AGENDA

1. CHAIR’S WELCOME and apologies.

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING
2.1 To AGREE the minutes of the meeting on 12th May 2016.
2.2 To NOTE actions taken and any other matters arising since the last meeting.

3. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE
To NOTE the membership list and terms of reference for 2016/17.

4. FEEDBACK FROM DOGS AWAY DAY
To CONSIDER the following matters arising from the DOGS away day:
   • The provision of support for students with mental health and wellbeing problems
   • The possibility of extending access to College facilities and services during interruption of studies to support students’ recovery, i.e. similar access to that available during maternity/paternity/adoption leave
   • Monitoring and support for students with 18 month resubmission
   • The possibility of reducing the resubmission period from 18 to 12 months

5. BREXIT
To DISCUSS the impact of Brexit on postgraduate research in the UK

6. PGR STUDENT EXPERIENCE SURVEY
To CONSIDER the results of the RHUL PGR student experience survey 2016.

7. PHD EXAMINER APPOINTMENTS
To NOTE a report on PhD examiners appointed between 1 April and 30 September 2016.

8. PHD SUBMISSION RATES
To NOTE a report on PhD submissions rates for 2015-16.

9. APPROVED PGR EXAMINATION OUTCOMES REPORTS
To NOTE: the reports on approved PGR examinations outcomes in 2016-17.

10. PGR DEGREES AWARDED REPORTS
To NOTE: the reports for PGR degrees awarded in 2016-17.

11. PHD RECRUITMENT DATA
To NOTE a report on PhD recruitment data for 2016-17.

12. COLLEGE STUDENTSHIPS
To NOTE that for 2017/18 College studentships will be divided into two separate amounts, with one part for the standard stipend and one part allocated for teaching/demonstrating, in order to clarify the teaching expectations for PGR students with College studentships.
13. **KEY REGULATORY ISSUES FOR PGR SUPERVISORS**
   To RECEIVE and APPROVE a summary of key regulatory issues for PGR Supervisors
   RPDC/16/32

14. **DOCTORAL LOANS CONSULTATION**
   To NOTE the Department for Education consultation on proposals for Postgraduate doctoral loans. The Committee are invited to send responses to the Chair, cc. the Secretary, by Friday 2nd December. Full details here: [https://consult.education.gov.uk/part-time-maintenance-loans/post-graduate-doctoral-loans](https://consult.education.gov.uk/part-time-maintenance-loans/post-graduate-doctoral-loans)

**Standing Items**

15. **DIRECTORS OF GRADUATE STUDIES FORUM**
   To RECEIVE the notes of the meeting of the DOGs Forum held on 6 Oct 2016.
   RDPC/16/33

16. **STUDENT ISSUES**
   To CONSIDER any student issues.

17. **TRAINING**
   To CONSIDER any issues relating to GSP training.

18. **DOCTORAL SCHOOL**
   To CONSIDER any issues relating to the Doctoral School.

19. **RESEARCHER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ANNUAL REVIEW 2015-16**
   To RECEIVE the 2015-16 Annual Review for the Researcher Development Programme
   RDPC/16/34

20. **FACULTY RESEARCH ISSUES**
   To CONSIDER any issues raised in meetings of the College Research Committee or Faculty Research Committees. The minutes from the meetings held since the last meeting are attached.
   RDPC/16/35a, b, c, d and e

21. **DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**
   To NOTE the dates of meetings for the remainder of the 2016-17 academic year:
   Tuesday 28th February 2017 at 2pm in Room FE139;
   Thursday 11th May 2017 at 2pm in Room FE139.