University of Bath Scholarly Communications Group

Terms of Reference

Background:
The term 'scholarly communication' deals with the creation and dissemination of scholarly research.

Issues within this area include access to scholarship and research, author rights, the economics of scholarly resources and impact on libraries, new models of publishing including open access, public access to funded research and institutional repositories.

Purpose:
To advise the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Research) on the topics below, and report on these to the University Research Committee:

1. To provide expert advice and analysis on emerging issues in Scholarly Communications.
2. To recommend and develop institutional responses to external issues, such as open access publication, journal subscription pricing and government requirements for publication dissemination.
3. To horizon scan for future challenges and opportunities in the scholarly communications landscape, noting their impacts on the University of Bath.
4. To oversee the Open Access publication fund, monitoring spend and compliance with funder requirements.

Reporting to:
The Scholarly Communications Group will report to the University Research Committee as part of the Library Report (standing item), for dissemination to Faculty and School Research Committees and staff. The Group will also produce an annual report on activities during the year.

Membership:
Chaired by the University Librarian, the group will have representation from the Faculties, School of Management and central support departments. The group will also be informed by external advisors and experts as appropriate.

- Kate Robinson (University Librarian)
- Kara Jones (Research Publications Librarian)
- Steve Alston (Serials & E-resources Librarian)
- Liz Lyon (Director - UKOLN)
- Hazel Wallis (Head of Research Support & Funding, RDSO)
- Ben Harris (Communications Manager, Corporate Communications)
- Yiannis Gabriel (Professor, School of Management)
- Christopher Frost (Professor, Department of Chemistry)
- Darrell Patterson (Senior Lecturer, Department of Chemical Engineering)
- David Galbreath (Reader, Dept of Politics, Languages & International Studies)
- Hilary Tacey (Minutes/administration) (Subject Librarian, Library)