

## Renaissance Centre Committee/SSLC Meeting

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### MINUTES

#### Present (in person):

Claudio Azzarito (CSR PGR), Sophie Bourne (CSR PGT), Valeria Cesaraccio (CSR PGR), Andy Calvert (Subject Librarian), Maria Czepiel (CSR Leverhulme research fellow), Wanxin Du (CSR PGR), Teresa Grant (Chair, English), Angus Harker (CSR PGT), Sophie Hartles (CSR PGR), Matteo Leta (CSR/IAS Eutopia-Sif research fellow), Rich Rabone (SMLC, CSR DGS), Yinhuizi Shi (CSR Visiting PGR), Cecilia Sideri (UKRI-Marie Curie Research Fellow), Marta Spina (CSR PGT), Karin Sprang (CSR PGR), Jayne Sweet (CSR administrator), Alex Tadel (CSR PGR). **Present (online):** Tom Pert (CSR Leverhulme research fellow)

**Apologies:** Mathilde Alain, Clive Letchford, Patricia Metcalfe

#### 1. Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting were discussed and approved.

#### 2. Library

- a) Andy Calvert is the CSR's 'Research and Academic Support' librarian, and as always, he asked for any library-specific feedback or queries to be sent directly to him.
- b) 'Research Refresh' is a weekly meeting for PhD students, Thursdays in the Wolfson Research Exchange, 10.30-12. This coming Thursday there will be a talk on 'Investigating Research Metrics in Publishing.' All welcome.
- c) The library is also running 'Literature Searching' for researchers as an online session, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 12-1pm. They will take some different approaches to literature, searching from a more systematic research process like they do in medicine, and applying it to multi-disciplinary situations.
- d) The second-floor extension of the library has now reopened, they are still working on a new assistive technology space, but the microfilm and the microfiche readers are now available again.
- e) The bookable, accessible study rooms have all now been refurbished.
- f) New resources. The library has just bought [Cite Them Right](#) which is a referencing tool. So if you need advice or guidance on using styles and applying them to different types of material, it is quite a comprehensive resource. Another new resource is something called [Press Reader](#), which provides access to a very large range of newspapers and magazines, with global origins. Also they have a subscription to the New York Times.
- g) The question was raised about the subscription to Renaissance Drama, which has possibly expired.

**ACTION: Sophie B to email details to AC who will investigate**

#### 3. SSLC

- a. CSR/SSLC Reps for this academic year are Angus Harker (PGT), Alex Tadel and Karin Sprang (PGR).
- b. Sophie Bourne (PGT) is also the faculty of arts rep in the SU Academic Forum, and she also sits on the Faculty Education Committee and Faculty Board. She stated that if anyone ever has anything that they think should be elevated to that level, they should email her. **ACTION: JS to disseminate her email address to other CSR students**
- c. All PGR students said that they were 'happy' at the moment. No queries.
- d. PGT students said that they had problems accessing the English department area, for supervisions and to attend classes. It transpired that this problem was the same for Valeria Cesaraccio and Yinhuizi Shi, who both have supervisors in the English department.

**ACTION: JS to ask Andrea Humber for special access permission for these students**