2. Students had requested an update of the student profiles being available on the School website. Kirsty reported that this was under development and it is hoped to be available during the next academic year.

Agreed

The PGR annual review guidance will be updated to ensure that there is no reference to a requirement of 70 hours' training.

6. Any Other Unreserved Business

Reported

TA representatives would be made next year and they would attend the TLC Committee.