

Governance

Unrestricted Minutes

It was noted that the latest version had been circulated.

21/14 Demonstration on Campus

It was noted that the old data was to be refreshed.

21/15 Zebrafish Fry

It was noted that samples of the fish and the water had been sent for analysis; nothing out of the ordinary had been discovered. The Home Office Inspector had reviewed the results and was content.

Colleagues had spoken with the fish expert at the RSPCA as well as an expert at the University of Exeter to seek their advice. As a result the way in which the embryos were reared had been changed and processes had been refined; to date these changes seemed to be successful.

21/17 Animals in Science – Culture of Care

It was noted that [Redacted. Sec.40] were running a training day on this item and University staff had been invited to join.

It was agreed that a report on the meeting should be submitted to the next meeting.

Action: [Redacted. Sec.40]

21/19 Input around animal free innovations

[Redacted. Sec.40] agreed to provide an update to the next meeting.

Action: [Redacted. Sec.40]

21/24 UAR Leaders in Openness Scheme

The AWERB noted that the application for the Leader in Openness kitemark with Understanding Animal Research (UAR) had been successful and on Friday 14 May 2021 Reading was announced as the 14th institution to be awarded leadership status and the only institution to receive such an award in 2021.

The University had now received feedback from UAR on its award. This feedback would be incorporated into the communications plan so that the University could capitalise on its achievements and expand content.

21/25 Mid-Term Review

The Board received a presentation from [Redacted. Sec.40] in respect of her current Project Licence – The effects of iron and/or zinc supplementation at the immune metabolic microbial interface. [Redacted. Sec.40] outlined the study and the following points were noted:

21/30 Dates of meetings in the Session 2021-22

Monday 7 February 2022 at 10.00 am

Thursday 12 May 2022 at 10.00 am