

Director of Knowledge Management

Until this year the School's formal interaction with the Information Services has been restricted to the Computing and the Library committees. Increasingly, Information Services are involved with the development of University services that are crucial to the visibility and dissemination of the intellectual output of the School of Informatics. In response to this, we have proposed the creation of the duty of Director of Knowledge management. The aim of this post is to oversee the development of the School's Knowledge Management strategy, to liaise the relevant School and University bodies, especially Information Services, on the Interaction between the University's KM strategy and the School's KM strategy, and to ensure a coherent approach is taken in various aspects of the implementation of our strategy.

This is a high-level duty concentrating on strategy development and high-level interaction with various stakeholders to help shape the University's and the School's strategy. This would require some high level coordination but implementation would be the responsibility of others in the University and the School (e.g. Senior Computing Staff/Deputy Head(Computing), ITO/Director of Teaching, Commercialisation Staff, Chair of Research Committee, School Administrator, etc).

The potential scope of this duty is very wide and we might want to exclude some of the possible areas. This is a preliminary list:

- Provision of management information to assist Head of School, directors of institutes, service managers, PIs, etc, including staff and student numbers, grant income and expenditure, publication data, etc.
- Library – engaging in the evolving role of the library in supporting teaching, research and dissemination. In particular the development of Open Access Repositories and their role in publication, REF, etc.
- Open courseware and the role of IS in supporting open courseware developments across the University.
- Web publishing and content management.
- Multimedia and new media publishing.

This list is probably too long but I believe we need someone with oversight of the range of these developments and that such a person would greatly improve our approach to our KM strategy and would provide very valuable high-level input to the University's KM strategies.