

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER
SCHOOL OF LAW

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Thursday 16th February 2017

Present: Professor Yenkong Ngangjoh Hodu (Chair), Ms Jackie Boardman, Ms Helen Davenport, Dr Ian Fishwick, Dr Francesco Giglio, Ms Laura Littlewood, Dr Alex Mullock

Apologies: Ms Margaret Cunningham, Ms Caroline Henaghan, Mr Bill Hebenton, Ms Edita Pymm, Ms Abi Robinson, Ms Hannah Wishart

Unreserved Business

1. Minutes

Received and approved.

2. Matters Arising

Reported 1. In respect of annual reviews, it was agreed that the reviewers should be notified of what stage the student was at on their programme
2. The rules on written work for annual reviews should be tightened up

Agreed Starting from September 2017, it was agreed that it should be compulsory for second year students to present at the PGR Conference. This would not apply to MPhil students and exceptions could be made, but only with mitigating circumstances.

3. Chair's Report

Reported 1. At a Faculty marketing meeting, a marketing pilot being done by SoSS and SEED was discussed. It was felt that in respect of PGR marketing, the School's website was poor, but work was being done to improve this. The following possibilities for the website were discussed: a video on the website about the PGR environment; academics' work; an allocated webspace – "What's New this Month".
2. For the ESRC Studentships, 5 applications had been received: 4 for the Criminology pathway; 1 for the Socio-Legal pathway. Two applications (both Criminology) had been put forward for consideration. If these were not successful for the ESRC Studentships, they could be considered for the Law School Scholarships.

4. Admissions Report

Reported The numbers and quality of applications had risen. For September 2017 intake, 25 offers had been made. These included some deferred applications. The overseas offers had increased, but the home offers had decreased. It had been thought that the introduction of interviews might slow the process down, but this had not occurred and it was felt that this had improved the quality of applicants.

5. Student Business

None reported

6. PRES

Reported

PRES would be running this year from 3 April until 12 May 2017. The possibility of it running every year was being considered.

7. Any Other Unreserved Business

Reported

The Library's My Research Essentials on-line resource was now running. The books-on-demand scheme was starting at the end of February.

Agreed

Yenkong would email the link to My Research Essentials to the students.