

THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER  
SCHOOL OF LAW

## POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017

*Present:* Professor Yenkong Ngangjoh Hodu (Chair), Ms Jackie Boardman, Ms Margaret Cunningham, Ms Helen Davenport, Dr Ian Fishwick, Dr Francesco Giglio, Mr Bill Heberton, Ms Caroline Henaghan, Ms Laura Littlewood, Dr Alex Mullock, Ms Abi Robinson

*Apologies:* Ms Edita Pymm, Ms Hannah Wishart

*Unreserved Business***1. Minutes**

Reported An amendment had been made to item 10 in the previous meeting's minutes, stating that any waivers to the PGR interviews were to be considered on a case-by-case basis. A secretary's note had been added stating that interviews are now a requirement of the Admissions Policy.

**2. Matters Arising**

Reported The Library's My Learning Essentials is not only an on-line resource. Workshops, drop-in sessions and information sessions are also available.

**3. Chair's Report**

Reported

1. The meetings to consider funding applications had recently taken place.
2. Students had been emailed in respect of the PGR Student Profiles on the website. There had been a problem with the link, but it would be working shortly.

Agreed Although there were still some queries on the funding applications, Helen would email the positive responses as soon as possible.

**4. Admissions Report**

Reported The Admissions figures for the September 2017 intake were good - 38 offers had been made, with 26 unconditional offers and 12 conditional. The applications were 17 home and 21 overseas which was slightly down for home applications, but up for overseas. There were 23 Law applications, 5 Bioethics and Medical Jurisprudence and 10 Criminology. Faculty had recently reduced the target numbers.

**5. Student Business**

Reported

1. The students were happy that progress was being made on the student profiles for the website.
2. Margaret reported that the Teaching Assistants (TAs) were keen for a TA representative to be appointed. Some further details needed to be clarified – e.g. on which committees they should sit on, whether there should be a representative for Law and Criminology. The representative would probably be a PGR student, but this could be opened up to all the TAs.

It was now agreed that PGR students could only have 180 hours of teaching. Shortlisting for TA positions was due to take place in April.

**6. Postgraduate Doctoral Loans: Government Response to Consultation**

Reported Helen reported that loans for PhD students were to become available. This would be for the 2018/19 academic year. It could possibly lead to more applications.

Noted The offer letters would need to be amended to include information about the loans.

Agreed Helen would circulate information about the loans.

**7. Any Other Unreserved Business**

None