

**ACTIONS from WSI Academic Advisory Board | 19 September 2019**

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Action	Person(s) Responsible	Deadline	Notes	Status
Draft advert for Leverhulme Postdocs and send to GA for checking	TI/GA/NN	Before next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encourage people to apply.</li><li>• Encourage AAB members to be sponsors for project idea.</li><li>• Develop a pipeline - better for externals.</li><li>• Promote advert on WSI website.</li><li>• Produce potential list of collaborators/mentors/sponsors on WSI website for information and include Turing Fellows.</li></ul> Tom Irvine has also shared information re HUMA2019 Extra-Curricular Elective: <a href="https://www.southampton.ac.uk/courses/modules/huma2019.page#aims_and_objectives">https://www.southampton.ac.uk/courses/modules/huma2019.page#aims_and_objectives</a>	
Boilerplate text to be added to WSI SharePoint site.	MW/SDD/NN	Before next meeting	Also, if Alan Turing boilerplate text is available add this too.	
Share WSI Reports from WSI Strategy Board meetings with	NN	Before next meeting	Next Strategy Board meeting will take place in October. Previous document have been uploaded.	

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AAB by adding to SharePoint site.				
WSI AAB SharePoint site.	NN		Link to SharePoint site: <a href="https://sotonac.sharepoint.com/teams/WSIAcademicAdvisoryBoard">https://sotonac.sharepoint.com/teams/WSIAcademicAdvisoryBoard</a>	DONE
WSI Newsletter	AAB/NN	Ongoing	Any news from all faculties can be added to the WSI newsletter that is being produced. Forward any information to Sam Collins ( <a href="mailto:S.A.Collins@soton.ac.uk">S.A.Collins@soton.ac.uk</a> ) for inclusion. NN to send periodic reminders.	Next issue will be Jan/Feb 2020
WebSci 2020 – WSI hosting event from 6 -10 July 2020.	AAB		Please contact Les if you are interested in hosting a workshop during the conference, which will be centred on AI and Future Society.	
WSI and Policy Impact	SDD/KMO		SDD to talk to KMO re next steps.	SDD
WSI Stimulus Fund projects	SDD	Ongoing	New call has recently be sent. Deadline 11 October. £80k budget.. Please promote and encourage applications. If help is required, get in touch with the WSI.	
WSI Impact on UG's "down to" Part 1	LAC/GA/DR		These were the main points that were agreed upon: (a) undergraduate education is highly siloed (through the faculty / department committee structure) (b) undergraduate education is highly inflexible (due to CQA, budget and workload models) (c) there are a number of education/training issues (Responsible Research, Employability, the future of work, citizenship in an AI/digital nation) that are being raised externally (through TEF / employers / UKRI) towards which WSI has a definite contribution. (d) The WSI has a "methodology" of using its established network and knowledge of institutional expertise to draw together interdisciplinary, interfaculty teams in an agile response to emerging opportunities. So far we have used this in the context of research, but we should equally press forward in education.	

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			<p>(e) We have since 2014 (and before that, since establishing the original Web Science DTC in 2009) worked hard to overcome the practical barriers to interdisciplinary research in UoS. We have also been attempting to create interdisciplinary, cross-university education activities with varying degrees of success (e.g. MOOCS, undergraduate Web Science, Southampton Data Science academy, CDT Web Science).</p> <p>(f) The meeting was keen to produce a strategy document (green paper?) for the VP Education – to be drafted by David Rew in first instance.</p>	
WSI Distinguished Lectures	AAB/NN		Please advise NN of any potential distinguished speakers that could be invited to give a lecture.	
Next meeting date	NN	ASAP	Doodle poll will be sent for February dates.	DONE

**Nichola Need 30 September 2019**