

Department Meeting

May 5, 2015

Agenda

- Teaching & sustainability - Leanne Denby
- New HOD
- From the Committees
 - HDR - Adam
 - Industry Liaison - Phil
- MRes update
- Curriculum update
- TEDS surveys
- Opportunities with the University of Hamburg
- Freecycle & Arboretum
- Eurovision



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Sustainability in the curriculum

Mapping connections to sustainability learning

Why are we here?

A quick overview



- International direction and discussion
- Alignment with FoF
- L&T Green paper (Goals 1.2; 1.4 and 3.1)
- Working to make implicit connections explicit
- Program level coverage
- We want to be known globally in this space!



What have we done so far?



A quick overview

- Developed a framework
- Had plenty of discussions
- Developed a methodology
- Mapped four programs in 2014
- Set up nine further programs for 2015





What's involved?

A quick overview

Several stages involved, with varying aspects of time, though in general < 3 hours over a few months up to stage 3.



What's next?

A quick overview



- Working with Michelle Power
- Make contact with you
- Contact us if you have questions!

Thank you

Leanne Denby and Sara Rickards



New HOD

- Total # of people responding = 45/56
- 1st choice - 1) Michelle Leishman, 2) Andrew Barron, 3) Grant Hose
- All choices summarised: 1) Michelle Leishman, 2) Andrew Barron, 3) Grant Hose

HDR Student Interviews – 2 per annum

Now – June 30th

Oct 14th – Christmas Eve

Panel 1	Panel 2	Panel 3	Panel 4	Panel 5	Panel 6	Panel 7	Panel 8	Panel 9	Panel 10	Panel 11	Panel 12	
<u>D. Raftos</u>	<u>Herberstein</u>	<u>Hughes</u>	<u>Hose</u>	<u>Westoby</u>	<u>Leishman</u>	<u>Stow</u>	<u>Whiting</u>	<u>Harcourt</u>	<u>TBD</u>	<u>Taylor</u>	<u>Power</u>	<u>Brock</u>
Bishop	Barron	Griffith	J. Raftos	Kemp	Brown	Cheng	Gillings	Armand	Atwell	Donald	Wright	HDR comm
Madin	Lanfear	New Appt 1	Allen	Williamson	Alroy	Beaumont	New Appt 2	Hallinan	Kosnik	Barry	Nipperess	HDR comm

Submission of Dept Progress Report/Written Work Oct 1st-14th

HDR student recruitment

- Potentially good students enquiring about PhD's – but no space or money?
- Are there other Dept research groups that might be suitable or with whom you could collaborate?
- Can a cheaper project be designed?
- If appropriate, circulate students' research interests

MRes committee update

- Mres organisation
 - Faculty / HDRO
 - mid year intake
- BPhil / MRes enrolments
 - 10 currently enrolled
 - Intake 7 from MQU, 2 external & 1 part-time MQU
- Mres year 2
 - 22 enrolments
 - 12 progressed from Bphil, remainder Mres/PhD bundle and some from other pathways

MRes committee

- Issues with attracting and keeping students
 - Lunchtime information session for students May 26
 - Advertise this in units
 - Early session 2 MRes advisor will come to a lecture / prac
- March MRes seminars
 - intro and mid year completions
 - Low staff attendance
 - Feedback and support important – needs to address this
 - Final seminars 24th September (all day)
- Examination procedure
 - Revised format
 - Meeting with current supervisors soon

Curriculum updates

- New major implemented from 2016
 - BIOL116 Biology in practice co-req with BIOL114
 - BIOL228 (organismal biology) and BIOL229 (comparative physiology) from 2017
 - New unit paperwork being completed now
- Codes changes
 - MAR202 = BIOL242
 - MAR801 = BIOL877
 - BBE100 = BIOL122
 - New 800 level codes Masters of Biodiversity and conservation
- Units resting in 2016
 - BBE200, BBE305, BBE306 and BIOL341 rested;

Curriculum update

- Curriculum day
 - Maintain momentum
 - L & T plan 2013 to 2018
 - Possible dates early June – please respond to
 - Doodle poll
- Unit reviews
 - Moved to a five year cycle
 - Unit descriptions – have not heard from anyone so assume no changes
- Learning and Teaching Grants (Dept. News April 24)
- Learning and Teaching week (14-17 Sept)
 - call for abstracts and reviewers

Curriculum update

- L&T Green paper
 - Sherman Young visited last week
 - Number of proposals in green that may impact us if implemented
 - Department feedback to Faculty required
- Sustainability mapping
 - Biology Major nominated to mapping
 - Integrate this into new curriculum development

TEDS surveys

- Do it....do it well!

University of Hamburg

- Trilateral strategic partnership - MQ -Hamburg-Fudan
- Already 1 completed joint PhD & 4 new ones
 - All Hamburg Biology Masters equivalent to MRes
- MQ will host the next workshop to develop relationships & projects

Trilateral Strategic Partnership Workshop Hamburg – Macquarie - Fudan

28 April 2015



What is the Strategic Partnerships Programme?

A funding programme by the DAAD that:

- Supports partnerships that include one or more subject areas and/or comprise different levels/scopes of cooperation
- Encourages more intense partnerships at university/institutional level
- Aims to improve overall quality of research & teaching and strengthen interdisciplinary cooperation
- Focuses on deepening one or select partnerships (max. five per application) with funding excluding already existing consortia partnerships (e.g. Universitas 21, LERU, etc.)
- Provides funding to initiate and expand additional programmes with the partner university/universities and to promote staff (teaching) exchange, establish joint degree programmes and PhD programmes and for joint research projects

What can be funded by the DAAD grant:

- Staff expenses for partnership management
- Strategic meetings, short visits (up to 14 days) of university staff (coordinators, professors, university administrators)
- Longer visits of university staff (14 days to six months)
- Conference participation for junior researchers and university staff
- Study and research visits for students, graduates and junior researchers (usually up to six months)
- Workshops and summer schools
- Non-personal funding (*Sachmittel*) for advertising measures, materials, joint academic publications, etc.

Funding Overview

Specifics of funding allocation coordinated by Hamburg University:

- All visits from university personnel under 14 days: the sending institution pays travel costs, the host institution accommodation costs.
 - This means DAAD funding can be used to cover flights from Hamburg personnel to MQ and Fudan for short (under 14-day visits) plus accommodation for over 14-day visits and cover accommodation costs for MQ and Fudan personnel coming to Hamburg.
- Conference visits for students and doctoral students: sending institution pays travel costs, the host institution accommodation costs. Same as above.

Funding Overview

Specifics of funding:

- Currently only projects in the initial funding application round can be supported (11 sub-projects)
- Possibility to apply for **supplementary funding in January** for additional projects not nominated in the original application document

Funding Overview

Specifics of funding:

Need for KPIs:

- More joint PhD and cotutelle programmes in all disciplines
- Joint Master programme and Master of Research exchange
- Attraction of further funding through EU programmes in the PhD area: Horizon 2020 ITN, DFG (internationale Graduiertenkollegs – international graduate schools), Alexander von Humboldt fellowships, ARC, possibly Chinese National Science Foundation funding
- More joint publications

Research Groups:

- Applied Plant Ecology
- Aquatic Ecophysiology and Phykologie
- Biodiversity, Evolution and Ecology
- Biodiversity of crops
- Molecular Phytopathology
- Developmental Biology
- Plant Biochemistry and Infection Biology
- Molecular Plant Genetics
- Molecular Plant Physiology



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Freecycle Nook upcoming clearance

The freecycle nook at the back of the room will be cleared at the end of this week. There's some great stuff to be had, including some excellent academic texts. Have a look before 5pm Friday 8th May.

Arboretum Events

Earthcare Month: June

Arboretum 5th Anniversary: 17 August

More information coming soon

Eurovision!

